

# 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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## Whole Lotta Market Goin' On

Anticipation for Market was high for the longest time and now, here it is, two weeks AFTER the event! The time just seems to fly.

TNNA (The National NeedleArts Association) secured a new hotel for this year's Nashville Market. We met once again at an Embassy Suites but in Franklin, Tennessee. I wasn't that familiar with the former hotel, having only attended one other Nashville Market, so I didn't find much difference. Staff and surroundings were great, so I give this place a thumbs up!

I had plans to cut my shopping trip short since I

was stopping off in Kentucky on the way home to visit with relatives. As it was, we arrived on Friday afternoon, went to downtown Franklin for some shopping, ate dinner and then arrived back at the hotel to meet with shop-owner friends for a few hours before heading over to the Meet and Greet. This is where the shop-owners get to browse the offerings of the vendors. It's an abbreviated version of Market with no buying; just browsing. If you bring your Market Guide, you can make notes for yourself to visit certain suites



Miss Mary Mack hand-finished stitchee's box by La-D-Da

to be sure to pick up new XYZ design. It does heighten anticipation when you get to see all the wonderful goodies that will be on display the following two days.

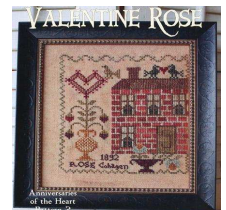
After the Meet & Greet, we walked the floors to visit vendors that were open for Early Bird Sales that evening. As usual, Lori Markovic of La-D-Da Designs was open with her husband in attendance and a tray of Wisconsin Kringle. Lori had her lovely models on (continued on page 2)

## Blackbird Designs: Anniversaries of the Heart

Blackbird Designs has introduced a new monthly series called Anniversaries of the Heart. This is a sentimental stitching journey in which to commemorate those special people, places and events in your life. The first two charts have been released, "Snow Gar-

den" for January and "Valentine Rose" for February. Each design may be stitched individually or combine all on one piece of linen for an eye-catching wall display. Charts will be issued each month through September. In October, a book will be released with all the remaining

patterns, including two bonus patterns which will fit in the designated spaces if you're stitching all designs on one piece of fabric. Sign up with Cathy to reserve your copy.



## Whole Lotta Market (continued)

display and the adorable Miss Mary Mack sewing box. Lori makes each of these by hand, sanding, staining and adding lining fabric and pin-cushions. She adds the image of her design, Miss Mary Mack, to the top of the box and then you have a wonderful keepsake for yourself or a friend.

A few other booths were open so we stopped to shop also, but the bulk of the shopping was completed on Saturday. My day started at 8:30 when we went downstairs for breakfast and I finally came up for air at 4pm when I realized I hadn't eaten lunch!

My DH was kind enough to run to Chick-fil-A (my favorite whenever we're South) to bring back some sandwiches for us so we could eat together but not waste time in the hotel restaurant. As it stood, there were only 2 more hours left to shop. Yikes!

Sunday morning, we dashed about madly to hit the remaining suites on my "must go to" list. Believe me, I cut out a lot of vendors this time, simply because there was only one



Blackwork Show by Courtney Collection

of me and too many rooms to get through. I found a few new treasures this trip. Some awesome new fabric colors from Picture This Plus and a couple new-to-Market designers that you will see charts from in the shop. One is pictured here by

Courtney Collection. Of course there were exclusives, such as LHN Needle & Thread, the Shepherd's Bush

scissor fobs and Just Nan's Tulip Bunny. It was a great Market and a wonderful experience meeting up again with the friends I've met the past two years. I look forward to doing it again in September!

## Milady's Pendants

Two new releases from Milady's Needle that has created quite a buzz in the shop are the Quaker Pendants from Milady's Needle. There is Pendants I, which are square shaped and Pendants II, which are rectangular. In each kit there is fabric for all four designs, silks to stitch the designs and one pendant. You may purchase addi-

tional pendants separately. The pendant is hinged so you simply open it and insert your finished needlework. I think it would look great with a "sandwich" of two designs so each one can be seen on its own side of the pendant. If you



Milady's Quaker Pendants I

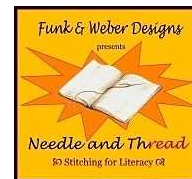
haven't yet seen these designs, be sure to check them out. Better yet, you can see mine which I will be wearing around my neck, that is, just as soon as I finish stitching it! Simple to stitch and elegant, these pendants will make great gifts as well. Choose your favorite or choose both sets!

## Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy

The kickoff for the Stitching for Literacy Challenge starts March 18. Inspired Needle would like to ask you to stitch a bookmark to be used to encourage a child to read during Children's Book Week, May 12-18. These bookmarks will be collected at the

shop until May 8 and then donated to a local library.

To start things off, we'd like to hold a stitch-in at the shop on Friday, March 26, from 1p-3p. Bring your bookmark to stitch on and be ready to



share with the others about great books you've read lately.

For each stitched bookmark received by May 8, one entry will be added to the drawing for a \$25 Inspired Needle Gift Certificate!

## Class Schedule

*Small design finishing March 27, Saturday from 11a-1p* Join Carol for a fun class where you don't have to stitch but you get to finish! You will learn two new techniques, assembly of an easel-type stand up and a 3-sided triangular shape. To see examples of these finishes, stop by the shop. You will need to bring a stitched piece of needlework to class, pressed and ready to assemble, coordinating fabric for the backing, floss, perle cotton or ribbon for embellishments. If you're not sure what type of ribbon or cording to select, we can



Triangular-shaped finishing technique

help you pick something out. Class fee \$10

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



Felted "star" and "heart" wearable pins

Call or email to reserve your class space.

## Upcoming Classes (continued)

*Biscornu Finishing Saturday, April 24 from 11a-1p* 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.

## Lizzie\*Kate Releases

Due to be released at the end of March are the final three Green Flips, "Keep Our Air Clean", "Eat Locally" and "Save Water". For those of you already stitching this series, check out the L\*K website for a corrected border chart.



ABC when "Cat Lessons" was released, your wish has been granted! A new Giggle Boxer, "Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History" is sure to bring a smile to your face! And there's a new

Next in line is "Dog Lessons". If you were wishing for a dog

Snippet, "Prayer Connection". This was on display at Nashville Market and I'm sure you'll love it!

Also to come later this year is a new 6-part Double Flip, "Christmas Rules". There will be 12 little rules that will add some HoHo to your Holiday season!

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## What's New At the Shop

**Crescent Colours** Six new colors  
Belle Soie, three new pearl cotton and  
four new cotton floss

**Stickideen von der Wiehenburg**  
Rose Quaker, Christmas Quaker  
Bellpull

**Erica Michaels** Easter Bits, Papillon,  
Time & Seasons

**The Goode Huswife** Book of Designs  
Volume IV

**Praiseworthy Stitches** Simple  
Gifts-Joy, Emiliana's Sewing Case,  
Jingle Bells Ornament Kit

**JBW Designs** French Country  
Butterfly, French Country  
Homes, The Queen Bee,

Wiehen-  
burg  
"Christmas Quaker Bellpull"



'Twas the Night Ornaments  
II, III and IV

**Weeks Dye Works** Four new  
over-dyed floss colors

**Cherywood Designs** Pat-  
tern #2 in the SYHO Campaign  
"That Kind of Stitcher", Eat Sleep  
Stitch, A Stitcher's Story

**The Gentle Art** Six new overdyed  
floss colors

**Little House Needleworks** Snowy  
Pines (monthly ornament)

**Blue Ribbon Designs** Sweet Songs  
of Spring, In My Heart, Schoolgirl  
Samplings

**The Workbasket** Memory



The Victoria Sampler "Mermaid  
Song Scissors Case and  
Needleshell

Keeper, O Morning Star,  
Summer Farm House

**Needle Delights** Color  
Delights-Copper, Rainfor-  
est Crunch, Aquamarine

**The Victoria Sampler** Hands To  
Work, Mermaid Song,

**Cathy Jean Designs** Snowdrop Hill

**Country Cottage Needleworks**  
Starfish Cottage 1st in the Summer  
Seascape Series

**Raise the Roof** Home From Sea 1st  
in the Libertyville Series

**With My Needle** Quaker Sampling  
III, Mrs. Waddelow's Huswif, Within  
My Heart Sewing Case