

THIS WEEKEND AT The Attic

• **Saturday, December 3, 10 - 12 Noon, Flat Ornament Finishing, \$20 (includes finishing materials)** ~ Does anyone out there still have an ornament or two they need help with? 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. Please call to register.

DECEMBER SAMPLER OF THE MONTH ~ "Holly Manor" from *Blackbird Designs* in their beautiful publication, **Peppermint & Holly**.



Our model is stitched on 40c Vintage River Willow (it really is a little more green than this photo shows, and don't you just love the frame Sandy picked for it?) with mostly the threads charted, with a few substitutions of *Crescent Colours*, a favorite overdyed cotton here at The Attic. It's a wonderful sampler to personalize with all kinds of family initials, and don't you just love the verse:

"Let virtue be my greatest care
And study my delight
So shall my day be always fair
And peaceable my night."

This 24-page booklet at \$20 is well worth it for it contains a number of wonderful designs, ten in all, two of them for punchneedle, scanned and pictured below.



Save 15% off the booklet, fabric, and thread (except DMC) during the month of December.

PSC DISCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER

As a PSC member, save 15% on these items in our inventory:

- Kreinik Kits
- Lakeside Linens
- Needlepoint, Inc. Silks

And as a special thank-you to our PSC members for their loyal support all year long, during this special season of the heart, you or your husband/significant other may enjoy a one-time "Christmas gifting/shopping time" at a 15% discount, for any in-stock merchandise except DMC and items marked "No Discount." Please remember to tell our staff at the register so that we may apply the discount properly and be sure that your membership is current.

Speaking of *Lakeside Linens*, we still have in the shop on consignment a number of beautiful colors in 32c and 36c and 40c, a selection we don't normally have in the shop all at one time. We must ship it back within the week, so if you're in the area, stop by and have a look, but be prepared, some are just simply irresistible.

TRUNK SHOWS

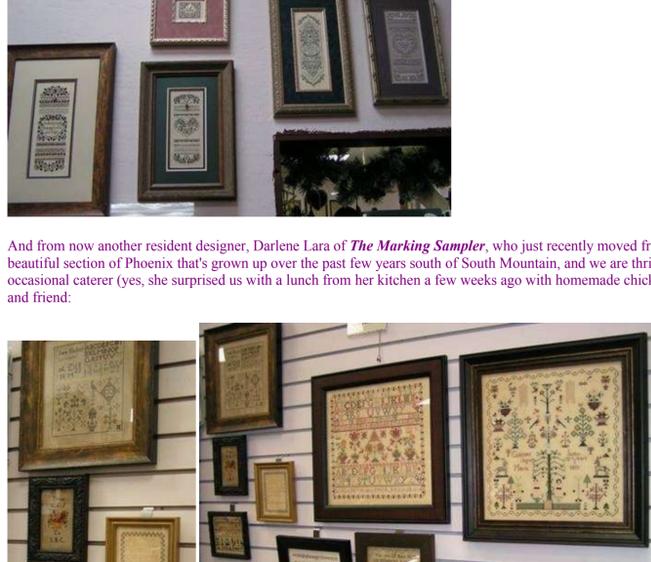
While technically this doesn't qualify as a "trunk show," it was as enjoyable as any we've exhibited, two models briefly on loan from our Joy, and she is that in every way, during our Merry Cox weekend. If you missed seeing them, here they are in photographic reproduction, which is never as good as in-person viewing, but I wanted to include them in case you missed them ~ and while the first doesn't show the frame, both were exquisitely framed by our preeminent framer, Sandy.

These are: "Country House Sampler" by Brenda Keyes of *The Sampler Company* and "A Quaker Alphabet Sampler" by Kathy Barrick of *Carriage House Samplings*.



Now for the other beautiful trunk shows currently showing at The Attic.

From our resident designer, Sandy Vanosdall of *The Sweetheart Tree*:



And from now another resident designer, Darlene Lara of *The Marking Sampler*, who just recently moved from Tennessee to Ahwatukee, the beautiful section of Phoenix that's grown up over the past few years south of South Mountain, and we are thrilled to have her as our neighbor, occasional caterer (yes, she surprised us with a lunch from her kitchen a few weeks ago with homemade chicken salad and cookies), customer, and friend:



OUR FRONT DISPLAY

It's been up a month, but with the busy November we've had here, I've not had an opportunity to give you a photo tour of our December/Christmas front display.



And here's a close-up of two of the newer models in this display, a gorgeous redwork embroidered design, "It All Began With a Family" from *Two Blonde Mice*, also from the Phoenix area, and "Holiday Charm" from *Lilybet Designs*.



REGARDING NUMBER YOU OUT THERE IN E-MAIL LAND

There are a number of you out there in e-mail land who wanted to take this class long distance, and we were set to do just that, with a kit and so forth. Then Linda decided to publish this, her first design, and since it is available to you for \$9, with which I'm sure you have plenty of already. All of you who were signed up for the e-mail class will now receive the chart. Any of you wishing to order the chart, just let us know.

NEW IN THE SHOP

This one's so much that's come in the past three weeks that most of this will have to wait till next time ~ and that may be tomorrow if I can get it done. Included here are the newest designs from Sylvie Tonnelier of *Au fil des Reves*. Those of you in the shop over the Merry Cox weekend saw the models for these, and others, as many as she could hand-carry on the airplane. It was very special to have her and her friend and model stitcher, Veronique Million, here from France for the weekend workshops.

These are all kitted designs, kitted with the finest materials: Au Ver A'Soie silks and Zweigart linens, beautiful finishing fabrics and, where applicable, ribbons and buttons and batting and iron-on interfacing. Except where noted, all of these kits come with English translations not only for the stitched words but also very complete and well written finishing instructions in English. In order of appearance:

- "Chatelaine Promenade a' Bagatelle" - \$52 ~ and Sylvie includes a short history about Bagatelle's Garden: "Result of a bet between Marie-Antoinette and the County of Artois, who had acquired the domaine in 1775, this "Bagatelle" (trinket) emerged by a miracle in sixty-four days! The first rose trees were planted in 1778." The three pieces on the chatelaine are for "My Needles," "My Pins" and "My Scissors."
- "Atelier de quilleuse" or "My Quilting Room" - \$29
- "Bourse Roses et Toile de Jouy" with the English translation: "With my needle, roses grow in my garden." The beautiful finishing fabric included, the Toile de Jouy, is simply exquisite ~ I have this stitched, with only the finishing (:-) left - \$40
- "Jadore" ~ three charming "cushions," as they call them, Iatched on 40c, tell our story, don't they: "I adore my scissors" ~ "I adore my needles" ~ "I adore my buttons" ~ no charted English words with this one and no finishing fabric, just the linen and silk ~ \$29
- "Presents d'Amitie" or "Presents of Friendship" ~ again, 40c Zweigart fabric with Au Ver A'Soie but no finishing fabrics ~ \$32
- And we have more of her very popular Scissors Case/Needlebook and Scissors Fob kits ~ on the front it says "In the stitcher's pocket there is always ..." and on the inside, "Scissors" and "Needles" ~ and as soon as Sylvie returns from this weekend's biggest French needlework exhibition, we will have her ship more of the bourse that matches this.
- "Atelier de Brodeuse" or "Stitching Room" or "Room of the Embroiderer" ~ \$29
- "Avec tous mes vœux" or "With all my wishes," perfect for a new marriage or a new home ~ \$29
- "Amitie ... Amitie" or "In Friendship" or "With all my friendship" ~ \$29



And with that, in friendship, I will close for today, with a fond remembrance of our Thanksgiving weekend in Wisconsin, where my sister and brother-in-law fed 32 of us adults plus 10 children, and where it snowed beautifully for the children's sake on Friday afternoon, and Tyler and Hannah can't get enough of making angels in the snow and filling their hats with snow and coming in the house shivering, only to go back out in a few moments for more fun in that strange white stuff. Can't even see it when it falls on white hair!



Thank you for being a part of Attie Needlework ~ remember to take time to enjoy the beauty of this season, the music, the food, the decorations, and the heartfelt times together. And that's one of those "do as I say, not as I do" things that I'm trying very hard to fix!

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