



THE STITCHING POST

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“Life comes at you fast” (to quote the Nationwide Insurance ad) and that is quite an understated fact! Things in life are often just humming along and seem to be running smoothly (even if it is at the pace of a gazelle and not a snail!). The ‘plate’ keeps piling up and just when you think you’ve reached your limit...there comes more new challenges and bumps in the road. Who knows where they come from, they just appear and plopp themselves on top of the rest of the pile and sit there, sometimes looking ugly and menacing (like the tree branch that falls on the happy guy’s car from that sweet little bluebird in the ad!). When these things happen and the smooth sailing takes a back seat in your life, the best solution for combat and resistance is to pull out your stitching projects. Finish a small area, put in a few rows, sew on the buttons to make your work complete, put together the threads and fabric for a brand new piece you’ve wanted to start. Any of these things will work to help put things back in perspective, de-stress and push forward in a renewed way. There are lots of upcoming spring events to help you re-focus and keep things in your life humming along!



LOOSE FEATHERS CLUB—To celebrate their 6th year of publishing, Blackbird Designs Loose Feathers charts will feature nature and the designers’ love for gardens, birds and the natural world around us. The first piece, **Where My Heart Blooms**, will kick off the 2008 series. At the end of this series, a “mystery” pattern will be offered. From each of the patterns printed this year, motifs will be chosen which, when combined, will make a new sampler. Which ones will be chosen and how will the sampler go together? The mystery will be solved in the final Loose Feather pattern (to be printed in November of 2008). You will need all 6 patterns to make the bonus sampler. A stitching diagram will be provided to show placement of the motifs. If you want to join the

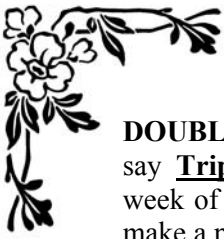
Loose Feathers Club and receive all of these patterns, you will need to let us know NOW so we can order enough for everyone interested. There is no cost to join the club, but signing up commits you to all of the designs for this year (if you have signed up in the past, you will need to sign up again for the 2008 club).

STITCHERS’ NIGHTS—Stitching is just what any good doctor would order to chase away winter blues and welcome springtime! To help you do this we are offering two spring stitching nights. The two nights are: **Saturday, March 8th** and **Saturday, May 10th**, both from **6:30 – 10:30**. Enjoy a light supper and an evening to shop and stitch. Call to reserve a spot—space will be limited and \$12 is due at the time you sign up.



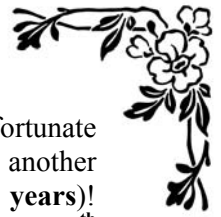
MARCH MADNESS WEEK—St. Patrick’s Day kicks off this week of spring specials! During the week of **March 17th – 22nd**, enjoy crazy savings throughout the shop. Bounce around looking for basketballs and enjoy savings on select items—you’ll have a zany good time and savings that will add up when you shoot your basket to the checkout counter!

SPRING STITCHING RETREAT WEEKEND—There’s still time if you want to join us for our weekend getaway in York, PA! The weekend is **April 12th – 13th** and York is just far enough to get away from phones ringing and interruptions of daily life, but not so far that you have to spend a lot of time traveling! You get to bring whatever you feel like working on and stitch as much as you like for the time you are there—what could be better?!?! Cost for the weekend is \$240 per person, double occupancy and includes: lunch, dinner and lodging on Saturday, a continental breakfast on Sunday, give-aways, goodies, lots of fun with other stitching friends and a relaxing time. Come join us!



DOUBLE & TRIPLE PUNCHES—Did we say **Triple**?!?! We did indeed!! During the week of **April 7th – 12th**, come into the shop to make a purchase and you'll receive a coupon for double punches. If you spend \$50 or more on that purchase (before tax), you'll receive a coupon good for triple punches! Punch coupons may be redeemed the week of **May 12th – 17th**.

ON-LINE SHOW—More and more vendors continue to join this popular internet trade show! Hopefully even more of you, our customers, will do the same since it is a wonderful opportunity to see new designs and designers, as well as a great way for you to let us know if you like what you are seeing! The show will take place **April 16th – 21st** at www.needleworkshow.com. The show begins and ends at **6 PM** on those days. Once you log in, visit the General Viewing area to select the designer whose designs you would like to see. You can place orders and select The Stitching Post to fulfill them or, even easier, make a list and call or e-mail us with your choices and payment information.



ANNIVERSARY SALE—We are fortunate and excited to be celebrating another anniversary at The Stitching Post (**27 years**)! Stop by the shop between **Thursday, April 24th and Saturday, April 26th** to join the celebration. We will have **drawings for discounts** and a **special gift** to commemorate the occasion.

CLEAN SWEEP EVENT—It's time to plan some major cleaning just in time for the next two summer markets. That's right, **TWO!!** Columbus is in June and there will be a new summer market this year (taking the place of the previous Charlotte and Phoenix shows). The new event will be in St. Charles, MO later in the summer. Look for more in future newsletters, but in preparation, we need to concentrate on making room for all of these neat new things! During the week of **May 19th – 24th** we'll offer discounts on select items, savings on fabrics and other specials. You won't want to miss this chance to stock up and plan for your summer vacation stitching, which isn't too far off!

NEW RIGHT NOW

LIZZIE KATE—This year features the Double Flip Flip-Its! Each little leaflet has two designs and two charms—double the fun! They can be stitched individually, all together or in groups of your own choice! **Dream/Love** and **Remember/Give** are the first two in the series; **Be Mine Valentine**

SAMSARAH—A new monthly series called **Baubles**, stitched on Natural/Cream Newport linen and embellished with buttons

MILADY'S NEEDLE—**Quaker Christmas Smalls**, 3 designs that come with a hanger for finishing; **Rejoice** is an angel Christmas ornament; **Winter Sky**

THE VICTORIA SAMPLER—**Welcome Hearts Sampler** is an elegant bellpull that can be stitched in rustic reds or soft Victorian rose; **R is for Runner** is next in the alphabet series, stay tuned for "S"!; **Desert Garden**

JUST NAN—**Memories** is a band sampler with bargello patterns in bright colors; **Florentine Floral**; eight snowmen stitched in two square inches comprise the **Mitten Men**

COUNTRY COTTAGE NEEDLEWORKS—**Cherry Hill**; **Summer Garden** is a pretty pastel garden to chase away those winter blues; **Sweet Treats** is a new thread pack series with Crescent Colours. There are 6 designs, stitched together with a border and buttons from Just Another Button Company. The first block has skeins of floss that are used throughout the rest of the sampler. Sign up to be on automatic for this one—too 'sweet'!!

LAVENDER AND LACE—**Isabella's Garden** is a companion piece to Emma's Garden—this one is a little blonde haired girl in the garden blowing bubbles

MIRABILIA—**Dasher** and **Blitzen** are the next Christmas Eve Couriers



JUST ANOTHER BUTTON COMPANY—

Our favorite button company is doing a monthly teapot series and they are too cute!! Be sure to see the first two done as models in the shop—the teapots are being stitched on the new Weeks Dye Works 30 count hand-dyed linens. These also come in 35 count and there is a wonderful variety of great colors already available.

WEEKS DYE WORKS—Speaking of Weeks Dye Works, they are now going to have a **3 Strand Floss For PUNCHNEEDLE!!** How exciting that ‘punchers’ won’t have to take time to separate threads—and you thought it was already quick?!! These will be 30 yard spools and hopefully they will be available by the Nashville market.

LITTLE HOUSE NEEDLEWORKS—

Schoolgirl Lessons is a monochromatic piece stitched with Crescent Colours Belle Soie; **Night & Day** is the latest in the Simple Sampler line; **Saltbox Seasons** is the newest thread pack series—this group of 4 designs can be stitched together or separately and each comes with 5 skeins of Crescent Colours floss and the chart.

Keep checking in the shop and on the Just Arrived page of the web site for the new things from the Nashville Market. We’ll get things as updated as quickly as possible; feel free to ask us about new things from YOUR favorite designers, as this is the time of year when almost everyone has new and wonderful treasures for your stitching pleasures!!

CLASSES

General class conditions:

- Call or come in to reserve your class. Please do not just show up & assume a spot is available!
- Payment is due for the class one week from the time you sign up for the class.
- If a class does not have enough registrants and is cancelled, the money will be refunded, can be applied for shop credit, or applied to that class at a later time. If you are unable to attend and there is a substitute available, money will be refunded minus a \$5 processing fee.



PUNCHNEEDLE – This fun and easy needlework technique is worked from the back of the fabric using a special needle. This embroidery continues to be a favorite among those who have tried it. It is quick to learn and a lot of fun, so come try your hand at it, expand your needlework repertoire and let us know what you think! Teacher: Melinda Zachary \$20

THURS., MARCH 27th, 6 – 8:00 PM

SAT., MARCH 29th, 10 AM – 12 PM & 1:30 – 3:30 PM



CROSS STITCH 101 – If you’ve done cross stitch before and need a refresher or if you want to try it for the first time, then this class is for you! You’ll get some helpful hints as well as learning how to follow a chart, the threads to use (there is quite a variety now that didn’t exist several years ago!), fabric sizes and other

information while learning the basic stitch. A small project will be started during class – by the time you finish, you’ll be ready for the next step. Teacher: Dianna Heiger \$12

THURS., APRIL 17th, 6:30–8:30 PM



BEGINNING NEEDLEPOINT – During this 2-part class, information and techniques for stitching on canvas will be presented. You’ll learn two of the basic needlepoint stitches (continental and basketweave) allowing you to work on any canvas. After learning the stitches, you will have time during the second half of the class to get help in choosing a canvas and fibers to begin your first piece using these techniques. Another fun “next step” would be to join our Canvas Ornament Club, small designs that finish quickly! Teacher: Carol Toll \$28

SAT., APRIL 19th, 10 AM – 12 PM & 1:30 – 3:30 PM



STITCHING OVER 2 – If you always wanted to work on a higher count of fabric but were afraid to, this class is a great chance to give it a try. Knowledge about linen and evenweave fabrics, as well as helpful tips, will be presented as you stitch on a small project. Teacher: Dianna Heiger \$12

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SNIPPETS

WOODLAWN EXHIBIT - Be sure to visit Woodlawn Plantation in Alexandria, Virginia for the needlework show during the month of **March**. It is a renowned exhibit that is always inspirational, fun to see with stitching friends, and a wonderful way to support the needlearts in our area.

TRUNK SHOWS - The TSP employees have decided to do another trunk show! This time the collection will feature the designs of **Little House Needleworks** and **Country Cottage Needleworks**. This mother and daughter designer have won the hearts of many with their special pieces and we hope you enjoy our display during the month of **May**!

STITCH 'N PITCH - Stitch N' Pitch brings together two wonderful traditions – Baseball and the Needlearts. Major League Baseball (MLB) and The National Needlearts Association (TNNA) hold Stitch N' Pitch events in each team's home town. Fans sit together in a special section, work on their cross-stitch, needlepoint, embroidery, crochet or knitting projects, cheer on their favorite team, and celebrate the needlearts. These events attract a unique mix of folk — men, women, boys, girls, old, young, stitchers and baseball fans. At each ballpark, there is a Stitch N'

Pitch Expo that may include demonstrations, giveaways or contests. Stitch 'N Pitch is one of TNNA's successful outreach programs that creates high visibility of the needlearts within the general public. The event is fun and quirky and gets us some important and much needed recognition. Watch the next newsletter for more and plan to join us sometime during the baseball season for stitching and a game at Camden Yards!

MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS - Our models are displayed throughout the shop for inspiration and to allow everyone to see finished pieces. We sell them after a period of time for fund raising events. When some of these models “disappear” from our walls, we all suffer. We lost several before the Holidays and appreciate any assistance if you notice any happenings.

Please remember that the back room of the shop is a place for meetings, classes and the daily running of the shop. All of our employees are very knowledgeable and helpful, so please consult with them on the floor before distracting anyone or interrupting an event in the back room.

