

DECEMBER'S SAMPLERS OF THE MONTH
 For December we offer two choices for you, an opportunity to save 15% on the chart, fabric, and fibers:

- a wonderful reproduction from **Linda Danielson/Samplers Remembered** (\$12)~ and we are fortunate to have Linda's model on display in the shop, stitched on 40c Pearled Barley with DMC floss. We're happy to convert the 23 colors to your favorite silk thread using our conversion chart. Phillis Edmonds stitched her sampler in 1841 when she was just 13 years old, with its lovely meandering floral border enclosing motifs of stags, birds, dogs, urns, crowns, trees and more, and she included a lovely verse entitled "On Christmas Day": "What words what voices can we bring, Which way our Accents raise, To welcome a mysterious King, And sing a Savior's Praise. O tis too little All we can, For this unbounded love, All that was ever wrote by man, Or sung in Hymns above."
- "Angel Train" (\$10) from **Prairie Moon**, the last model Cindy stitched for us ~ and how very appropriate because we're sure she's riding the angel train above. She stitched this one in record time, of course, on **Lakeside Linen's** 40c Vintage River Willow.

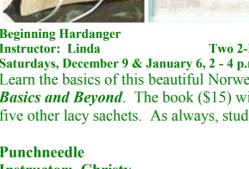


DECEMBER PSC DISCOUNTED ITEMS:
 As a PSC member purchase any of these in-stock items during the month of December at a 15% discount:

- Any sampler design
- **Lakeside Linen**
- **Needlepoint, Inc.** silk

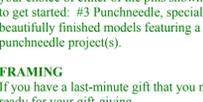
Additionally, as a special thank-you to our PSC members for their loyal support all year long, during this special season of the heart you or your spouse/significant other may enjoy a **one-time Christmas gifting/shopping time at a 15% discount** on all in-stock merchandise except items marked "No Discount." Please remember to tell us at the register before we begin your check-out so that we may apply your discount properly. Of course, your PSC membership needs to be current.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT *The Attic*



Beginning Hardanger
Instructor: Linda **Two 2-Hr. Classes**
Saturdays, December 9 & January 6, 2 - 4 p.m. Fee: \$20
 Learn the basics of this beautiful Norwegian embroidery technique while creating a lovely sachet from Janice Love's "Hardanger Bible," ***Basics and Beyond***. The book (\$15) will be the text for this class with its excellent instructions as well as the class's project design as well as five other lacy sachets. As always, students receive a 10% discount on the book + supplies purchased for this class, including scissors.

Punchneedle
Instructor: Christy **One 2-Hr. Class**
Saturday, December 16, 2 - 4 p.m. Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)



Here's another opportunity for you to learn this fun, fast and easy centuries-old technique. The class project for this week is your choice of either of the pins shown here ~ both designs come in your kit. In the 2 hours you may be able to complete your pin. Your fee includes everything you need to get started: #3 Punchneedle, special locking hoop, design printed on weaver's cloth, and a threadkit. Christy will show you this very easy technique and a number of her beautifully finished models featuring a variety of finishing techniques. You will also receive a 10% discount on all supplies ~ patterns, thread, etc. ~ for your next punchneedle project(s).

FRAMING
 If you have a last-minute gift that you need framed and can find one of our ready-mades that will work, bring it in through December 15 and Sandy will have it framed and ready for your gift-giving.

CHRISTMAS AT *The Attic*

- **Thursday, December 21, 6 - 9 p.m.** ~ Our annual Kris Kringle Party. Please join us for some Seasonal music, food and our favorite fruit punch, and conviviality ~ and join in the ornament exchange, either as a participant or an observer ~ a great place to get ideas for next year's ornament stitching!

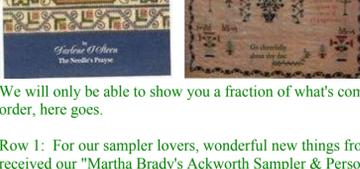
Special Holiday Hours

- Saturday, December 22, 10 - 5 p.m.**
- Monday, December 25 ~ CLOSED**
- Saturday, December 30, 10 - 5 p.m.**
- Monday, January 1, 2007 ~ SALE!!! ~ 10 - 2 p.m.**

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SHOP

Two new publications:

- First, the long-awaited revised and expanded ***The Proper Stitch*** by the queen of samplers, Darlene O'Steen, just arrived!!!! We will be shipping our preorders ASAP. If you've not yet reserved your copy, you will want to do that so that you may own this indispensable book, considered by many to be the ultimate resource for serious stitchers. At \$45 it is a bargain, with 168 pages featuring more than 60 stitch illustrations that show you both the **front and back** of this needlework's most popular stitches. The book also includes several projects, with two never-before-published **projects added** to this volume. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to add this ultimate stitching encyclopedia to your library. After the first book went out of print copies, if you were lucky enough to find one, were selling in the hundreds of dollars. Don't wait for that to happen again with this one!
- ***A Sampler Enthusiast's Book of Days for 2007*** published by our own Vickie LoPiccolo Jennett and her ***Needle Press Work***, dedicated to the "truly amazing dame of the days, Cindy Winn." At \$15 this wonderful and very useful 2007 calendar, is **available exclusively through the shop**. It makes a wonderful gift for your needlework friends as well as to yourself. Printed in an 8.5 x 11 format, each month opens to a full 11 x 17 with ample room to record your appointments as well as a sidebar for each month's "Notes & musings." The pages are filled with wonderful literary and sampler quotes, charts of olde, a page to do some advance planning for 2008, a page of graph paper to record your own inspirations, a page to note contacts, addresses, Web sites, and other useful resources, and much, much more!



We will only be able to show you a fraction of what's come in since our last e-newsletter, but we'll try to get more to you soon. In no particular order, here goes.

Row 1: For our sampler lovers, wonderful new things from England. After being stuck in Customs in New York for a time, we finally received our "Martha Brady's Ackworth Sampler & Personal History Record" (\$21) and "The Companion to Beatrix Potter's Sampler, including 'A Swan's Tale' & new swan chart" (\$21) ~ and "Sarah Parr 1825" (\$12), a north England sampler. Reproductionist Sandra Murray shows you on the front cover a portion of her reproduction stitched on 40c Summer Khaki overlaid with Sarah's original stitched on 50c.



Row 2 shows the images on 4 large-format notecards (approx. 6" x 8") featuring Ackworth School samplers (\$11).



Row 3: "Christmas Village" (\$44 includes accessory pack) and "L is for Librarian" (\$42 includes accessory pack), both from ***The Victoria Sampler*** ~ and "Ginger Joy" (\$13 includes embellishment pack) + the Ginger Joy frame (\$37) and a VERY limited edition ***Whimzi***, "Tie One On" (\$20.50), both from ***Just*NaN***.



Row 4: All four of these adorable animals, a series called "Bitty Buttons," are from Cathy Jean for ***The Victoria Sampler***. The charts are \$6; the frames have come and gone and more are on their way.



Row 5 features a variety of techniques: two blackwork designs from ***Stitchin' Spiration***, "Christmas Crazy Wreath" and "Christmas Tree A-Waitin'," each \$12 ~ a new compilation of hand-drawn designs, "Creative Stitches in Hardanger Embroidery" (\$8.95) ~ and a soft-cover publication entitled "Miniature Embroidery, A Foundation Course" (\$18) provides a comprehensive introduction to the exquisite art of miniature embroidery and covers everything you could possibly need to know on stitches, materials and tools.



Row 6 and 7, from ***Sandie Vanosdall/The Sweetheart Tree***, next in her very popular alphabet series, "E is for Egg" (\$18 kit w/28c) ~ a very beautiful "Tulip Welcome Knob Knocker" (\$18 kit w/28c) ~ Sandie's "Find the Cure!" (\$20 kit w/32c ~ lace not included) ~ "The Tiny Alphabet Sampler" (\$35 kit w/32c) ~ three new Chubby Nutcrackers, each \$8 with embellishments: "The Farmer," "The Scarecrow" and "Freaky Frankenstein."



Row 8: ***Bent Creek's*** "Nativity Globe" (\$22.50 kit w/18c linen) and ***Chessie & Me's*** "Holly Tree House Sampler" (\$18 w/30c hand-dyed fabric)



Row 9: From ***Plum Street Samplers***, "Rejoice" (\$8) and "Ye Olde Woolery Shoppe" (\$5)



Row 10: From ***Country Cottage Needleworks***, "My Beloved" (\$6.50) and "Holly & Ivy Sampler" (\$5) ~ and from ***Little House Needleworks***, "Julia Flynn" in the Dear Diary series (\$9) ~ with the little sheepies in the front yard and the snow-covered trees, this one will be VERY popular!



Row 11: From ***Little House Needleworks/Crescent Colours***, three fabulous new threadpicks, \$12 each, that make me want to run away to a quiet corner with my needle, glasses, and scissors and put up a "Do Not Disturb" sign: "Acorns" and, in the Scripture Series, "Tree of Life" and "Love and Faithfulness" ~ and this year's Spot Motif Ornament VI from ***Catherine Theron/Theron Traditions*** (\$7)



Row 12: Three from ***Barbara Jackson/Tristan Brooks Designs***: "Carnations in Bloom," a pincushion and fob kit complete with linen and silks, \$22 ~ a reprint of a VERY popular chart for which we've had some in-shop models for years, "Christmas in the Colonies" (\$12) ~ and four charming woodland motifs in "Colonial Meadows" (\$14 includes the overdyed floss for the sky)



Row 13: Not new but so appropriate at this time of year, "Christmas Sampler Trio" from ***Tristan Brooks Designs*** (\$24 includes the silks) ~ and two new from ***Prairie Moon***, "Christmas Shop" (\$8) and "On the Third Day of Christmas" (\$10).



Row 14: New from ***the Trilogy***, "Secret Holiday Surprises" (\$17 includes 32c linen and buttons) ~ if you want to substitute another count, we're happy to do that as this would be adorable on any count! ~ "Christmas with Friends" (\$11 includes the Sterling silver charm) ~ and "Winter Line Up" (\$7)



There's much more, but it's time to close for today. Thanks to those of you who wrote with concern because there hadn't been a newsletter in weeks. All is well after a November that seems like a blur, with two back-to-back weekend workshops with Cathy Campbell, then the Silent Auction for Breast Cancer Research (hope to have final figures for you soon), Hannah's Girly Girls birthday party with her friends, then Thanksgiving, then Hannah's birthday party with family, and then a wonderful five days in Williamsburg with Jer and Nan and Joanne Harvey and Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, ending with the Grand Illumination and fireworks, and the sad departure at the airport.



And here it is, December! Enjoy this beautiful Season of Love.

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