

# Inspired Needle News

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## News of Note:

- Inspired Needle will be exhibiting at Celebration of Needlework in Nashua, NH, April 28 thru May 2, 2010 Visit [www.celebrationofnw.com](http://www.celebrationofnw.com) for class and teacher listings and mall hours!

## • Shop Hours:

Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat 10-4

Tuesday 10-8

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## Spring Ahead, Pressing Forward

One of my favorite seasons is Spring. I love the newness of nature after the frozen cold of Winter. It starts out with the return of the birds. You can hear the chirping in the morning. Soon after, you can look at the trees and see little leaf buds ready to break open. The dormant grass begins to green and sneaky, Spring bulbs start pushing forth their leaves. All of this is beautiful, but my all-time favorite part of Spring is the music. "What music", you ask? Drive or walk past any little pond or body of water and you will hear the symphony of froggie sounds. The first species you will hear is the Spring Peeper with its

tiny, high-pitched peep. I love to drive through the woods with the windows down, listening to all the croaking and ribbiting going on. Another critter to watch for is the bunny. Not the Easter Bunny, but the soft, downy, brown ones scurrying around your backyard. Be sure to keep the pooch in the house, away from the helpless creatures until they can scamper to safe territory.

Spring. It's filled with new possibilities. It's almost like New Year's resolu-



What kind of shoes do frogs wear?  
Open toad!

tions and Birthday Wishes all rolled into one. We start shedding the old, worn-out stuff and look for some clean, colorful additions to

spruce up our homes. Springtime also brings a plethora of new stitching designs to the shop. Easter chicks, bunnies, florals and soft, pastel colors abound. Take a look through the shop for something Springy to inspire you.

May Easter blessings be with you and your family this season.

## Primitive Needle Trunk Show

The Primitive Needle, known for "all things Halloween" designs, will be the trunk show in the shop during the month of April. Designer Lisa Roswell has a distinctive



look to her designs; they are slightly muted, a lot primitive and they make you pause and think. Lisa is a wonderfully, creative artist and you will find yourself studying all

the little motifs found in many of her charts. There will be over 50 models on display. Come on out for some WiCKeD fun!!



## TNNA Needs Your Input—You Get a Chance to Win \$!

The National NeedleArts Association (TNNA) is looking for your needlearts expertise, whether you are a beginner or an expert! They are asking for each stitcher to complete the 2010 NeedleArts survey at [www.Needlearts2010.net](http://www.Needlearts2010.net). This survey is only conducted every few years. Your input is very important and will be included in a published national report.

This 10-minute survey asks about your experiences with the needlearts you enjoy: crochet, cross-stitch, em-

broidery, knitting or needlepoint. Let TNNA know which types of projects you prefer, the kinds of new products you want and what you'd like to see needlearts shops do better.

Your answers are anonymous. No one will use your survey responses to market to you.

In return for your participation, you will receive valuable benefits:

⇒ Gain a chance to win one of five \$100 needlearts gift certificates.

⇒ Ensure stores and suppliers provide what you want.

⇒ Explore your needlearts interests.

The survey is sponsored by TNNA, a business organization dedicated to supporting the needlearts community. Hart Business Research is conducting this survey for TNNA and compiling the results into a major national report, The State of Specialty Needlearts 2010. Please complete the survey right away as it will close April 19, 2010.

## Online Needlework Show

Yes, it's that time again! Time to kick back and relax and attend the world's most laid-back trade show. No need to travel anywhere. You can sit down at your computer, log onto the Needlework show and start browsing the newest needlework offerings. All it takes is a few mouse clicks and your time. You make a list as you browse of

the items you'd like to purchase and then submit your list to your local needlework shop. Your shop collects orders and then at the close of the show, they place the orders with the various vendors who then ship their products to your local



Save the dates: April 15 to 20, 2010

shops. You then receive a phone call that your order is ready and you can stop at your shop and pick it up. How easy is that? Don't forget the address: [www.needleworkshow.com](http://www.needleworkshow.com)

The show is open 24/7 starting at 2pm on April 15 through midnight April 20.

## Fridays are Fun When They are FUNdays!

It all started with a Friday stitching gathering to help promote literacy by creating bookmarks. One person was interested in attending the get-together, another wanted to but had a previous engagement that afternoon, and so on. What we've discovered is that there is a need for a daytime

stitching group here at the shop. We'd like to extend the invitation to those of you that can attend on the 2nd Friday of every month, a chance to meet other like-minded needleworkers in a relaxing environment for several hours of stitching enjoyment, hereby known as Friday



FUNdays! The time will be 11a to 3p or any fraction of time within those hours.

All that is required is your current stitching project, yourself and a big smile! Table, lighting and small talk provided. The next few Friday FUNdays are April 9, May 14 and June 11.

## Class Schedule

*Beginning Needle Felting Saturday, April 3, from 11a-12p*  
Debbie will lead you step-by-step in this *FUN and quick class.*

You will learn how to needle felt a small, wearable pin using a single felting needle, a stencil, wool roving and some wool backing. Sew a pin backing to the wool and you have a wonderful, handmade pin that will surely receive loads of compliments from your friends. Time allotted for class will allow you to completely finish either one of the



Felted "star" and "heart" wearable pins

felted pins pictured. Class fee \$10 plus supplies.

Call or email to reserve your class space.

*Biscornu Finishing Saturday, April 24 from 11a-2p* Are you intimidated by those lovely, little tuffets? Would you like to stitch one but are unsure how to do the assembly? The finishing is quite simple...really! Carol will work with you to put together your stitched biscornu in an easy-to-replicate finishing technique. You should bring to class your stitched pieces (top and bottom of

biscornu), coordinating floss, 2 center buttons, a long, thin darning needle and straight pins. Optional pretties for your biscornu are seed beads for a beaded edge. Class fee is \$10.

*Cording & Tassels Saturday, May 8 from 11a-1p* Learn how to give the perfect finishing touch to your needlework by making your own twisted cording and tassels. No need to buy prefinished when all it takes is some fiber and a few minutes of your time! Bring floss and perle cotton and an idea of a project you'd like to finish. Class fee is \$10.

## Just Nan Humbug for Spring

*Spring Frills*, the new 2010 Humbug, will be released later this month. Stitched on 28 count Zweigart Lavender Whisper Cashel linen, this Humbug is a fresh glimpse of Spring colors. Included in the kit is a Crystal Tulip Pin which features a gold filigree tulip centered with a crystal ball. The pin is finished with ame-

thyst and topaz flowers and a green glass bead.

Other recent items from Nan are *Leave It Green*, a beautiful sampler stitched on 32 count Zweigart Spring Garden Breakfast linen, *Tea With Honey*, a pretty pin cushion cube with Tea



Party Pin Set, *Pretty Winder Pocket*—stitch this lovely pocket to house your *Vintage Thread Winder* and *Pinkie* (pink), *Lila* (purple) and *Daisy* (yellow) *Needle Tweets*, a safe haven for your favorite needles!

## The 3/50 Project and “Last Word on Pennies”

You may have heard about The 3/50 Project, perhaps not. The project is a nationwide push for individuals to support local business.

The scenario goes like this: choose 3 independently owned businesses you would miss if they disappeared. Determine to spend \$50 each month in those 3 local



business. Think of the revenue generated in our country if only half the population participated! For every \$100 spent locally, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. Now that's paying it forward! Read more about it at [www.the350project.net](http://www.the350project.net).

A great blog post by Tricia Wilson Nguyen of Thistle Threads can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/yzzm8bp> (Or, <http://www.thistle-threads.com/blog/> and scroll to March 24 entry) Again, the post encourages us to support our local shops, regardless of the craft. Supporting our local shops now will only benefit us in the future!

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## What's New At the Shop

**SamSarah Designs** A Dozen  
Buzzin's for March, R is for Robin

**Cross Stitch & Needlework Magazine** May 2010 issue

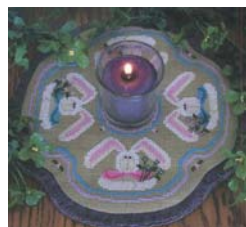
**Valley House Primitives** frames for  
Queen's Sampler, Queen's Crowns  
and Sarah Talbot 1787

**The Stitchworks** Cupcake Celebration  
America, Grandparents, Hop  
Hop Away

**Prairie Grove Peddler**  
Shamrocks and Bunnies  
Little Candle Mats

**Glory Bee** BYOB Easter

**Little House Needle-  
works** Winter Sheep



Prairie Grove Peddler "Bunnies"  
Little Cadle Mats

**My Big Toe** A New Day, Black-  
bird's Garden, Cast All Your  
Cares, Little Froggy Fob

**Heart In Hand** Leggy  
Lineup: Leprechaun, Wee  
One: Spring Day

**The Trilogy** Reunion of Hearts,  
Plant Hope, Easter Treat

**Little By Little** Chilly Frillys, Alpha-  
bet Piddlings ABCD and EFG, Bee  
Story, Quaker Faith

**Blue Ribbon Designs** #3 in  
the SYHO Series, Estab-  
lished With Love

**Stony Creek Stand-Ups**  
Sweet Dreams, Don't



Glendon Place "Dance of the  
Tulips"

Worry, An Old Bear, Love,  
Kids Hoopla

**The Sampler Girl** To Mar-  
ket To Market

**The Workbasket** Mari-  
time Quakers, Sunnyside & Sun  
Sampler

**Glendon Place** Dance of the Tulips

**Homespun Elegance** I Love Spring,  
Have Ye Any Wool, Special Ladies

**Sue Hillis Designs** Cluttered  
Kitchen, Strong Women

**Country Stitches~With Thy Needle**  
Springtime Social

**Imaginating** Spring Showers