

Merry Cox Workshops at *The Attic* November 2010 “A Colonial Sewing Set”

We are thrilled that Merry Cox will again be with us in November for three separate workshops featuring her most unique projects and designs that incorporate her fabulous finishing techniques

The **Dobson Ranch Inn** here in Mesa will again be the site for our weekend events. When making your reservations, be sure to ask for the Attic Needlework group rate of \$75 for a single/double Their toll-free number is 1.800.528.1356. <http://www.dobsonranchinn.com/>

Registration for two of the three workshops is limited because of the limited number of accessory pieces that “make” these projects.

Each workshop fee includes a meal. Friday night’s workshop will be preceded by a light supper with refreshments in the Pergola Room starting at 5 PM, and on Saturday and Sunday lunch will be served outside on the patio, weather permitting, at 12 Noon.

Your registration fee for any of the workshops also includes a reception at the shop on Saturday evening beginning around 5 PM with food and refreshments.

All workshop projects may be prestitched if you wish. Prestitching kits will be available **beginning in June**. The **workshop deposit** must be paid in full before a prestitching kit will be issued. The project finishing materials will be distributed at the time of the actual workshop. The workshop balance is due on September 1. No refunds are available once a prestitching kit has been issued.

If you have preregistered for the weekend, please understand that we need to hear from you again as soon as possible to record your registration for the specific workshop(s).

Friday night, Nov 12, 6 - 9 PM

This charming set consists of a paper-mache wallpaper tray with attached pocket and a cherry wood pincushion. The pocket and the pincushion each feature a lovely basket of flowers using many different stitches. The pocket also features a small sampler alphabet with flame stitch on each side of the basket design. Silk ribbon loops on the pincushion allow the top to pull off and inside is the perfect place to house a thimble. It is lined in the same beautiful silk as the pocket. The cherry wood pincushion is a reproduction of an antique pincushion in Merry’s collection and is made exclusively for her along with a matching 3” wood ruler.

All supplies for stitching and finishing are included in this kit except the scissors. Stitches used in this project are Tent Stitch ‘over one’, Cross Stitch ‘over one’, Smyrna Cross Stitch, Detached Chain, Closed Herringbone, Small Diagonal Rococo, Rococo Stitch and Nun Stitch. Stitched on 32-count linen with silk threads and hand-dyed floss. Kit includes paper-mache wallpaper tray (7” x 5 1/2”), cherry wood pincushion and ruler, silk fabric and ribbon.

Workshop Fee: \$170

Deposit: \$120

Registration Limited



“Petite Treasures”

Saturday, Nov 13, 9 - 4 PM

Several years ago while antiquing I found a child's or miniature cutlery tray from about the turn of the century, late 1800's. I handed this wonderful petite tray over to the extraordinarily talented carpenter who makes my wooden thread holders, thread winders, pincushion box and the lovely Diminutive carrier. He has reproduced the tray exclusively for me to the exact precision of the original. I chose walnut for the wood and it is indeed a treasure to be filled with more treasures. The petite tray measures approximately 4" x 3".

Included in this special set is a needlebook, a pinkeep, a scissors holder, a silk button/thimble bag and a mini walnut ruler with a stitched decorative fob. When all the accessories are placed in the tray, which is lined on the bottom, it can then be slipped inside the beautiful silk bag with decorative stitched pulls.

All supplies for stitching and finishing are included in this kit except for the scissors. Stitches used in this project are Feather Stitch, half Buttonhole Wheel, Cross Stitch 'over one', Smyrna Cross Stitch and Nun Stitch. Stitched on 32-count linen with silk threads. Kit includes walnut tray, walnut mini ruler, vintage buttons, vintage pins, silk fabric and beads.

Workshop Fee: \$250

Deposit: \$200

Registration Limited.



“A French Bonbon Box”

SEWING BOX WITH SEWING CASE

Sunday, Nov 14, 9 - 4 PM

This project was inspired by an antique French lithograph bonbon box from the 1890's. Since chocolate was a very expensive luxury, presentation was very important. Because of its beauty, the bonbon box would be cherished and saved to be used for other purposes such as a sewing box.

In addition to making this lovely sewing box, stitched on all four sides, you will make a beautiful silk lined sewing case which is housed inside the box.

The bonbon box has very unique construction including covering the wood base with decorative paper which also lines the box. The sewing case has a needlebook and mattress type pincushion attached to one side and the other side has a place for scissors and a pencil. A scrimshaw 'aide memoire' has a special place in the spine area of the case. Case measures 3" x 3 1/2" when closed.

All supplies for stitching and finishing are included in this kit except for the scissors. Stitches used in this project are Tent Stitch 'over one', Rococo Stitch, Stem Stitch and Split Stitch. Stitched on 32-count linen with silk threads. Kit includes scrimshaw 'aide memoire', buttons, silk fabric and ribbon.

Workshop Fee: \$230

Deposit: \$180

