

Special Holiday Hours at *The Attic*
Today, 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.

December's Samplers of the Month

With this very busy time of the year you may have missed these at the beginning of the month ~ there's still time to save 15% on the charts, fabric, and fibers ~ "On Christmas Day" (\$12) by *Samplers Remembered* done on 40c Pearled Barley with a lovely verse: "What words what voices can we bring, Which way our Accents raise, To welcome a mysterious King, And sing a Saviour'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." and "Angel Train" (\$10) done on 40c Vintage River Willow ~ fabric from *Lakeside Linens*.



Still Showing ~ trunk shows from Erica Michaels and Teresa Layman Designs

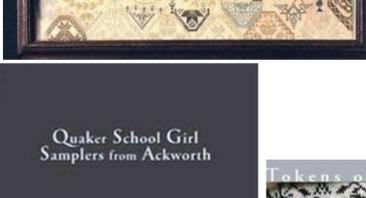
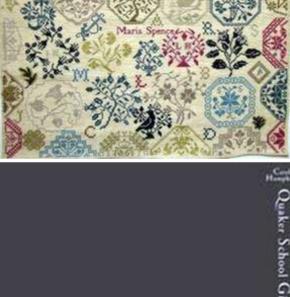


JUST IN

There's good reason that this newsletter didn't go out yesterday ~ because I would have had to wait a whole week to tell you about one of the most exciting needlework publications in years! I just learned about this book two days ago from our local book dealer, and I ordered a dozen sight unseen based on her description. Well, I just ordered more because there are many, many of you who will want to have this as part of your needlework library ~ this is a must-have for all sampler lovers and sampler book collectors: A new hard-cover book published by the UK's Sampler Guild, authored by one of its members, a man, Vivian Crellin, with a photograph of his sampler on the cover, *Tokens of Love* (The Provenance, Purposes, and Constituents of English Needlework, Samplers of Poor Girls, and their life in Poor and Orphan Schools' (\$55). Here is what the Sampler Guild says about this book: "This is a deeply researched labour of love covering the provenance, purposes, and constituents of English needlework samplers, with a description and explanation of samplers from charity, poor and orphan schools. The book includes chapters on the history and traditions of English samplers, the needlework of men and Celtic traditions in the Isle of Man, Wales and Scotland, as well as forty coloured illustrations and thirty in black and white. This is a must-have, authoritative work of reference that will find its way onto the shelves of many museums, colleges and institutions, both here and worldwide.



Exciting Things Coming ~ More Quaker Designs and Books



I know you've been waiting a long time for some of these, but the wait will soon be over.

- "Maria Spence" is a reproduction kit from *The Essamplaire* and will be shipped to us next week. It is, I think, my favorite Quaker reproduction thus far, probably because of the reds, my favorite color ~ kits are available on 35c or 40c with silk (\$98) or DMC (\$78)
- "Ann Trump" is in chart form (\$21) from *Needleprint*
- *Quaker School Girl Samplers from Ackworth* by Carol Humphrey is a hard-cover book that, I am told, is a needful book for all needlework book collectors ~ we just heard from our book dealer that it arrived moments ago and after unpacking and processing our order, it will be available for us to pick up in Phoenix on Tuesday ~ it should be in the shop Tuesday afternoon
- *Quaker Pinballs* by Erica Uten is a full-color book with patterns for 12 knitted pinballs with varying patterns for the front and back, with photographic step-by-step instructions for making two varieties of the pinballs, the round and the spherical. The book also includes images of antique pinballs and, I am told, if one doesn't knit (and I don't), these can be stitched from the diagrams!

New in the Shop This Week

Row 1. from Waxing Moon Designs, "Winter Welcome" (\$9, includes the glittered tree and snowman embellishments) ~ frame is on order; **"Winter Stack"** (\$6.50) ~ frame is also on order ~ and **"Winter Wishes"** (\$4) ~ frame is in stock (\$32)



Row 2: Two new publications featuring *Teresa Wentzler*: **"Brilliant Plumage"** (\$6.95) and a soft-cover book, **"The Best of Teresa Wentzler Fantasy Collection Volume 2"** (\$19.95)



Row 3: "Mary's Minis" (\$5.95)



Row 4: *Bent Creek's* last 2 in their "Autumn Snapperland" series, "Pumpkin Hunt" and "Turkey Farm" (each \$4.50) ~ and here's all four in this series with the charming border that reads, "Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."



Row 5: Calling all sheep lovers! *Bent Creek's* "Winter Ewe" (\$20, kit with the 25c Dublin linen, overdyed floss, and charm) ~ and the companion designs in this series, one for each of us (for me, I love "Free Betsy" ~ each kit is \$20) ~ and the latest Zipper Kit, "Santa's Helper" (\$20 kit includes 18c linen + No. 5 pearl cotton)



Row 6: Two that are quite to be most popular: First, from *La-D-Da*, "Kitty, Kitty" (\$8) ~ and then the ultimate in needlework accessory sets, an exquisite set designed by *Elizabeth Ann Talledo/Finger Work* and entitled "Elizabethan Purse" ~ this chartpack contains beautifully scanned color images of each piece and very detailed stitching instructions and diagrams as well as complete finishing instructions (\$50). Originally designed for the Swan Guild, it is now available for all. Also included are 7 hand-dyed green pearls, which serve as the "peas in the pod."



Row 7: Not new but I think omitted from previous newsletters, two zippered bags from *The Marking Sampler/Darlene Lara*: the one on the left (\$24) measures approximately 11 3/4 x 12 3/4 and the one on the right (\$18) 6 3/4 x 12 1/4, both featuring varying cuts of the beautiful sampler fabric designed by *Blackbird Designs*



It's time to close and wish all of you a very joyous Holiday Season ~ first, here's a few photos from our Thursday night Kris Kringle party. I think I'm going to have to fire the photographer, though. There's only a very poor photograph of our special surprise guests from Scotland: Be is on the phone to Rosi and Iain has his back to the camera ~ and although I thought there were other photos of them, the camera gremlin did something with them and they're nowhere to be found!



And a few December photos from Arizona ~ Tyler and Hannah with their just-decorated gingerbread house ~ there actually were uneaten gumdrops and colored candies enough to complete the task. I'm not sure who had more fun, the grandchildren or the grandparents. It was grand! And a most unusual happening ~ Phoenixians woke up this morning to FOG! Zero visibility at the airport at 6 a.m. this morning ~ here's a shot taken from our backyard patio earlier this morning. It is a rare thing indeed, fog in the desert!



And a Christmas card from all of your friends at *The Attic* ~ wishing you a memorable Season of Love with your family and friends.



*May the warmth and peace
of the holiday season
be yours today and always*

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