

**JANUARY at *The Attic***

**JANUARY 1 - INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE**

Plan to be at the shop beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday to take advantage of some huge savings and find some stitching bargains. It's our **20-40-60 Sale** ~ to make room for the Nashville Market merchandise that we will be bringing home in February. Regular merchandise at 20% discount, select merchandise at 40% discount, and previously sale-priced merchandise at 60%. **Please note:** the merchandise **exceptions** to these sale prices are anything marked "No Discount," special orders, or items in the "Hold" box. This sale is limited to in-stock inventory only, and in order to participate in the 20% discount category, purchases must include "deep discounts" of 40% and 60%. There will also be a Buy One/Get One Free category.

To facilitate the check-out process, please have your purchases divided into the various categories when you come to the register. We hope by closing time at 2 p.m. there will be noticeable emptiness throughout the shop! The 40%, 60%, and Buy One/Get One Free sale will continue throughout the first part of January, but the 20% is ONLY available on Monday. We will be unable to accept e-mail orders during this sale. If you wish to participate in the sale from afar, you may call our **toll-free number (1.888.942.8842)** beginning at 10 a.m. MST and leave a message. We will process the phone orders in the order in which they are received.

**January Classes**

**Beginning Linen**  
**Instructor:** Linda  
**One 2-Hr. Class**  
**Saturday, January 6, 10:30-12:30** **Fee: \$30 (includes all materials)**

What a great way to begin the New Year! Using the classic book "Linen Stitches" as the class text, Linda will teach you the basics of stitching on linen. The class project is a charming fringed bookmark from the book featuring geraniums. You will learn basic techniques and a wonderful edge finishing stitch, the nun's stitch, as well as stitching with overdyed threads. Needleworkers who are self-taught have enjoyed this class as well.

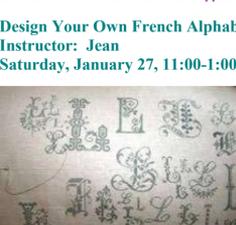
**Beginning Hardanger ~ 2nd Class**  
**Instructor:** Linda  
**Saturday, January 6, 2 - 4 p.m.**  
**Students will gather for this second class time to learn the finishing techniques for their beautiful hardanger satchet.**

**Gingerbread Knotwork** **Saturday, January 13, 2 - 4 p.m.**  
**Instructor:** Jean **Fee: \$30**



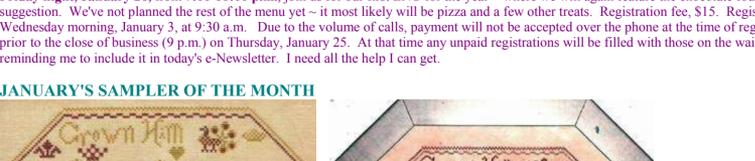
While we still have part of the **Teresa Layman Designs** trunk show here for you to enjoy her beautiful models, we're holding a class to teach you how easy it is to make these charming and detailed designs using just two simple stitches: French Knots and Colonial Knots. Your class fee includes the chartpack of your choice, A (Sugar & Spice) or B (Nutmeg & Ginger), the locking hoop, and the needles. You will need the floss of your choice to stitch the design: DMC, Anchor, or overdyed ~ Crescent Colours thread works up beautifully! Overdyed threads add so much to the finished product, and if you're a regular reader of this e-newsletter, you already know how much I love Crescent Colours and the reasons why: fluffy, beautiful overdyed cotton with a beautiful sheen that stitches like a dream. On the day of class students may purchase the WhimZi frames as well as any other Teresa Layman Designs and threads for them at the class discount of 10%.

**Punchneedle** **One 2-Hr. Class**  
**Instructor:** Christy **Fee: \$50 (includes all materials)**  
**?? Saturday, January 20, 2 - 4 p.m.**



Christy just called and said her calendar is clear for this next-scheduled punchneedle class. Both designs come in the kit. In the 2 hours you may be able to complete your pin of choice. Your fee includes everything you need to get started: #3 Punchneedle, special locking hoop, design printed on weaver's cloth, and a threadkit. You will also receive a 10% discount on all supplies ~ patterns, thread, etc. ~ for your next punchneedle project(s).

**Design Your Own French Alphabet Sampler** **Class 2 of Three 2-Hr. Classes**  
**Instructor:** Jean **Fee: \$30**  
**Saturday, January 27, 11:00-1:00 p.m.**

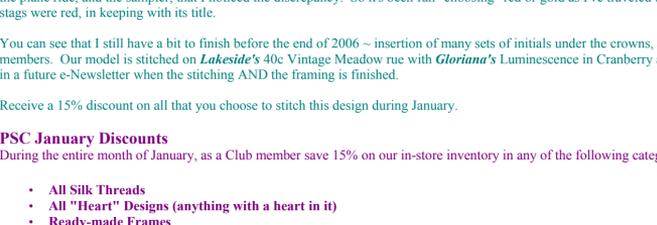


We will gather again on the last Saturday in January for renewed inspiration from each other's work thus far on this very fun-to-stitch sampler. As always, previous students with this as an unfinished project are invited to "audit" the class at no additional fee, but **please register**. My "L" model is stitched on 40-count cream New Castle linen using two shades of Soie 100/3, with *Alphabets Anciens*, *Le Livre Des Lettres*, and *Repertoire des Motifs and des Frises* as my primary references. Also pictured above are those of two previous students' beautiful completions, Tamami's and Tedra's framed samplers. The late-morning start time has been chosen to allow travel time for students driving from Tucson as well as flying in from San Diego to join us for the class.

**JANUARY LADIES NIGHT OUT**

**Friday night, January 26, from 7:00-11:00 p.m.**, join us for our first LNO for the year ~ where we will again feature the chocolate fountain for dessert to honor Rhonda's suggestion. We've not planned the rest of the menu yet ~ it most likely will be pizza and a few other treats. Registration fee, \$15. Registration opens by telephone on Wednesday morning, January 3, at 9:30 a.m. Due to the volume of calls, payment will not be accepted over the phone at the time of registration but can be made any time prior to the close of business (9 p.m.) on Thursday, January 25. At that time any unpaid registrations will be filled with those on the waiting list. Thanks, Mary Louise, for reminding me to include it in today's e-Newsletter. I need all the help I can get.

**JANUARY'S SAMPLER OF THE MONTH**



*Praiseworthy Stitches'* "Red Stag Sampler" has been a favorite of mine since its publication last August, and I began it then, on one of the many airplane trips we had that month. The design uses two thread colors, red and gold, and you may notice some color "opposites" in my model as compared with the cover design. The Symbol Key in the chart had the colors reversed and, being on an airplane with limited space, I only had the graph in front of me and not the color photograph. It was only after hours into the plane ride, and the sampler, that I noticed the discrepancy. So it's been fun "choosing" red or gold as I've traveled through the design, but I did make sure that all of the stags were red, in keeping with its title.

You can see that I still have a bit to finish before the end of 2006 ~ insertion of many sets of initials under the crowns, a perfect place to remember loved ones and/or family members. Our model is stitched on *Lakeside's* 40c Vintage Meadow rue with *Gloriana's* Luminescence in Cranberry and Lacquered Gold. I'll show you another scan of it in a future e-Newsletter when the stitching AND the framing is finished.

Receive a 15% discount on all that you choose to stitch this design during January.

**PSC January Discounts**

During the entire month of January, as a Club member save 15% on our in-store inventory in any of the following categories:

- All Silk Threads
- All "Heart" Designs (anything with a heart in it)
- Ready-made Frames

**WHAT'S NEW in the Shop**

For needlework book lovers, this month has been a bonanza! I can't get any stitching done because I spend my evenings with these wonderful books featured in previous e-Newsletters. We've shipped and shipped and shipped ~ and ran out of several before we could fill all of your orders, like Darlene O'Steen's *The Proper Stitch* and the UK Sampler Guild's publication, *Tokens of Love* by Mr. Vivian Crellin. These are on reorder, and just as soon as more are received, we will ship the remaining orders.

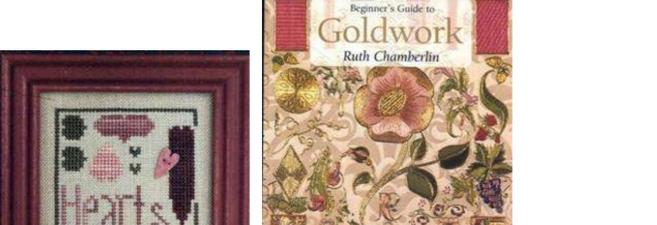
**Celebration of the Heart**

The next "stitching holiday" is Valentine's Day and some of these new "heart" designs have been in the shop for several weeks now, but I saved them till now, till Santa is back at the North Pole and it's almost time to take down the beautiful decorations.

From everyone's perennial favorite *Lizzie Kate* are four new designs: "Love Crazy" (\$7) featuring four different designs ~ "Here's My Heart," (\$12) a beautiful new *Punch-It* design ~ and the first two, January and February, in her new *Flip-It Bits* (\$4.50) that include the petite buttons shown.



Two of your favorite designers' latest: *Little House Needleworks'* "Chocolate Shoppe" (\$7) and *Blue Ribbon Designs'* "Stop and Stitch the Flowers" (\$10) stitched with Crescent Colours!



From *Erica Michaels*, "Random Hearts" (\$4.50) ~ a charming quick-to-stitch design with a stitch count of 47 x 46; can't you just see it on 40c ~ and two new punchneedle designs in Linda's new Punchneedle Penny Series, "Catching Flakes" and "Love Birds" ~ the \$13 chartpacks each include a multi-use iron-on transfer, hand-dyed weavers cloth, and complete punching and finishing instructions



Another wee one, a "heart" design, this one from *Heart in Hand*, "Favorite Hearts" (\$4), with a 40 x 40 stitch count and featuring a JABC heart button ~ and another new book just in, "Beginner's Guide to Goldwork," (\$20), a soft-cover book with beautiful photographs that are truly inspirational; this lavishly illustrated, step-by-step guide will show you how to produce exquisite designs using both embroidery and goldwork techniques.



The "Great Wall" of Samplers Watch for our ad in the "Shopping Gallery" of the next issue of the *Sampler & Antique Needlework Quarterly* featuring a similar photo to these. Many visitors to the shop, particularly sampler lovers, love the sampler wall ~ I wish all of you out there in e-mail land who love samplers as much as we do could see it in person. A photo similar to these, but a lot smaller, will be in the ad, and I thought you might enjoy seeing it a big larger!



**Homespun Elegance's Punchneedle**



Also on display in the shop now are some adorable punchneedle models from the very talented *Sandra Sullivan/Homespun Elegance*. If you're intrigued by this revived needleart form, I hope you'll stop in to see these models while they're here. The finishing on them is most unique!

**Christmas Hospitality Ornament Kit**



Here's one of the best buys to come along in a long time: This chartpack from *Homespun Elegance* includes the design, the 28c hand-dyed linen, the thread, and the brass charm, ALL for \$12! Get an early start on your 2007 ornament stitching with this adorable pair of reindeer.

That's it for this year's e-newsletters. I want you to know that I consider it a privilege that so many of you allow me to come into your "In" box each week, and I appreciate your notes and e-mails that tell me you enjoy the needlework news from *The Attic*. It's a great pleasure for me to be able to "talk about" my favorite subjects with all of you ~ and a pleasure to have those of you who live in the area choose to spend your Thursday nights with us, stitching and sharing in our treats! Here's a part of last night's gathering ~ Mary Louise wanted to stay till the sale starts on Monday!



On behalf of my entire staff at The Attic, I wish you good health and good cheer in the New year ~ and more time to spend with your needlework in 2007 ~ and more time to enjoy memorable moments with your loved ones.

Here's a memory from very early Christmas morning. We spent the night in Surprise with our son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren ~ John got up to go to the bathroom at 3:30 in the morning and heard whispered voices and giftwrap/paper/crinkle noises. He tiptoed out to the living room and this is what he found: Tyler and Hannah quietly opening their stocking gifts. (They all did go back to bed for a few more hours.)



Happy 2007! I hope it doesn't go quite as fast as 2006.

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