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August Trunkshow “JBW Designs”

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For the month of August, Inspired Needle is host to a JBW trunkshow. If you’re in the area, stop by to see all the wonderful JBW models. Designer Judy Whitman of JBW has a knack for creating wonderful “Sweet Nothings” and finishing them in such a unique fashion. Her newest charts, Christmas Tree Collection I and II are fun little Christmas trees that are finished into triangular ornaments. Look closely at Collection I and you will see trees within a tree or hearts within a tree. Collection II depicts the alphabet tucked within the

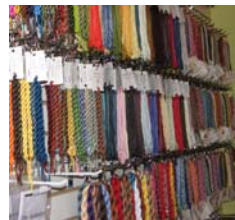
boughs with tiny candles on each branch tip. The other tree is home to a couple of cardinals. Other new releases from Judy are Wedding Pillow, Alphabet Pumpkin, The Sister Purse and My Shopping Hat. Wedding Pillow would make a lovely heirloom for that special wedding couple. The other charts hide an alphabet or phrase within the design. Judy is also known for her “French Country” designs which cover bunnies and other pets, fruits, winter mittens, Christmas stockings and other familiar shapes. The great thing about



these small charts is that they are quick to stitch, yet have a big impact. One stitcher is stitching several of the animals on individual panels and then hanging with a ribbon. These will adorn the wall of a baby’s room. What creative themes can you come up with? For some inspiration, the models will be on display. The timeless creativity of Judy will be sure to give you an idea or two to create your own Sweet Something!

The Wall of Fibers

You probably know that Inspired Needle carries the basics in fibers, DMC and Anchor cotton floss and DMC perle. We also carry full lines of Weeks Dye Works overdyed floss and pearl cotton, The Gentle Art



floss, pearl cotton and Belle Soie silks. Did you also

Sampler Threads and Crescent Colours overdyed

know we carry NPI, Dinky-Dye, Gloriana, Silk N’ Color, Silk Mori, Milkpaint, Soie d’Alger, Soie de Paris, Soie 100/3, Soie Perlee and fibers from Rainbow Gallery, Olde Willow Stitchery, Kreinik and The Caron Collection?

Vintage Halloween Stockings by Blackbird Designs

Following on the heels of the monthly stocking success will be a set of 13 vintage Halloween stockings. This chart is due out mid-August. You may have already received an email from us telling about the pre-order. These stockings are sure to be a hit; the response to the new design has been overwhelming! The fabric used for the models is R&R Café Kona, 18th Century Brown and a



Summer Iris by Blackbird Designs

new shade, Witches Brew. All fabrics are 30 count. Threads used for the stockings are Weeks Dye Works, Gentle Art and Crescent Colours. While we don't have any pictures yet of the little socks, we're sure they will be stitchy-pleasers in true Blackbird fashion. Watch the "New Products" listing on the website (www.inspiredneedle.com) as the charts will be uploaded as soon as they arrive. And, if you're on the pre-order list, you will receive a phone call or email just as soon as they get here.

Also new in the shop is Summer Iris. The pincushion and strawberry are the latest in the Reward of Merit series. Alma of Blackbirds Designs recently created a cute magnetic needle holder using a picture of this design. She lists all the step-by-step "how-to" instructions on her blog. It's a simple thing to create using this design or any one of your favorites and a magnetic strip. Check out <http://blackbird-designs.blogspot.com> for complete details.

Custom Needlework Framing & Finishing

Do you have finished needlework but it is lying about in a drawer, a plastic tomb or an under-the-bed storage container? Why procrastinate any longer? Bring it in to the shop and let us help you pick out a frame, mats, glass and finally get that prized needleart mounted and displayed in a prominent place in

your home! We are all guilty of stitching and then shoving our work into a drawer. Are you looking for different finishing ideas? Come out with your finished needlework and

ask us for some help on how to assemble the piece into a work of art.

If you'd rather not do it yourself, we can finish it for you! Whether 3-D or framed, get your stitching out into the open where you can enjoy it everyday!

"Is your needlework encased in a plastic tomb or an under-the-bed storage container???"

Open Stitch Night

Calling all stitchers! Based on the growing popularity of this event, we are starting a 2nd evening of Open Stitch Night every month! Beginning with August, we will host an evening with



friends, laughter and refreshments on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. You don't need to bring anything other than yourself. Meet new stitching friends or renew friendships with old ones. We all share the

love of the needle and what better way to relax than plying the needle with kindred spirits. Dates this month: August 4 and 18th. Mark your calendar, bring your needlework, (a small light if needed) and bring a friend!

Jeannette Douglas Designs

Jeannette Douglas Designs “My Stitching Album” is an 8-Chapter work of art that features a new stitch for every journal page. The latest Chapter showcases the Hungarian stitch and is shown worked in warm purples and greens. Each stitched page, when assembled, houses a pocket on the reverse side. You can tuck stitch-



My Stitching Album Chapter 6—Hungarian Harmony

ing treasures in each pocket; a needle minder, thread winder, mother-of-pearl ruler or other needle-work memorabilia. There are two more chapters to be released, Rhodes Rhapsody in September and Herringbone Hour in November. If you are currently working on this stitching journal but would



My Stitching Album Front and Back Covers

like to socialize with a group of other stitchers, come join us monthly on Sunday afternoons. Our next JDD workshop is Sunday, August 16 from 1p—5pm. No matter what Chapter you are currently stitching, you’re not behind! Several in our group have not made it past the front cover! Join us for inspiration and motivation at this no-cost workshop.

Meet 'N Greet ('N Punch).....

Erin Dekker Raatjes of Myrtle Grace Motifs will be in the shop on Saturday, August 15 from 11a—3p to promote her new cross stitch designs. These small folksy charts were originally designed for punch



Faith Hope Love new cross-stitch design by Myrtle Grace Motifs

needle but just recently Erin has re-charted them for cross stitch! The new designs are currently in the shop so even if you can't come meet Erin in person, you'll be able to see her exciting new models on display!

In addition, if you want to

see Erin's punch needle models side-by-side next to the new cross stitch models, those will be at the shop, too! Erin will be demonstrating how to punch for those that are interested in learning. Feel free to stop in to chat with Erin, see punching in action and perhaps ask her to autograph a pattern or two!

New Items in the Shop

My Big Toe: This Too Shall Pass, Happiness, The Work of Christmas
 Carriage House Samplings: Frederika, Ravens & Pumpkins & Cats, Oh My
 Rosewood Manor: Sailing Ships Sampler
 Queenstown Sampler: Corsica River Sampler
 Sam Sarah: The Witch's Hat, The Witch's

Broom, Tin Kits
 Just Another Button Co: Pin sets!, Boys Are Back in Town
 Papillon Creations: The King's Pleasure, Heatwave, Mary Queen of Scots
 Wendy KC Designs: Bee's Garden Stitching



Bee's Garden Stitching Accessories by Wendy KC Designs

Accessories and More Stitching Accessories in the Bee's Garden
 Jeannette Douglas Designs: Take Time to Scrapbook chart & fiber pack
 Praiseworthy Stitches: Flower Song
 Prairie Schooler: Limited Edition Must Be Santa kit

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Educational Lineup!

Refresh your skills of stitching on linen with over-dyed threads. The class piece is your choice of Country Cottage Needleworks "Bumblebee", "Butterfly", "Dragonfly" or "Ladybug" Garden Party series designs. Carol will explain how to get started stitching on the fabric, the proper way to start and stop a thread, various ways to stitch with over-dyed threads to achieve different variations of color and loads of other tips and tricks.



Choose one of the garden insects above

The class will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 11am to 1pm. The class fee is \$20 which includes your pattern, fabric, threads and needle. Please bring paper and pencil for note taking and a pair of sharp embroidery scissors.

Stitching Sisters, unite! Join Carol for a spectacularly, stunning session, stitching on a Sampler of sassy stitches, all starting with the letter "S". Sounds stupendous! Take the scariness out of specialty stitches as Carol gently guides you to execute



Victoria Sampler's Alphabet Series "S is for Stitcher"

Straight, Spot, Shadow, Satin, Spider's Web, Sham, Smyrna and other stitches. The earthy, yet vibrant color palette will be sure to please you as you feast your eyes upon the luscious over-dyed silks and beads. The fabric is a neutral 28 count Platinum Cashel linen. You may finish it hemstitched into a bellpull as shown, stitch a border around it or simply frame it.

The 1st session class will be Saturday, August 22, from 2pm to 4pm. The class fee which includes all supplies is approx \$70. Please call or email to reserve your spot! 2nd session is Saturday, Sept 12 from 2pm to 4pm.