

- **Saturday, November 5, 10 - 12 Noon, Flat Ornament Finishing, \$20 (includes finishing materials)** ~ Christy is holding another of her very popular finishing classes for flat ornaments (as opposed to puffy, pillow-like). All you need to bring is your stitched piece and backing fabric; the remaining supplies will be furnished. **Also, this class is free to anyone finishing an auction ornament.**
- **Saturday, November 5, 10 - 12 Noon, Stitching on Silk Gauze (includes a *Threads Through Time* chart)** ~ Join us in this 2-hour class and see how easy it is to make magical miniatures in needleart. The results are very rewarding, and you can complete one of these in a few nights of stitching. With your class registration you will receive your choice of our in-stock *Threads Through Time* charts.
- **Saturday, November 5, 1 - 5 p.m., Reversible Cross Stitch, \$20** ~ In this four-hour class Linda will teach you four reversible cross-stitch methods: the marking stitch, the Italian reversible, and two other methods. You can do this on either linen, evenweave, or aida; give us your fabric choice when you register. Below is a scan of the front and the back. **"Away" students taking this class will receive their written materials in snail mail; the four-page chart with very clear stitch diagrams will be mailed after this weekend.**



MERRY COX WEEKEND, Friday night, November 11 through Sunday, November 13. We are very excited that *The Attic* will again host Merry in four workshops featuring her very singular designs and finishing instructions. We are looking forward to meeting needleworkers from across the country as well as two international guests coming from France, and one of them is our favorite French designer, Sylvie Tonnelier of *Au Fil des Reves*. All workshops will be held at the hotel, the **Dobson Ranch Inn** (www.dobsonranchinn.com). For those of you from the area not staying at the hotel, the address is **1666 South Dobson Road** in Mesa. The Best Western hotel is located on the southwest corner of the Superstition Freeway (Route 60) and Dobson Road. There is a **Starbucks** right across the street on Dobson Road as well as a **Good Egg** restaurant. Of course, for those of you staying at the hotel, your breakfast is included with your registration. For class details, please go to our Web site: www.atticneedlework.com/

For those of you coming from out of town who will not have a car, there will be many with vehicles, and we will arrange for transportation to the shop with other workshop participants. The shop is open till 9 p.m. Thursday evenings, and we hope to meet some of you there next Thursday evening. We will have extended shop hours as needed to accommodate those of you coming in from out of town for the workshops. If you have any questions at all, please give us a call on our toll-free number: 1.888.94-ATTIC (1.888.942-8842).

NEW IN THE SHOP

From *JBW Designs* (and the talented Susan at *Trail Creek Farms*), several beautifully finished pillows that make wonderful gifts ~ quick to stitch and already finished! The pillows have a button closure on the back ~ to complete this gift, remove the inside pillow, stitch, iron, and reinsert the pillow, and voila! your gift is finished! And, in response to our specific request, we now have the pillow available in 40c fabric, either cream with a green backing or flax with a red backing. *JBW's* design for these pillows is entitled "Christmas Motif Sampler." Of course, we have them also available in the 28c gingham and natural linens as well. Next to the pillows is Judy's beautiful "Antique Christmas Trees" shown in the perfect frame from *Hog River Frames*.



Also from Judy at *JBW Designs*, three charming designs, "Holiday Ornaments," for these ornament-sized dark green velvet premade pillows, more quick-to-finish projects. And Judy's 2005 Limited Edition Kit, "Happy Christmas to All."



- New from *Teresa Layman Designs*, a very beautiful needlework accessories ensemble, "Bluebirds & Bluebells" - \$24
- From Linda at *Chessie & Me*, an autumn sampler with Chessie on the rooftop, chart with 32c Dye Pot Blend fabric ~ I love this one, "Bittersweet & Pumpkin Sampler" - \$17
- A charming use of the 28c gingham fabric from Mary at *M Designs*, "Checkered Christmas" ~ **complete** kit for \$16



- Three chartpacks of four designs each, wonderful sentiments for someone's Holiday decorations, *Blue Ribbon Designs'* "Christmas Wishes," Volume I, II, and III ~ each chartpack with 4 designs is \$9



Brittercup Designs has several wonderful new seasonal offerings:

- "Celebrate the Holidays w/charms" ~ \$8
- "Harvest Hunt" ~ \$6
- "Winter Flower," a punchneedle design, \$11
- And one not so new but very cute if you missed it earlier, "Winter is in the Air," \$6

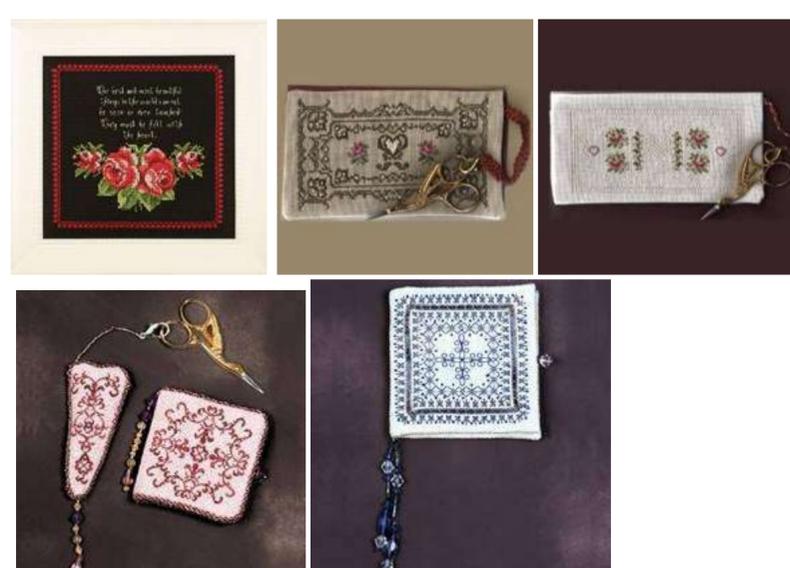


From *Cedar Hill*, two beautiful new bouquets, "Autumn Bouquet" and "Winter Bouquet," each \$6



From Lynda at *Keslyn's*, some beautiful designs for your needle combining fabric, fibers, and beads ~ we've been a fan of Lynda's designs for many years, when she began publishing her designs in petite point kits with gorgeous jewelry findings. With the retirement of the company's owner, these jewelry pieces became unavailable. But Lynda is again publishing, now under her own company, *Keslyn's*. Below are a few of her designs that we've gotten, some with the beads and some without, and prices vary from \$9.50 up, depending on the beads included. Go to her Web site to see more: <http://keslyns.com/index.html>

- No one does roses more beautifully than Lynda, as you can see in this pillow design, "Felt with the Heart"
- "Shawnon's Travel Sewing Kit," "Lynda's Travel Sewing Kit," "Emma" and "Midnight Starry Sky" all use beads for embellishment.



That's all I have time for this morning. I'm due at the shop in less than an hour. Still to come, photos of the new shop displays as we've "rehung" the models, and photos of the many beautiful auction donations, I hope in a day or two. It's been a very busy week as we prepare to welcome all of you coming for the Merry Cox weekend workshops. Halloween 2005 is now just a memory ~ with photos, however, we're able to remember the darlings in their costumes. Here's Tyler and Hannah at their front door as they are ready to visit their neighborhood, and in the second photo, a close-up of Hannah very proudly showing off her first missing tooth ~ she couldn't wait to share her "surprise" with Grandpa John and Grandma Jean.



Enjoy your week, this first week of November. Can it really be less than three weeks till Thanksgiving? Which reminds me to tell you of Sandy's Christmas framing deadlines: December 1 for custom frames and December 15 for ready-made frames.