

# Inspired Needle News

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## News of Note:

- Jane Greenoff trunk show now in the shop
- Shop Hours:  
Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat 10-4  
Tuesday 10-8

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## Farewell, Summer

We are in the final dog days of summer. School is starting in district after district. It makes me thankful that I am no longer a student! So sorry to all the teachers out there. Your carefree, wistful days are gone and now it's back to the chalk-

board. As with many other parts of the country, we have been enduring record high temperatures but I'm not complaining. I know all too well that

snowdrifts and sub-zero temps are just around the corner. For now, though, I will enjoy the last of the warm weather. My favorite season, Autumn, will be

here. I love the changing leaves and the cooler weather, the smell of a crackling fire, as long as it belongs to someone else and I don't have to sit around it (a little camping joke)!

There are lots of new fall designs that have shown up in the shop. If



Enjoy the last few days of summer before the cool, autumn days set in.

you love spooky designs or cute pumpkins and scarecrows, you will be sure to find something here that

strikes your fancy.

Why not try something new? There are several interesting techniques, such as appliqué, felting, embroidery, crewel, redwork, canvaswork, hardanger.....vow to try a new type of needlework this season. You might just find a new passion that will keep you stitching right through the season to winter!



You might remember the Garden Tuffet piece I showed in a previous newsletter. Here is the assembled biscornu!

## Crescent Color Price Increase

Shop owners have been informed of a price increase on Crescent Colours silk threads, effective September 1, 2010. Due to the higher prices of base thread, dyes



and shipping costs, it was necessary to raise the prices.

Stock up now if you have a project for which you need fibers.

New prices for the Belle Soie are \$7.50 per five-yard skein.

This price increase applies only to the silk. The other threads will not be affected.

# Jane Greenoff Mini Trunkshow

Now on display in the shop are some beautiful band samplers designed by Jane Greenoff of The Cross Stitch Guild. These samplers were graciously loaned to the shop by a friend. Yes, that's right. Not several friends; just one! She is quite the prolific stitcher.

Jane Greenoff is a self-taught stitcher and designer. After giving up her career to care for her son, she and her husband moved to a new home and Jane set about to look for something to decorate the walls. Finding only antique samplers she could not afford, she decided to design and



"Forty Stitches" by Jane Greenoff; "Silverwood" is pictured to the right.

stitch her own.

Jane also has quite a writing career. She has authored over 20 stitch books which include *The Best of Jane Greenoff's Cross Stitch*, *The Cross Stitcher's Bible* and *The Cross Stitch Guild Design and Pattern Book on DVD*, a joint venture with Sue Hawkins.

Jane founded the Cross Stitch Guild in March 1996, to provide an organization for cross stitch and counted thread addicts. She offers

a members-only area on her website, [www.thecrossstitchguild.com](http://www.thecrossstitchguild.com), which gives access to thread color converters, stitch diagrams, free charts, technical information and various articles.

If Jane didn't live in the UK, we'd have her here for a workshop as her designs are amazing! Please take the opportunity to come out and see these beautiful samplers. It is sure to be a treat to your eyes and you will say, "I want to stitch that!"



## Sampler Cove

Many of you have drooled over the various European designs that are here in the shop. Several of you have added "Spanish Bleu" by Sampler Cove to your sampler collection. Recently



"Spanish Bleu" by Sampler Cove

shipped to the shop is "Spanish Rouge". These two designs would make quite a striking wall display. They are similar in design, yet slightly different. These companion pieces each have a design area of 10" x 15-3/4" when stitched on 36 count linen. Threads used are Au Ver A Soie, Needle-



"Spanish Rouge" by Sampler Cove

point Inc and Gloriana silks. Each design only uses two colors! Don't care for the blue or red? Choose your own favorite colors.

## Lakeside Linens Specials for Carriage House

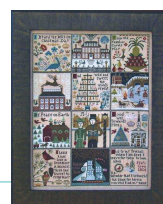
Lakeside Linens has offered special linen cuts for all the Hawk Run Hollow patterns released by Carriage House Designs. Due to Kathy Barrick's retirement, Lakeside Linens will be discontinuing custom cuts for these designs. The last day to order any of these special sized cuts will be November



30. That means, if you wish to stitch one of these pieces, order your fabric now! Once this date passes, you'll still be able to order the fabric but as a stitcher's half, 27" x 36". So, don't delay and get your order in quick. We all know how nerve-racking it is to hunt down sup-

plies for an OOP chart...the wait is sometimes interminable!

Speaking of Carriage House, we still have many of Kathy's designs in stock. Inquire with us if you're wishing you had picked up one of her charts before she retired!



# “Count Me Inspired” Needlework Retreat

This has been quite the labor of love. So many of you have asked if I plan on holding a retreat. Here's the answer. Yes. I have been having quite the time trying to locate a suitable retreat space. Either the space is too small, too far, too expensive or for non-profit's only. I've checked with hotels, bed & breakfast facilities, retreat centers, you name it. I never realized how many retreat places are out there!



Need a get-away from the day to day?

Unfortunately, many

of the really great retreat centers are fully booked through the remainder of the year, so I will do a bit more research and book one of them for 2011. However, I will do my very best to get a location for a retreat this fall but it may have to be at a hotel and not a place specializing in retreats for groups. My preference is the end of October or beginning of November but seeing how those dates are a mere eight weeks away, it may not be feasible.

If you have been to a wonderful retreat, be it

needlework, quilting, scrapbooking or spiritual and you're willing to share the information, I'd appreciate it if you would contact me with the name of the facility. It is possible I've not discovered that place yet. Ideally, I'd like the location to be within a three-hour drive of Lemont, IL. It is fun to get away, but we don't need to spend half a day doing it!

If you've never been on a needlework retreat, now's the time to consider joining us when we get it scheduled. We will notify everyone of the dates, once we make a selection.

## Class Schedule

*Ornament Finishing, Tuesday, October 26, from 6p-8p* Just in time for those Halloween ornaments or to get you started on Christmas. Bring in some small stitched designs to assemble into ornaments. Instructor CarolS will gently guide you through the process of creating square, rectangular and irregular-shaped ornaments. Learn tricks on how to finish off the ornament us-

ing ribbons, cording and other fun trims. If you don't have a design stitched that you can practice with, bring a blank piece of fabric or linen and just come to learn the process. Supplies you will need to bring: stitched design, coordinating cotton backing fabric or linen, thread or other fibers to use



Learn how to finish shaped ornaments

for the trim and loop of the ornament, ball pins or flat head straight pins with sequins (if desired as trim), sharp scissors, buttons, beads or other embellishments, needles, ruler, paper and pen for note taking. The inserts, batting and glue for your ornaments will be provided. Class fee \$15.

## Limited Edition Halloween Garden

Pictured here is the latest offering from The Primitive Needle. This cute little sampler is only available to shop owners attending the St. Charles Needlework Market later this month. Fortunately, I will be attending and plan on bringing home some of these little pretties.



Halloween Garden by The Primitive Needle

The scene shows a little grey-haired witch watering all the flowers and pumpkins in her garden. There are other small motifs, several keys and the alphabet. If you are sure you want this little kit, send me an email and I'll put you on the list. I will bring

back a few extra kits for those undecided, but the only way to guarantee one for yourself will be to call or email me. Available with either 30 or 35 count Weeks Dye Works Putty linen, please specify which count you prefer. If you stitch quickly, you may just be able to have this one done in time for Halloween.

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## What's New At the Shop

***Ink Circles*** SYHO Florin

***Just Cross Stitch Christmas Ornament Magazine***

***Lila's Studio*** Flower Patch II

***Sampler Cove*** Amtrack, Songkran, Spanish Rouge

***Lizzie Kate*** Socks & Underwear Annual Santa 2010, Autumn Fab Fob, Sampling Thanksgiving Quick-it, Be Naughty, Tiny Tidings XV, Christmas Rules "Give Santa" & "Keep Schedule"

***Victoria Sampler*** Santa's Village, Fabulous Tassels (Beautiful Finishing 5), Tiny Pack for Tudor Tassel from



Little House Needleworks "The Family Sampler"

JCS ornament magazine

***Cathy Jean Designs*** Tiny Pack for Robin from JCS ornament magazine and Boo Bunny Halloween Ornament, A Time for Thanks"

***Bent Creek*** The Friendship Tree, Halloween Branch, I Boon-lieve, A Gift For You ornament kit

***Erica Michaels*** A Family Sampler, Second Spring, Trick or Treat

***Homespun Elegance*** Witchville, Snowmen 'A Gathering, Pomegranate Christmas



Lila's Studio "Flower Patch II"

***Blackbird Designs*** Swan Lake; Anniversaries of the Heart #7

***Country Cottage Needleworks*** Gold Cottage from the Fall Festival Series, Peter Peter

Pumpkin Eater, Little Miss Muffet

***Little House Needleworks*** The Family Sampler

***Picture This Plus*** Hand-dyed fabric "Cauldron" & "Solar"

***Cross Eyed Cricket*** The Master & The Macabre, Autumn, Winter, Fresh From The Oven

***Primitive Bettys*** Wicked Notions