MERRY COX WORKSHOPS NOVEMBER 2007

We are privileged and honored to announce that **Merry Cox** will again be with us at *The Attic* for four workshops in November 2007! Merry has reduced her traveling considerably, and we are thrilled that she has kept us on her teaching schedule. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the second weekend of November ~ **Friday night through Sunday, November 9, 10, and 11**. Thank you to all of you who made suggestions for the fourth project from Merry's marvelous repertoire of past projects. There were four finalists, and I asked Merry to make the final choice.

The workshop projects are described below. Prestitching materials will be available at the end of February for three of the four projects. "A Beautiful Day in Williamsburg" will NOT be a prestitched piece. A 50% deposit is required at the time the kits are issued. The balance is due on or before November 1. Workshop fees include food as specified with each workshop. Please understand that the kits are only available to workshop attendees, needleworkers who will be present in person at the workshops.

The workshops will again be held at the Dobson Ranch Inn in Mesa. Please go to their Web site to "see" the property: www.dobsonranchinn.com/ Room rates are still being negotiated. When that is finalized, I will provide more information and details about the room block.

Friday night, November 9, 5 - 9 p.m.

Flowers in the Fall

Lovely blue flowers surround a pincushion bird and then are mounted on top of a faux-grained box. The flowers and leaves are stitched in tent stitch over 1 and then finished and shaped to give a dimensional look. A thimble bucket sits in front of the bird and the bird's tail acts as a pinkeep. The faux-grained box is lined in silk and houses a small needlebook. This whole sewing set then goes into a beautiful silk plaid drawstring bag with stitched nameplate. Kit includes all stitching and finishing materials and faux-grained box. Workshop Fee: $125 (includes fruit and cheese snacks)

Saturday, November 10, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Shepherd's Retreat Sewing Case

A countryside setting is featured on the front of this case complete with a blue house, an apple tree, and sheep on a grassy hill. The back has a border of apple branches with an alphabet in the middle. The inside has a place for small scissors, needle pages, and a mattress-type pincushion. Vintage ribbon is used on the sides of the pincushion. Stitched on 36c hand-dyed linen with silks, floss, and overdyed floss, the pincushion features a beautiful little verse: "Adorn thy life with love and goodness." Stitches include cross, tent over one, herringbone, Rhodes, and nun. Kit includes linen, threads, vintage ribbon, glass-head pins, antique button, lining fabric, and all finishing materials and scissors. Workshop Fee: $125 (includes lunch)

Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m. - Noon

A Beautiful Day in Williamsburg

A lovely solid cherrywood Shaker tray will showcase not only a beautiful sampler but one with function as well. The lap tray measures 15" x 9" x 2" at the top, and the sides angle in slightly to the working sampler which measures 13" x 7". The sampler stays at the bottom of the lap tray and features a pocket for a silk needlebook and threadwinders, a pocket for scissors, a scissors fob, and a pincushion. Everything necessary for stitching that next project is at your fingertips whether on your lap while you stitch or on the coffeetable by your side in your favorite stitching place. The sampler is bound in ribbon with rosettes in the corners, has two sets of alphabets, a floral border, a house, weeping willow trees, and a Victorian lady with her dog nearby. Stitched on 32-count linen with silk threads. Kit includes all stitching and finishing materials (except the scissors) and the cherry Shaker tray. Workshop Fee: $210 (includes lunch)

Sunday, November 11, 9 - 3 p.m. (with an hour lunch break) Optional Kit & Instruction: 3 - 4 p.m. ~ Finishing instructions for the beautiful silk presentation bag.

A Diminutive Sewing Set

Presentation Bag for A Diminutive Sewing Set

A handmade rectangular carrier found in an antique shop inspired this project. This diminutive carrier is 7" x 4" at the base, reproduced in beautiful cherry wood. A silk "mattress" lies at the bottom of the carrier with small silk-covered compartments at each end. One compartment houses a stitched pincushion, and the other is perfect for a thimble and emery. A petite silk mending bag (3" x 2" at the base and 3" high), a scissors, and a roll-up sampler complement the set. The mending bag has pockets inside, and the bottom is a needlebook with pins neatly stored around the base. A friend's antique mending bag was Merry's inspiration for this little treasure. The roll-up sampler is intended to showcase favorite alphabets, motifs, and stitches. It is lined with matching silk and tied with silk ribbons. This lovely diminutive set has an antique Shaker feel, surely to become a family heirloom. Kit includes carrier and all stitching and finishing materials. Workshop Fee: $200 (includes lunch).

Beautiful plaid silk is used to construct the unique bag that appears to be a very special present. It is complimented on top with a matching silk rosette and stitched streamers. Separate Kit Fee with Finishing Instructions: $50.

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