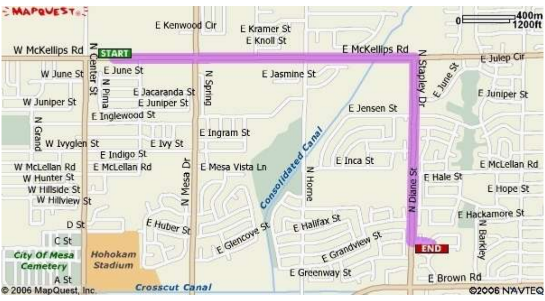
THIS WEEK

It's only days away from our Ninth Annual Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research, and we have a new goal for this year's auction: Topping the $10,000 mark. Last year's auction results set the bar very high, and with the incredible generosity of so many of you out there, with your beautiful needlework and other handwork donated for this benefit, we should be able to reach that again this year. I've been promising photos of all the donations, to give those of you unable to attend in person an opportunity to see the items and bid. This beautiful needlework will especially be appreciated by other needleworkers. So today we will photograph the last donations that came in over the weekend and yesterday and send those to you tomorrow.

For those of you coming to the auction, it is being held at a different location this year: **Woodbridge Lake Clubhouse,** where the Cathy Campbell Workshops were held the past two weekends. Here's a map for you that shows its location in relationship to the shop: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This is 2.3 miles from the shop, and although the clubhouse itself doesn't have an address, an address that's just west of it is **1257 East Grandview, Mesa**. That's the address of Tess and Stetson's home, whom you all know if you've been coming to the auctions. Tess is always there selling raffle tickets, and Stetson is kind enough to handle the live-auction responsibilities after the Silent Auction ends.

Saturday evening's festivities are from **6 - 8 p.m.,** with food and beverages being served while you place your bids. The bidding stops promptly at 8 p.m., items are put aside for the successful bidders, and then any items that remain that didn't meet the minimum opening bid will be auctioned off live. There will be 200 ± items on display, and it's easy to overlook some beautiful things, so the live auction gives each of those lovely donations its time in the spotlight.

All items must be paid for by check or by cash. The checks should be made payable to the **Breast Cancer Research Foundation**. I've explained in previous years why I chose this organization as the recipient of the auction proceeds. In April of 2006 the BCRF received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the fifth consecutive year, outperforming 98.7% of over 5,000 evaluated charities. If you wish to read about the wonderful research this foundation conducts, please go to their Web site at http://www.bcrfcure.org/

If you wish, you may send a donation, with your check made payable to the **Breast Cancer Research Foundation**, and you will help us reach our goal. If you are in the Phoenix area and cannot attend Saturday night, beginning on Thursday the items will be on display in the Clubhouse. Give the shop a call, we will give Tess a quick call, and she will meet us at the Clubhouse to open the doors. Believe me when I say that you will want to see these beautiful donations in person if at all possible.

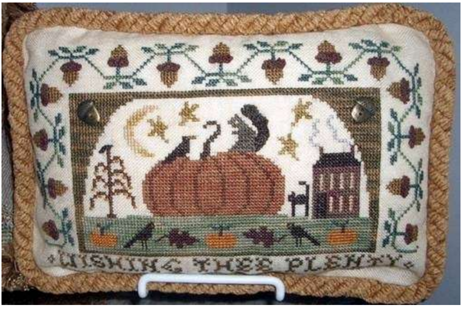
NOVEMBER PSC DISCOUNTS

Because of the beautiful trunk shows currently showing in the shop, these are this month's specials for the PSC Club members, who will receive 15% off of these purchases all month long:

- ***Homespun Elegance Designs***
- ***Erica Michaels Designs***
- ***Teresa Layman Designs***

NOVEMBER'S SAMPLERS OF THE MONTH

Here it is, mid-November, and we haven't had an opportunity yet to even show you this month's SOM's. Because we have an in-shop wondrous display of models as part of ***Homespun Elegance's*** Trunk Show, we have selected **three** of Sandra's designs as our Samplers of the Month. Save 15% on these charts + embellishments as well as the fabric + fibers to stitch them.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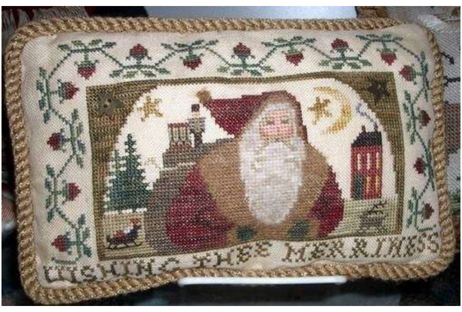
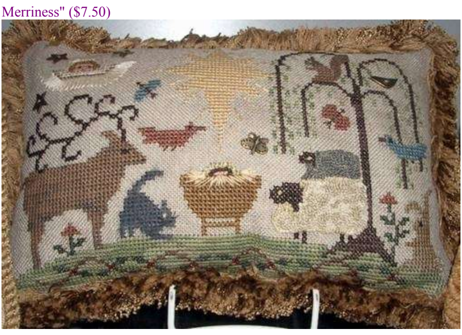
"Wishing Thee Plenty" ($8)


WISHING THEE MERRINESS

"Cinnamon Stick XVIII" ~ which I call "Wishing Thee Merriness" ($7.50)



"We Will Adore Him" ($7)

We do have the ***Homespun Elegance*** trunk show on display in the shop, and Sandra and her staff selected from her most prolific and exquisite designs some of the newest as well as some ever-popular classics. Below are photos taken in the shop, but for an even closer look at her designs, go to Sandra's Web site at http://www.homespunelegance.com/index.html to see these and more! I wish you all could see the in-shop models in person. It's a little taste of what we see when we visit Sandra's booth at a tradeshow. I can remember from my earliest visits to a needlework market the thrill of walking into her booth, beautifully decorated with **all** of her designs, a remarkable sight for any needleworker to behold. That was nearly 20 years ago, and her designs are as timeless today as they were then. Enjoy!

Life is too short not to Cross Stitch

There's much more to come in the next few days: new charts, kits, needlework have-to-have's ~ photos of the ***Erica Michaels*** trunk show ~ photos of the ***Teresa Layman Designs*** trunk show ~ and more!

It was only several weeks ago, but so much has happened since that it seems like months instead of weeks have passed since Christy's Finishing Fair. What a fun and relaxing Sunday afternoon, with lots of beautiful things completed! We'll definitely have another one of these, and I hope you can join in the fun.

Avec tous mes voeux

And Halloween 2006, only a few weeks back, now seems like a long-ago memory. Tyler & Hannah & Jake in their costumes, Hannah showing off her toothless grin, and T & H in their new jammies. You probably can't see that Tyler's PJ's have footballs and helmets with big G's ~ for, you guessed it, the Green Bay Packers. Some of his first words were "GO PACK GO!" with hand motions and all ~ guess who taught him to say that!

More tomorrow ~ and the next day ~ and the next! For those of you who have been asking where's the newsletter, you may rue the day that you asked. I hope these daily tomes won't clog up your "In" boxes too much.

Happy Tuesday!

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