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February's Co-Samplers of the Month from
NeedleWorkPress and *The Scarlett Letter*



Roses in July



Adaptation of an antique by NeedleWorkPress

As our SOM, save 15% **by purchasing 2 of the 3 parts** during February (prices below are before the discount):

- chart \$22
- **Lakeside Linen** (SH is needed ~ 40c \$56; 36c \$52)
- Silk ~ 3 options this time:
 - AVAS (beautiful 7-ply French silk, *Au Ver A'Soie*) \$146.20
 - AVAS + 13 Florimell (*Gloriana's* overdyed silk using AVAS as its base) \$181.30
 - our Silk Combo using *Belle Soie*, *Dinky Dyes*, *Florimell*, *Gloriana Silk Floss*, *Gumnuts*, and *Thread Gatherer* \$218.75

As our Sampler of the Month, save 15% **by purchasing all of the following:**

- * chart \$8
- * **Lakeside Linen** (40c ~ 9 x 9) \$7
- * Belle Soie Silks \$45

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NeedleWorkPress's "Roses in July"



Originally stitched on perforated paper, this mini-sampler image appears on *NeedleWorkPress's* Web site at <http://needleworkpress.com/node/22> ~ and here is what Vickie wrote about it on July 4, 2011:

Chances are the motifs in this mini-sampler were selected by its maker because of their significance in her life. In my mind's eye, the prominent rose spray says she appreciated beauty; the small cross represents her faith; the flag signals her independence, the bird proudly stands for freedom and the potted flower is stability. Who knows the truth?

How wonderful that we are free to interpret art as we please.

Maegan's beautiful interpretation on *Lakeside's* 40c V. Fawn w/ *Belle Soie* silk ~ wonderful combination of roses and flags and birds!

The Scarlet Letter's "Tablet Sampler"

Below: 3 photographs I took of Marsha's model on our June visit to *The Scarlet Letter* that I hope give you an idea of the glorious floral border ~ but no progress photos this week; only finished leaves but will get to more flowers this week. It is my goal to reach the bottom of the right-side border by the end of February :-). We'll see! No progress photos this week ~ I was too busy stitching to take pictures!



February

As a member of our **Attic Addicts Club**, during February you can save 15% on the following items:

- **Lakeside Linens** (special cuts)
- All Sampler Charts/Kits
- All Cotton Overdyed Threads



Saturday, February 11, 10:30-12:30, Beginning Linen This class is appropriate for both beginning stitchers and those who would like to refine their skills. This informative class features Linda's Tulip needlebook design as the class project. The \$30 fee includes expert instruction + all project materials.

Saturday, February 18 - Semi-annual Framing Frenzy This is your opportunity to save 20% on your custom framing order, including frame, mat, and fillets, when you let Sandy use her expertise in selecting the perfect frame to enhance your needlework. Give her your budget and your likes and dislikes ("I don't like gilded, but I love primitive") and she will do the rest. This discount does not apply to the framing labor charge nor to readymade frames. All orders will be processed in the order received, and orders with deadlines are ineligible for the FF discount.

Sunday, February 19, 1-4 PM, Sampler Sunday. Please plan to join this lovely group of sampler makers on another Sunday afternoon because this month it's FULL! And if you have a reservation and can't be there for some reason, please call to let us know. Thank you.

March

Nashville Market, February 25-26, shopping, shopping, shopping, for the latest and greatest in needlework just for you! And THEN ...

Saturday, March 3, Nashville Market Day This is our biggest event of the year, and some of you travel from neighboring states to be with us as we "take off the wraps" on all of the best that's new in our needlework world. Doors open at 9 AM for our Attic Addict members and 10 AM for the general public. Don't miss it!

Thursday, March 8 - Sunday, March 11, Junipine Retreat This annual Attic event is always sold out, with previous year's attendees given priority, limited by the size of the facilities. Waiting list available. \$300 fee includes 2-bedroom creekhouse (shared with 3 others) for 3 nights + opening reception + door prizes.

Merry Cox Workshop weekend, **Thursday-Sunday, November 8-11**. We look forward to welcoming you to a special 4-day weekend of workshops with Merry Cox, when she will teach *Le Nouveau Palais Royal* **twice**, *Sweet Little Blossoms*, and *So Dear to Thy Heart* (the 2011 Williamsburg piece). Merry has returned from her recent teaching trip and will begin kit-making very soon; all projects may be pre-stitched if you wish. Negotiations for the best room rates are ongoing with Mesa's Hyatt Place, and complete class descriptions will be published in the near future. In the meantime, registration is officially open and we are accepting deposits for the following classes. (Payment in full required before pre-stitching kits will be issued.)

Le Nouveau Palais Royal, what some consider Merry's *pièce de résistance*, will be taught Thursday AND Sunday. Please state your preference when registering. Kit includes beautiful box & sweet scissors. Workshop Fee: \$275

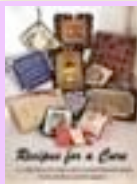


Sweet Little Blossoms includes a lovely round Shaker box. Workshop Fee: \$200

So Dear to Thy Heart was Merry's 2011 Williamsburg project and includes the beautiful box shown. Workshop fee: \$240



We still have some BCRF cookbooks left.



Support a great cause (all net proceeds go to breast cancer research) by buying a copy(s) of the *Recipes for a Cure* cookbook for a donation of \$14.95 (or more) with fabulous time-tested recipes as well as complimentary designs from 11 designers.

New in Our Attic



Clockwise from above: New from **Sandra/Homespun Elegance**, “Heart Posies Needlecase” \$5.50 w/charm ~ “Star Light Sampler Pin Cushion” \$8.50 w/charm (see Cindy’s finished one on page 18)~ “Winter Joy” \$5.50 w/charm ~ and “Needles & Pins Pin Cushion” \$8.50 w/charm. And, below, from **Theresa/Shakespeare’s Peddler**, “A-Wassailing” \$25 kit, a cute project to get a head-start on your 2012 Holiday stitching. We have just a few of these kits that were made for the 2011 JCS Christmas in Williamsburg Seminar, packaged with Lakeside’s 40c V. Meadow Rue + 6 skeins of Gentle Arts Limited Edition skeins + a JABCO button. Too bad the wassailing custom is only once a year ~ it could go a long way toward promoting goodwill all year long!



Beautiful Bags!

From *Created Heirlooms*, a very special way to store your very special projects ... in beautiful project "envelopes" beautifully sewn with French General fabrics and embellished with wonderful buttons, piping, ric-rac, and a variety of trims, some with slip-in pockets, some with zippered pockets, each lined with a beautiful accompanying lining fabric. The most difficult thing: deciding which one(s) to OWN! Very reasonably priced at \$28 so it's okay to have more than just one!

As you can see, there are no two exactly alike. Please order by Photo No. and then position **from left to right** and, **more importantly**, please give us your first, second, and third choices.



Photo #2

Photo #1



Photo #3

Photo #4



Photo #5



Photo #6



Photo #7

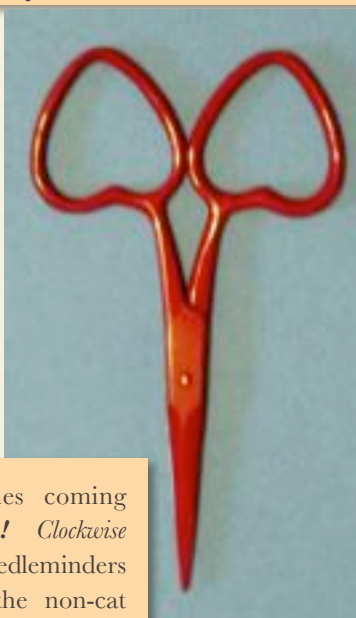


Photo #8

Coming in Nashville: "Black Sheep Redux" \$20, being released by *Twisted Threads*, is a 12-page booklet featuring 8 original *Ewe & Eye & Friends* as part of their '90s very popular Black Sheep Club. The linen, fibers, embellishments, and finishing have been updated with today's fabulous products. An embellishment pack is also available for \$14 with 4 Mother of Pearl heart buttons, 3 hematite stars, 2 amulet hardwares, 4 Mother of Pearl leaf buttons, a butterfly charm, dragonfly charm, and rose charm.



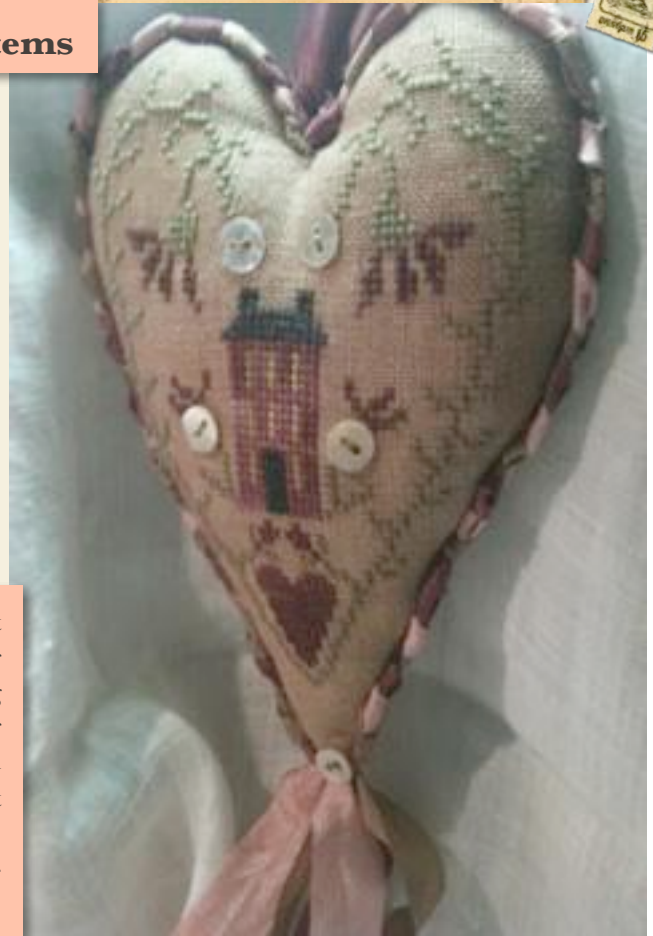
Nashville Releases! You May Pre-Order Now ...



Wonderful new accessories coming from **Kelmscott Designs!** Clockwise from upper left: 2 new Needleinders \$9.50, "Bow Wow," for the non-cat needleworkers, and there are a few, I know, and "Fleur De Lys," for the many Francophiles in the needlework community ~ 2 new scissors, each \$11.50, each 3.75" long, "Red Hots!" in a red enamel and "Devon," very antique-looking with the flat-black primitive finish ~ and 5 new Mother of Pearl button shapes, with 30 buttons/package for \$6; the shapes are Mini-Ovals, Mini-Stars, Mini-Triangles, Mini Posies, and Mini-Hearts!



More Nashville Pre-Order Items



Clockwise above: **Susan/Acorn House Designs** is simply a master at creating 3-dimensional needlework smalls, and she's done it again! Her "Carrot Etui" (\$22 w/clay pieces for the top) is a scrumptious-looking carrot, perfect "keeper" for the Hare Threadwinder and Needle minder as well as the accompanying accessory pieces (emery cushion, built-in scissor sheath, fob, and wool carrot needlekeep made from *WDW* Carrot wool; stitched with *Gloriana* silks, Kreinik braid and Blending Filament, and Mill Hill beads ~ **Island Cottage Needlearts'** gorgeous heart-shaped ornament, "Where My Heart Is" \$7

Below, **Black Branch Needlework's** "Susanah Rayment Needlecase" \$10, featuring components from the sampler reproduction of the same name. Shown below are the front, inside, and back of the needlecase.



More Nashville Releases for Pre-Order Now



Clockwise from above left: *The Primitive Jewel's* "Spring Heart" and "Quaker Bird" \$10, each contains the charted design, finishing instructions, wooden base, and twine ~ and "Purple Cat" and "Spring" \$10 necklace kits



Above: "Sister Dee Ellen's Possibles Box" \$15 chart; \$59 pine box (special order), a beautiful box for the many Quaker lovers out there, stitched on *Lakeside's* 32c V. Sand Dune with *Gloriana's* Iris, but, of course, your own choices for linen and silk (or cotton), perfect for hand-dyed linen and thread!



Left, "Quaker Sweet Bag" \$10 is a perfect bag for smalls but ALSO a perfect size to protect the magnifying glass on your portable accessory tool! The needlebook and fob charts are also included, again perfect for your personal color palette!

Beautiful Samplers Coming in Nashville - Reserve Now



Clockwise from above: **Samplers Remembered's** beautiful reproduction, "Sarah Gentle 1821" \$15 uses *Belle Soie* and *Au Ver A'Soie* on 40c *Lakeside* (hint: A sneak peek at our *March Sampler of the Month*) ~ and another A & E sampler, this one a new design from **Carolina House**, "In the Garden" \$14 (great animals, beautiful colors) ~ a Scottish reproduction, "Ann Lokart 1842" \$15 from **Black Branch** ~ 2 from **Lady K Needlearts**, "French Elegance" \$12, a beautifully intricate design, and "Chrysanthemum Tapestry Garden" \$14, companion piece to the 3 previous Tapestry Gardens



Also Coming at Nashville ~ Reservations Being Taken Now



Above, I have been so anxious to show you this, **Paulette/Plum Street Samplers'** "Brother's Keeper" \$24, ever since she included it as part of her Sampler Symposium package to the attendees. Isn't it simply stunning!?! Even more so in person! Charted for cotton overdyes, of course we've done a conversion to overdyed silks for you. Stitched on 36c *Lakeside*, it would be very lovely on 40c or 45c as well! Words are over 1 (except "Cain and Abel").



Above, **Paulette/Plum Street Samplers'** companion piece for "Boris" and "Olga" and "Sergei," meet "Maxim and Zoya" \$9.50, two FABULOUS peacocks! Oh, my, aren't they proud? And they should be! Shown on 36c *Lakeside* with *NPI* silks.



Right, **Island Cottage Needlearts'** "February" page \$9.50, the second part of this monthly project, "A Schoolgirl's Book of Needlework." Includes the tiny chart and February's woolie page & chart.

Coming from Nikycreations ~ Reserve Yours!



Clockwise from upper left: "Needlekeeper" \$8, a chart with 4 sweet little needlebook designs ~ "Letterbag" \$8, a sew-and-stitch wall hanging for your favorite letters or other special things ~ "Box Pincushions" \$8, 3 choices for square pincushions, quick to stitch and finish for yourself or for gifts.

Coming from *Wendy KC Designs*, right, a beautiful heirloom to mark a special anniversary or occasion, "Celebrations" \$15 ~ and, below, "Tropical Tiles" \$15, lovely smalls made into a needlebook, scissors fob, and pinkeep.



Coming From *The Bee's Knees* and all that too!



I showed you these last week, but I wanted you to see my lovely "J" that Carol gave me. I have so enjoyed wearing it this past week and have received tons of compliments on it. Reserve yours and be assured that you will have it in the first shipment/delivery after the Nashville show. AT \$11.50 each, which includes the lovely 30-inch chain, it's a true bargain. Choose red or blue letters!

Coming from *Praiseworthy Stitches*



Left, "Simple Gifts ~ Hearts" \$40 is a limited-edition kit featuring a needle roll embellished with Quaker motifs, a 2-sided tiny thimble purse, an emery, an ort pocket, pincushion, and scissor fob. Also included is a clear pink or red heart sewing box. Materials used include floss, China silk, reproduction calicos, charmuse, satin ribbon, beads, Irish linen, beads, charms, etc. All materials and complete finishing instructions are included.

Below, "Mermaid Love Tokens" \$28, last in the *Sailor's Valentine Series*, is a wonderful group of smalls that include a sweet clam-shaped needlebook embellished with metallic threads, sequins, beads, lined with silk. Also, a mermaid scissor sheath, a starfish pincushion, a Triton stitch counter and fish emery, plus all the beads to make the beautiful scissor fob! Included are complete stitching and finishing instructions.



Left and below, the first 2 parts of the *Sailor's Valentine Series*, "Seafarer's Valentine" w/charms \$25 and "Secrets of Nereid" \$12. Order all 3 parts for the complete set.





Left, "Winter at Beacon House" \$14 is the 7th in the *Down the Lane Series*, this one depicting the first snow, with much laughter and glee now that sledding time is here!

Just in the door from *The Scarlett House*



"Orts and Ends" Chart - \$8; box is on its way (price available when invoice is here next week)



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Our current ad in *Sampler & Antique Quarterly* features a beautiful sampler that some of you have phoned about. It is from the collection of **NeedleWorkPress** and is on the reproduction schedule. Patience, please, while you wait for this fabulous stag sampler. When it's available, you will find news of it here!

Our Customers Share



Left and below, Gary and Evelyn's "Quaker Christmas II ~ Songs of the Season" \$24, each personalizing it with their own color choices, each stunning. I love this piece but don't even have the first motif completed



Above, "Vietnam Veterans Memorial" by **Fulmer Craft** that is still available ~ it provides an opportunity to "engrave" a loved one's name in the wall ~ we've just contacted the distributor to order this in again, along with others from



Above, "X" marked the spot on Sunday for our Super Bowl Sale ~ I took this photo from our parking lot at around 11 AM



Left, Angelica's completed! "Shores of Hawk Hollow" ~ beautiful and touchingly personalized, honoring her brother!

Below, Cindy's lovely needlebook ready for finishing, "Star Light Sampler Pin Cushion" by *Homespun Elegance* ~ how clever, to make it into a needlebook! The deep red wool for the backing is pictured as well as the Scottish wool for the needlepages.



2012 Stitch-Alongs in the *Ellen Chester/With My Needle* Newsletter



"Rachel Hyde Sampler 1775" from *Threads Through Time*, a favorite of mine for several decades (love those trees ~ and the border ~ and the house) and *Trenner Needleworks'* "Darning Sampler," another one I want to stitch, both are the SAL projects for this year, just announced this week. For Rachel we've almost finalized a conversion from the DMC's to a combination of silks (*Belle Soie, Dinky Dyes, Gumnuts, and Gloriana*); the chart (\$18) + 40c linen (\$20) + silk combo (approx. \$133). For the "Darning Sampler," chart \$10 + 34c Legacy Linen \$5 + 1 AVAS