

Inspired Needle News

Special Store Hours for November:

- The shop will be **closed** for the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 26, 27, 28 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). Please make a note of these dates to avoid any disappointments! We wish you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!

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Happy Birthday Inspired Needle!

Yes, Inspired Needle is one-year old on November 8th! It's truly so hard to believe that an entire year has passed since that opening day. What started as a pipe-dream has grown into a full-fledged dose of reality, filled with daily objectives and weekly goals. And that's not it! I have plans for this little respite from the daily grind. I want this shop to be a haven, YOUR haven, where you can come to chat, come to see what's new in the industry and mostly, come to unwind. I would love nothing more than to have YOU stop in to sit down at the back table

as if YOU lived here, unpack your stitching and set to work. My dream is to have an atmosphere similar to that of a stitcher's retreat, where you can feel the excitement buzzing and stitchers are sharing techniques and helping each other with color choices....and you've only met 30 minutes earlier. I'd like YOU to feel like you've stopped at home; the only thing missing will be the slippers. Well, maybe. I've seen stitchers at the shop with slippers (usually at our Sunday afternoon stitch-a-longs).

So, that is my goal. I have a few obstacles to overcome, something that a few hundred extra feet of space might cure, but we're working on that. In the meantime, a great, BIG THANK YOU to each and every one of you that have made my dream a REALITY. I am serious when I say, "I love my job" because a smile crosses my face every day when I walk in the shop. Here's to "goals" and the next 365 days!



Ribbon cutting ceremony with Lemont Chamber members.

Earn Inspired Needle Cash!

To thank you all for your support and encouragement during the past year, we'd like to extend an opportunity to win some CASH. We all like \$\$, but we have some funny-looking cash we'd like to share. Starting on No-



vember 8th (1st Anniversary) through the end of the month, with every \$50 purchase, you can earn \$10 Inspired Needle (IN) Cash. The IN-Cash is redeemable only during the month of

December and purchases to earn the IN-Cash are not eligible for Inspired Needle Reward points. See page 3 for complete IN-Cash details or check the front page of the website at <http://inspiredneedle.com>

What's A Birthday Without Presents?

To make for a fun celebration, many of Inspired Needle's vendors have been sending in kits, charts, thread packs and other items suitable for door prizes. Many items carry auto-graphs to boot! Each week during the month of November, there will be drawings for these goodies. Each purchase, whether in the store, via telephone, email or online, will be entered into the weekly drawing. If you are an online customer and your name is pulled, we'll ship out your prize. The items will be random and we'll probably do something like

this: we'll pick up a door prize, say a chart from XYZ Designer and then pull a name from the bowl of entries. After the drawing that week, the bowl gets emptied and the purchases from the next week get put into the bowl. This will continue through the end of the month and until all the door prizes have been given away.

If you do win a door prize, please take the time to thank our generous



Each purchase during November will enter your name into a door prize drawing.

vendors (we can provide a contact email for each vendor): Cathy Jean Designs, Fern Ridge Collections, The Gentle Art, JBW Designs, Jeannette Douglas Designs, Just Nan Designs, Lizzie*Kate, Rosewood Manor, Sam Sarah Design Studio, The Sweetheart Tree, The Victoria Sampler and others

Thank you for your continued support of Inspired Needle! Good luck, we hope you all win a prize!

Wall of Fame!

My dear customers, each day at the shop is a different adventure. Some days I only see a couple people; other days there are a bunch. One common theme prevails. You are all working on some project; whether you're picking up additional items for a WIP or you could be getting the chart, fabric and fibers for a

completely new design that has called your name. The point I'm making is that I see all the "parts" to the project, but rarely the finished result. If you do have a completely

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stitched design, we'd love to see a picture of it! Bring in your photos (or I'll scan the item) to the shop so it can be added to the Wall of Fame! We want to show off your stitching works of art so they may inspire others!

No Loss of Memory

The newest fiber released from DMC Corporation is Color Infusions Memory Thread. This is a specialty thread that adds color, dimension and texture to many types of needlework. It can be easily shaped and



formed to add dimension, embellish or highlight key areas of stitching. Memory Thread is a soft, fiber-wrapped copper wire that is color fast, fade-resistant and acid free. Shown in the

photo, Turquoise Memory Thread was couched to outline the butterfly wings and Brown Memory Thread was used for the curly antennae. To download your own butterfly pattern, visit http://www.dmc-usa.com/mjRS/1/doc/USA_Color_Infusions/Flying_3D_Butterfly_copy.pdf

Back to School (Stitching School!)

November 21, Saturday, from 11a-1p
Join Carol as she teaches you the tips and tricks to stitching with over-dyed floss on your selection of one of two designs from "Button Up For Christmas #2" by Cathy Jean (of Victoria Sampler). Choose either a chubby, cinnamon gingerbread guy or a heavenly, homespun angel with golden wings. Carol will help you with a few spe-



Button Up For Christmas

cialty stitches that are charted and take the fear out of the buttonhole edging that is used to attach your linen to the ground fabric.

December 12, Saturday from 11a-1p Do you have a stack of Christmas ornaments you would love to hang on your tree but don't know how to finish them? Join Carol as she teaches you a few simple techniques to get those stitched ornaments out

of the drawer and onto the tree! Carol will explain a simple whipped/joined edge and a nun-stitch edge. Bring a stitched, yet unassembled, ornament to class. For the whipped edge, you will need the same size piece of linen for the backing along with a ribbon or cording to hang. You can also learn to make matching cording to attach to your ornament and use as a hanger. For the nun-stitch edge ornament, bring a stitched piece and a ribbon to hang. You will leave class with your ornament ready to hang!

Back to School (Finishing School)

Saturday, November 14, from 11a-1p Ornament finishing with shapes. Start with the basics; square and round. Learn to mount your stitched ornament onto a piece of mat board



Square, rectangular or round shape ornament finishing.

and finish with a coordinating ribbon or cording hanger. Bring to class a stitched, unassembled ornament and complimentary fabric. Mat board and other tools will be provided. You will leave class with your assembled ornament.

December 4, Friday, from 11a-1p Continuing with shapes. Bring a b&w photo copy of your stitched piece and your stitched ornament! CarolS will guide you on how to put together an irregular-shaped ornament. A new finishing technique with ruched ribbon will be taught. Bring backing fabric and ribbon.

Get the Cash that's "IN"

To thank you for your patronage of Inspired Needle, we are offering \$10 "IN" Cash with every purchase of \$50 from November 8 through November 30. How does it work?
~Make a single purchase of \$50 (before tax and shipping) between

Nov 8 and Nov 30
~Purchases that receive "IN" Cash are not eligible for Reward Points
~Purchases can be in multiples of \$50. i.e. a \$100 purchase before tax and shipping will earn \$20 "IN" Cash



~"IN" Cash must be redeemed during December 2009 with a purchase of \$10 or more. Tax and shipping is additional
~Email and online purchases will still be accepted from Nov 27 thru Nov 30 and eligible for "IN" Cash

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May your needle be inspired!

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What's New At the Shop

Stickideen von der Wiehenburg

Dragonfly Quaker, Butterfly Quaker,
Spot Sampler Lissy

Northern Expressions Needleart

Celtic Leaves

Ink Circles Mother
Maya, Quaker Geo-
metric Puzzle, Quaker
Floral Puzzle, Celtic
Quilts: Kentucky, The
Bramble and the
Rose, Namaste,
Tanglewood



Midnight In The Garden

Sampler Cove Dido, Leona, Mid-
night In The Garden

Lilli Soleil Barok 3, In The Middle
of the Valley, Plumetis, The Bride's

Bouquet, Triffle

Long Dog Samplers Froth and
Bubble II

Marie Suarez The Heart of the
Embroiderer

Bent Creek Big Round Zip-
per Flower Hill, Ghostie
Manor, O Christmas Squirrel, Uber
Turkey

Jardin Prive Douceur de Vivre, Style
Quaker, Friendship Is Made, No Day
Without Stitching

Enchanted Fabrics Celadon Flair,
Champagne Cocktail Flair, Dark
Fury, Dragon's Mist, Fall Foliage,
Midnight Fantasy, Sahara, Witches



Brew

The Drawn Thread Heart
Song, Pumpkin Pocket, Toccata
Number Five

Mul- **Shepherd's Bush** A

Haunting We Will Go kit
and Decoupage Box, Holly
& The Ivy, Jeffrey's Stocking, Holy
Night, Spooky Night

With My Needle A Multiplication
Table Exemplar, Family Ties, My
Needle's Worke Box

ThreadworX overdyed floss in 5
yard skeins

Sampler & Antique Needlework
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