

## EVERYTHING'S ON SALE!

On **Monday, January 2, from 10:00-2:00**, come to The Attic for some stitching bargains! It's our **20-40-60 Sale** ~ an attempt to make room for the Nashville Market merchandise that we bring home. 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 DMC floss, anything marked "No Discount," special orders. or items in the "Hold" box.

To facilitate the check-out process at the register, please have your purchases divided into the three discount categories when you come to the register.

## WHAT'S NEW

Several new samplers that have been in the shop for a few weeks and are already in several of our stitching baskets:

- From **Pam Ellis/Wild-Heart Designs**, "Dance of the Ancestors" and "Red Dancers"
- And from **Deborah Thorpe/Midsummer Night Designs**, "The Flowers of One Garden"



## OUR STITCHING BASKETS

Our Christmas gift-giving stitching is over for a little while, and it's that time of year when we rearrange the priorities in our stitching baskets and, with a new year, feel it's also the perfect time to begin a new project. If you're like me, that's the tough part: which one to start? There are so many projects and so little time. Here's what some of the Attic staffers are currently working on.

- First row: Betsy and Amy are stitching "Serenity" by **Exemplars from the Heart** (without the border) ~ Debra's about a third of the way through the "American Quaker Band Sampler" from **The Scarlet Letter** ~ and Christy took her first stitches last night in the 48c linen (and she loves it!) for the "Petite Mexican Sampler" from **Page Dorsey/The Sampler Workes**



- Second row: "Contented Mind Sampler" from **Brenda Keyes/The Sampler Company** is one of Joy's newest projects ~ "Catherine Agnes" from **Catherine Strickler/Indigo Rose** will be a class soon on our schedule, and so I thought I'd better get it started, a beautiful sampler I've wanted to stitch since the first time I saw it ~ and another one on our next class schedule: "The French Monogram Set" from **Tricia Wilson Nguyen/Thistle Threads**, a beautiful set that many of us saw finished at the Merry Cox weekend.



I forgot to photograph January's sampler of the month, so that will have to wait till next year ~ how can it be that 2005 is almost just a memory?! It's been a year of wonderful stitching memories for us here at The Attic, when we had the opportunity to meet so many of you during our January Sampler Weekend and/or the November Merry Cox Weekend. We look forward to serving your sampler/needlework needs in 2006.

At the close of a year and the beginning of a new one many profound things are said and many of us are filled with thoughts of a new beginning. Below is something I received as an e-mail a number of years ago, and I thought it so worthwhile that I typed it and framed it for the shop. Some of you have asked for a copy when you've seen it. I thought it an appropriate way to end the last newsletter of this year.

## What to Keep and What to Throw Out

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. If you really need a grouch, there are probably a few dozen of your relatives to do the job.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts (needlework), gardening; learn a new skill; expand your knowledge in whatever area calls to you. Just never let the brain become idle. My dear Mom used to tell me that "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Well, if that is true, then the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all that you can afford. When they are in college, that is all that you can afford. When they are grown and you are on retirement, that is all that you can afford.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath! Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store by your distinctive laughter.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us for our entire life is ourselves. Psalm 23 tells us "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." "Through" is an important word. Walk through the fear. Walk through the pain. Do not put out a mailbox in the shadow of death and take up residence. Come out to Life!
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge. And "Martha" may not live there!
8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, the next state, a foreign country, but not to guilt.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take ... but by the moments that take our breath away.

Thank you for your friendship. The most special part of this needlework that we all love so much is the friends we meet along the journey. From all of us at The Attic, thank you for making our journey such a pleasant one.

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