

Inspired Needle News

Special Store Hours for January:

- Starting January 1, 2010, there will be a change in business hours. On Thursday we will no longer be open until 8pm. The new hours on Thursday will be 10a to 4p.
- Shop Hours:
Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat 10-4
Tue 10-8

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Happy New Year!

Hello, my festive friends. I hope this finds you content and full of fond memories of this past Christmas. Hopefully Santa brought you all lots of free time to stitch! I didn't pull thread through fabric much at all....we had out of town family visiting and we left plenty of time to play with the kids. I have been out blog-hopping and see that many of you had some great finishes for 2009. Lot of lovely pieces were photographed. I wish you a stack full of framed and assembled stitchery for 2010.

So, who is up for resolutions? I generally don't make resolutions at the

beginning of the year. Rather, I set goals for myself all throughout the year. I have some new software I want to purchase and learn how to use. I have a big road trip coming up in April that I need to prepare for. I have some stitched pieces that I want to frame and some smalls that I want to put together so I can quit dreaming about how pretty they are and actually start looking at and using them everyday.

How about you? Have you

made any New Year's resolutions? There are some stitching groups

here at the shop that get together once a month to work on a special project. If

you don't have a group that is local to you, find one friend or internet stitching buddy that can keep you accountable. The hardest part for me with resolutions is not how to stick to them, but getting started!

Wishing you much success with achieving your goals in 2010!

Tips for successful goal-setting:

- ⇒ Use realistic and achievable deadlines
- ⇒ Don't over commit
- ⇒ Plan ahead to be prepared
- ⇒ Relax, it's just a goal!

2010 Automatics

One of the perks of joining an automatic is having a little package waiting for you every month! Call or email Cathy to sign up for any of the following autos:

Hinzeit Crystal Reindeer—Starts this month with "Dasher" (see

the completely stitched model at the shop!)

Little House Needleworks—Monthly ornament.

Already released is "Fa La La" and "Pear". I can include the first two with the next release if you



Just Nan Humbug Collection

want.

SamSarah—"A Dozen Buzzin's" and "Monthly Teaspoon" Series starts with January

Just Nan—

Humbug Collection "Winter Hearts & Snowflake Pin"

Cathy Jean Trunk Show

Designs by Cathy Jean will be the featured designer at Inspired Needle from January 8 through February 8, 2010. Come on out to see the country folk art designs that are so “Cathy Jean”. Cathy has evolved as a designer through her work with Thea Dueck of The Victoria Sampler. She has designed a series of folk art birds that work great as a set of wall-hangings or stitch them individually. Wildlife is another specialty and you will find many forest critters from fawns and bunnies to sheep and squirrels. Seasonal de-

signs will be also showcased, such as those from Cathy’s Bitty Buttons series. Each one will be shown framed in similar but different colored hand-crafted frames.

If Halloween is more your style, you will also find an adorable witch and “bat cat” that are a nice complement to each other.

Stitch your own vegetable garden with Garden Rows. This design uses



Garden Rows—your own vegetable garden planted with needle & thread!

overdyed cotton threads to give a delicious look to the veggies. A perfect stitch for the gardener in you.

A charming alphabet series features Blackberries, Buttercups, Snowberries and Lavender. Stitch

them all to fit into the same frame and switch them out with the changing seasons. This is a seasonal series that has a fresh look.

Each chart is available with an optional accessory thread pack.

A Dozen Buzzin’s Buzz Club!

This new series from SamSarah Design Studio features twelve fun little bees, each with different wings every month. Worked in a horizontal row, these busy buzzers will look equally nice in some other arrangement, such as three across and four down. Use your creative license and arrange them how you prefer. Recommended fabric

is Weeks Dye Works 30 count Straw linen but any neutral colored fabric will work well. A quick stitch to do each month, each bee is 40 stitches wide by 71 stitches high and embellished with buttons from Just Another



January, February and March (still needs his wings) - the first three Dozen Buzzin's

Button Company. Stitch the top and bottom borders as you go and by the end of the year, you'll have your own Dozen Buzzin's!

The first bee, due out at the end of January, has snowflake-tipped antennae and snowflake-shaped wings. E-mail Cathy to sign up for the Buzz Club!

Round Robin

No, it’s not a chubby bird or superhero that has put on some weight.....a Round Robin is the name given to a piece of stitchery worked on by several stitchers, passed “in the round” to the next person. Let’s say a group of 6 people decide to stitch a round robin. Each



stitcher chooses what the subject matter will be for their design. They might stitch a top border as for a sampler and then the other 5 stitchers each stitch a different band of the sampler. These samplers, also known as friendship sam-

plers, usually contain the name of person doing the work stitched below the band. One could also baste the fabric into sections, making an area for each stitcher to stitch. With this style, there could be a theme, such as houses or snowmen.

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Class Schedule

January 16, Saturday from 11a-1p Join

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



S is For Stitcher

your eyes upon the luscious over-dyed silks and beads. The fabric is a neutral 28 count Platinum Cashel linen. You may hemstitch it into a bellpull as shown, stitch a border around it or simply frame it. Class fee \$70 which includes chart, fabric & threads.

Saturday, February 13 from 11a-1p Are you ready to try

something other than counted cross stitch? Try your hand at counted

canvas. Worked on 18 count White mono canvas with Caron Watercolours, DMC Perle Cotton and Silk Lame Braid, Carol will guide you in the execution of some specialty stitches. Skill level: Beginner to In-

termediate. Class fee \$45 which includes chart, canvas & threads.



Rose Quartz by Needle Delights Originals

Upcoming Classes (continued)

Saturday, February 27 from 11a-1p Did you ever wonder what is a laying tool? Cord Maker & Fringe Twister? Star De-Tailor? Learn what these and other gadget-y items are that are found in your local needlework shop. Discover stitching shortcuts and tips by utilizing these different stitching tools. Class Fee \$5

Saturday, March 6 from 11a-1p Beginning Hardanger.....it's not as scary as it looks! Carol will take you through step-by-step so you too can take the "hard" out of Hardanger! Class fee approx \$20-25 depending on supplies chosen.

Classes are always available for beginning stitchers or refresher courses. Please call Cathy to schedule a *free* lesson today! Do you have a young daughter or granddaughter that would like to learn? Pass on your love of needlework and schedule an appointment today!

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Seasonal designs make good Robins, as you can have up to twelve different people stitch on a single Robin. Again, each stitcher would usually "sign" their section as a remembrance of their contribution.

Try forming your own group of stitchers for a Round Robin. You can have people

from all over the world stitch on your piece, particularly if you've been friends with them via the internet. This would make a lovely tribute to your world-wide friendship! There are some risks to a Round



Motifs and sayings from Jane Austen designs would make a good theme for a Round Robin.

Robin, especially if mailing your stitchery to people you may not know very well. On a rare occasion, something might go awry, but most likely it will be a success and you'll end up with a treasured piece of needlework!

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What's New At the Shop

Jardin Prive L'arbre aux Oiseaux, Au Coeur de la Maison, Christmas

Prairie Grove Peddler Little Candle Mats-Red Houses, Little Candle Mats -American Sheep

Glory Bee Quaker Gameboard

Jeannette Douglas Designs Seaside Stitches Accessories

Pine Mountain Designs January Expressions Tie One On

Erica Michaels Happy New Year Bits, Valentine's Day Bits

SamSarah Designs O is for Owl



"Christmas" by Jardin Prive

The Sampler Girl Kitty Kringle's Pattern Book Christmas, Jane Austen Pincushion Doll

Primitive Bettys Olde Pewter Letters, Blessed

Little House Needleworks Pear Tree (monthly ornament)

Notforgotten Farm Hoe, Hoe, Hoe, Dirty Snowmen

Cherrywood Design Studios Stuck Santa, Wild Snowmen

Silver Creek Samplers Do It Well, Eye On The Sparrow, Holy Moses

Shakespeare's Peddler Jenny Bean's Christmas Sampler



Country Stitches—Feather Your Nest

Midsummer Night Designs Singing Bird Stitching Pocket

Beehive Needleworks Cranberry Deer Pinkeep

Keepsake Stitches Among the Cornflowers, Sweet William Smalls, Counting Stitches I (Instead of Sheep), Garden of Pinks Sampler

By The Bay Needleart Christmas Cove

Willow Hill Samplings Home Sweet Home

Country Stitches~With Thy Needle Feather Your Nest

Imaginating Kisses From Heaven