

MERRY COX CLASSES IN November 2005

We're thrilled to announce that Merry will be teaching at *The Attic* again this November ~ Friday evening, November 11, through Sunday, November 13. The projects, all available for prestitching, will be: "Birds & Berries Sewing Set," a charming and compact sewing set housed in a beautiful cherry colonial oval divided tray; "Ditty Box ~ Companion Pieces for A Sailor's Huswif," a gorgeous handcrafted oval cherry box lined in beautiful teal silk to match the Huswif, along with other treasures in the ditty box; "Her Necessaire," (the project Merry taught at the 2004 Shepherd's Retreat), a lovely drawstring bag with a fabric-covered box inside that holds all your necessary stitching tools, along with an aide memoire (and I'm needing that more and more these days); and "Treasures of Thy Life So Dear," the Just CrossStitch Christmas in Williamsburg project that is a wonderful sewing purse with a special surprise inside an interior stitched pocket: a pocket watch that flips open to reveal a stitched watch sampler that lines the watch cover.

These will be exclusively finishing classes where we will come to class with our projects stitched and spend the time learning Merry's unique finishing techniques.

MERRY COX WEEKEND ~ Friday night, November 11 ~ Sunday, November 13, 2005

All of the weekend workshops are finishing classes only. All kits are available for prestitching. All classes require attendance; there will be no "kit" sales. These are attendance-at-class pieces only and are not available as kits.

Birds & Berries Sewing Set ~ Friday night, November 11, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

This project is a charming and compact three-piece sewing set featuring birds feasting on red berries. Inside the lovely sewing case is a silk pocket for a needle threader as well as vintage linen needle pages that lift to show a small stitched pocket for a thread winder ~ this part will be available for prestitching. The other two parts to complete the set, a mattress-type pincushion and a petite scissors case, will be distributed the evening of the class. All three pieces are housed in a beautiful cherry oval divided tray. Most of the stitching is over one. The kit includes 32c linen, silk threads, the divided tray, and all finishing materials. Accessories (scissors, thread winder, and needle threader) are not included but will be available as extras at the time of the class.



Workshop Fee: \$180; \$90 due at kit distribution; balance of \$90 due November 1.

Her Necessaire ~ Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m. to Noon

This lovely drawstring bag has a matching fabric-covered box inside which allows the bag to stand. The case which holds all the necessary stitching tools ~ scissors, pins, needles, pencil, and aide memoire ~ folds in half, ties with silk ribbons, and slides inside the box inside the bag. The aide memoire is a notebook with a stitched cover and pages which fan out for writing special notes. Stitches include over-one tent, cross, satin, and nun. Kit includes 32c linen, silk threads, silk ribbons, and all finishing materials. Scissors and pencil are not included



Workshop Fee: \$140; \$70 due at kit distribution; balance of \$70 due November 1.

Ditty Box ~ Companion Pieces for A Sailor's Huswif ~ Saturday, November 12, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The 9 x 6 x 4 handcrafted oval cherry box is lined in the same beautiful teal silk as the Huswif. It is outfitted with a stitched pocket accentuated with silk rosettes, a scissors fob, and a charming ribbon chatelaine featuring a fish pinkeep, thimble bucket, and button bag. Also for the ditty box is an exclusive busk, a compass waxer, as well as an antique mother-of-pearl fish gaming chip. The pocket is the only piece that requires prestitching. Unfortunately, I can't include a photo this week because I am scanner-challenged. I will try harder, and not give up, so that I can include one in a future e-mail.



Workshop Fee: \$200 ~ \$100 due at kit distribution; \$100 balance due November 1.

Treasures of Thy Life So Dear ~ Sunday November 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (includes lunch)

Merry has designed a wonderful sewing purse, just the perfect size to house special needlework tools or a current stitching project. Taking its shape from an antique purse of Merry's, the sewing purse flap features a basket stitched in eyelets and filled with an array of softly shaded mauve flowers. Merry has written a special verse for the front of this piece with a Family Record area for your personalization on the back. Tucked inside an interior stitched pocket is a pocket watch that flips open to reveal a stitched watch sampler that lines the watch cover. The sewing purse is complete with a needlebook. Kit includes 32c linen, silk threads, silk lining, all finishing materials, and a new covered face pocket watch.



Workshop Fee: \$190 (incl. lunch) ~ \$95 due at kit distribution; \$95 balance due November 1.