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It's been a great summer at Acorns & Threads. Summer Stitch Group that meets every Saturday has really been fun. The stitchers even coordinated a potluck lunch the day that Sandy from Sweetheart Tree was visiting. As always, many come through Portland on vacation and stop by to visit the shop. We sure appreciate the fact that you make it a priority and that we can offer you the option of our mail order business. Just let us know what you need and we will do our best to get it to you – no matter where you live.

The fall line-up of classes is exciting. Many of you already take classes at the shop, but we invite newcomers also. There are a number of beginning classes and some very good intermediate projects. Continuing education is an important aspect of this craft and we hope there is something for everyone in our offerings. So many of you make inquiries about classes all year long, so let's fill them up and get excited about some new techniques!!!!

Finishing and Framing – As always, there is somewhat of a crunch at the end of the year to get those projects ready for gift giving. So, here are the cut-off dates to insure your projects will be finished in time for the holidays.

Framing – November 6

Finishing – November 20

Feel free to bring in finishing or framing after those dates. Understand however, that while we will do our best to complete them before the holidays, we will make no guarantees at that point.

Online Needlework Show

Oct. 21 - 26

www.theneedlworkshow.com

This is the "Tradeshow without the Traveling", according to the website. You, as a consumer, can log onto the website once the show opens and wander through all the designs available through the show. Then, you make a list and call or email me with what you need! Each vendor is limited as to the number of designs shown at the Needlework Show, but

there is a link to their website, so if there are other designs by a vendor you might want, you can add them to the list you give me. This has been very successful in the past, so I hope more and more of you will try it – you'll like it!!!

15th Annual "Fall Festival Open House" Oct. 10 - 11am – 4pm

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 10 from 11am – 4pm – the only Sunday all year long the shop is open for business.

It seems that every year this event gets more and more exciting. All of us here at Acorns & Threads try hard to make it special and different from year to year. In case you have never been able to come by, just so you know, little needlework elves set out new inventory for your purchasing pleasure on Saturday night. Come by and meet other stitchers and see new charts, fabric and thread. This is the "must do" event of the year – don't miss it!

Acorn Automatics ("AA")

There are a couple of new "Acorn Automatics", and several that are at the midway point. If you would like us to put you on the list for any of the following, feel free to contact us. We will let you know when the next installment arrives so you don't forget to pick up all the pieces over time.

Country Cottage Needlework is completing their seasonal five chart pack series with "Fall Festival". It looks to be the best one yet! Of course, that could be my preference for fall colors, but you can't go wrong with any of the "Summer Seascapes", "Spring Social" or "Winter Wonderland".

Little House Needleworks (LHN) is up to September/October in their monthly sampler designs. We are waiting for the 11th ornament in their monthly ornament series, and have heard that LHN will be doing another monthly ornament series next year!

The Stitch Your Heart Out (SYHO) campaign continues their series of 12 charts with the 7th release by **Ink Circles** of "Florin". SYHO was created to excite stitchers with a new and fun project, create an interest in stitching for non-stitchers and introduce stitching to the next generation while promoting heart health. There will be 12 designs released monthly by industry-leading designers. Once you have all 12 designs, there will be FREE instructions on how to assemble the 12 designs into a stitched designer encyclopedia. More info is available at:
www.stitchyourheartout-lts.blogspot.com/

Remember the teaspoon collections popularized in the 40's and 50's? **Just Another Button Company** has created a fun monthly collection of stitched teaspoons complete with a stitched "cabinet" and cute embellishments. Charts to be released monthly in 2010. We have a model in the shop that is just too cute!

Bzzz...Bzzz... What is all the buzz about you ask? **SamSarah's** new year-long design is twelve fun little bees with different wings each month. Stitch them individually or in a row, like our shop model.

Blackbird Designs has released 6 of the 12 designs in the "Anniversaries of the Heart" series. This series is the place to remember those cherished family members who are dear to you. An alphabet and number chart are included in each pattern to personalize the sampler. You can frame them individually, or all on one piece of fabric. Or you could have them assembled into a very special quilt!

Open Stitch Groups

Open Stitch Group - Free

First Tuesday Night of the Month - 5pm-8pm
September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7

Open Stitch Group meets the first Tuesday night of the month from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. Please bring your cross stitch project, your own chair and join in the fun.

Classes

Time Well Spent Sampler

Second Tuesday of the month 6pm - 8pm
**September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14,
January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10**

Diane Jourdan of **Sampler Cove** has designed a gorgeous multi-stitch band sampler, reminiscent of 17th Century English band samplers. This sampler is stitched using 5 colors, each with a light, a medium and a dark within each color and has a beautiful whitework section at the bottom. This is an advanced piece, and you will learn how to do detached buttonhole, buttonhole bars, lacis/drawn thread, as well as long arm cross, alternating double back, satin, diagonal cross, chain, Rhodes, double running or back, Parisian, eyelet, four-sided, queen, Algerian eyelet and ray stitch. Although advanced stitches such as detached buttonhole and buttonhole bars are called for, Diane has suggested alternates that are intermediate stitches. Reference book The Proper Stitch by Darlene O'Steen is recommended for instruction on the detached buttonhole and lacis/drawn thread. The price of the class does not include supplies. Class Fee: \$135 Teacher: Lynn Haynes

Block Standup

Saturday – September 18 – 10am-Noon

OR

Saturday – December 4 – 10am-Noon

****A No-Sew Finishing Technique**** This finishing technique is so easy and requires no sewing; you'll want to finish all your projects this way. In class, we will complete

your project in a block shape, but when you learn this technique, you could use a triangle shape, a round shape or any shape you desire. There are no rules! Students need to bring to class a finished project no bigger than 3" x 3" on a piece of fabric about 7" x 7". Students will be provided with the foam core cut 4" x 4", batting and pins. Students will need to bring their own ribbon (2-1/2 yards of wired ribbon no wider than 1-1/2") and backing fabric (1/3 yard – not a fat quarter). Cost: \$30 Teacher: Jennifer Howard

Button Ornament

Saturday – September 18 – 2pm-4pm

OR

Saturday – December 4 – 2pm-4pm

****A No-Sew Finishing Technique**** A quick and clever no sew finish to make small ornaments or even those cute little scissor fobs you love to put on the end of all those scissors you possess. Not only will you construct this "button ornament", you will learn how to make basic cording and basic tassels to use as embellishments. You will need to complete a little design about 1-1/2" square on a piece of fabric about 5" square. You will need to bring one ball of #8 Perle cotton or a skein of floss (for the cording and tassel) and a little piece of backing fabric about 5" x 5" to match your project. Cost: \$30 Teacher: Jennifer Howard

Sanctuary by Drawn Thread

Last Tuesday of the month 6pm – 8pm
**September 28, October 26, November 30, December 28,
January 25, February 22, March 29,
April 26 and May 31**

The Tuesday night group selected this project designed by **The Drawn Thread** because of the relaxing technical challenge it presents. Four gardens filled with flora and fauna surround a central courtyard, with pathways leading out of the courtyard to the trees on the outer edges. Stitches used include: Smyrna, four-sided, satin, eyelet, French knot; ray; spider web, rice, rapid, lazy daisy, Rhodes and Jessica, as well as variations of these stitches. If finished as designed, you will learn how to hemstitch the edges with mitered corners. The price of the class does not include supplies. Class Fee: \$135 Teacher: Lynn Haynes

Lavender Stitches

Saturdays - 9am – 11am
**October 30, November 13, December 11, January 8,
February 12 and March 12**

This project comes from the "I Will Wear Lavender" book by **Cross'n Patch** and is considered an intermediate Hardanger piece. You can really have fun with colors with this piece, or even stitch it the way Emie Bishop designed it! While stitching this piece, you will advance your Hardanger skills and learn specialty stitches. Learn eight Hardanger filling stitches and 16 sampler stitches. The Hardanger stitches include bullion center, buttonhole bars, connected wrapped bars, three-sided dove's eye and more. If you already know these Hardanger stitches, you may substitute other filling

stitches. Some of the specialty stitches include creton; fern, lazy daisy, Mordvinian star and Rhodes. This piece could be finished as a needle case, box top or a framed piece. The price of the class does not include supplies. Class Fee; \$90 Teacher: Jean Drevdahl

Sampler of Many Bands

Saturdays - Noon - 2pm

**October 30, November 13, December 11, January 8,
February 12 and March 12**

Have you enjoyed your cross stitching for years but are anxious to try some new stitches? Many designers are incorporating “specialty” stitches into their designs to add texture and interest – but many of you are a little bit shy about venturing out on your own – or you have tried a couple of those stitches on your own and would love to learn not only new stitches, but stitching techniques to consider when implementing these new stitches. Well, stop by the shop and see the model for the “Sampler of Many Bands”. This very slow-paced class covers 25 stitches in six months of classes. The piece is stitched on 28 ct linen using your choice of overdyed silk and colorfast Needlepoint, Inc. silk. You will manipulate an overdyed thread to achieve the desired color-painting effect you want on your sampler while learning to appreciate the luxurious feeling and sheen of silk. In addition, you will learn to use a laying tool to help achieve stitches that reflect the most amount of light. Twisted Hemstitching, Montenegrin cross, Chinese cross, Belgian Cross, pulled 3-sided and Bosnia stitch are just a few stitches you will accomplish. The class cost will include all your supplies and the teaching fee. Please sign up early so we can help you pick out your supplies before class. Cost (Kit and Class): \$130 Teacher: Jean Drevdahl

Beginning Embroidery

Friday - October 1 - 2pm - 5pm

OR

Saturday - October 16 - 10:15am–1:15pm

You’ll be in stitches in no time!!!! In this class, you will be learning and practicing basic embroidery stitches such as the stem stitch, backstitch, lazy daisy stitch, chain stitch, satin stitch, blanket and long/short stitch. “Knot” to mention a terrific no fail French knot and how to stitch using “knotless embroidery”. You will check out what’s new in the world of embroidery, iron-on transfer and so forth. Class supplies will include fabric, hoop, needle, floss and design. Learn this hip technique because “Embroidery” is being touted as the new “Knitting”. Cost: \$35 Teacher: JoLyn Buhl

Beginning Hardanger

Saturday - October 9 - 9:30am - 3pm

This delicate form of open needlework can be traced to the Hardanger region of Norway hundreds of years ago. This technique gradually spread through Europe and then to the United States with the Scandinavian immigrants. Students will learn the basics of Hardanger including kloster blocks, cutting and needleweaving. Students will also learn

buttonhole edge, dove’s eye, satin motif and if time permits, eyelets. Cost includes supplies: \$50 Teacher: Jean Drevdahl There will be a one hour break for lunch on your own.

Intermediate Hardanger

Saturday - October 23 - 9:30am - 3pm

This intermediate Hardanger piece is designed to teach you some of the elegant and beautiful fill stitches. During this class you will learn six filling stitches choosing from these options: Greek Cross, Picot, Whipped Spider Web, Woven Leaf, Square Filet, Buttonhole Bars, Curled V’s, Woven Wheels, Ringed Split Wrapped Bars and Diagonals. This is the class you have been waiting and screaming for. Class supplies will include the Cross ‘n Patch book “Steps for Beginning Hardanger”, the Lugana fabric and one Caron Watercolor and Wildflower to complete your piece. Cost: \$50 (Kit and Class) Teacher: Jean Drevdahl There will be a one-hour break for lunch on your own.

Beginning Punchneedle

Saturday - October 16 - 2pm-5pm

Punchneedle is the newest, yet one of the oldest techniques in needlework. The project we are teaching will be a cute kitty. The \$40 class fee includes your book, materials and hoop. The shop will provide needles for your use during class. You will only need to bring a pair of scissors and your enthusiasm to learn an age-old embroidery technique. Teacher: JoLyn Buhl

Cross Stitch-Part II Class

Sunday - September 19 - 2pm - 5pm

This is a must class for everyone who has ever cross stitched. I would say that almost all of my customers are self-taught. You will review how to anchor your threads, tie them off, learn ¼ and ½ stitches; backstitching; proper hoops and needles; various kinds of fabric and threads, etc. etc. You will also learn the technique of “over 2” or beginning linen. So many of the charts today are using this technique, we feel compelled to teach it to you in this class. It’s the best 3 hours you will ever spend learning about the basics of cross stitch. Cost: \$30 Teacher: Jennifer Howard

Intermediate Embroidery

Saturday - November 20 - 10:15am–1:15pm

This intermediate embroidery class will pick up where the beginning one left off. JoLyn will introduce a host of new embroidery stitches to be incorporated in a lovely handkerchief. Sorta goes back to the old days, but what a lovely project. The cost of \$40 will include all supplies (including the handkerchief) and the teaching fee.

Intermediate Punchneedle
Saturday - November 20 - 2pm - 5pm

In this class, we will be making a Santa pin, or you could make it into an ornament. From start to finish, you'll get a refresher course on basic Russian Needlepunch plus adding textures by changing the length of the stitches and the amount of threads being used. You'll need to have a basic knowledge of needlepunch. A kit with the pattern, the floss and weavers cloth and the wool to finish the project like the shop model are included in the \$40 class fee. You will need to bring a #3 needlepunch, an 8" hoop and your scissors. Teacher: JoLyn Buhl

Clubs

"Club" memberships are \$5 **per session**. You may still pay ahead if you want, but this should make it easier for many of you to join us for one or two meetings and see what everyone else is stitching on!

**** Embroidery Stitching Club ****

1st Friday morning of the month - 10:30am - 12:30pm
September 3, October 1, November 5 and December 3

"THEY" say that embroidery is the new knitting. I am still trying to find out who they are, but I'll take their word for it. If you'd like to learn about the many ways to use embroidery, join us at our "Embroidery Study Group". Bring your own project, and we'll explore the many types of stitches, threads and applications. Resident Teacher: JoLyn Buhl

**** Acorns Sunday Sampler Club ****

Sunday - 11am - 1pm
September 19, October 17, November 21 and December 19

Join us for sampler chatting and of course, sampler stitching! Some of the members have been traveling and will be sharing some of their "needlework" experiences they have encountered along the way. As always, we will share finished and unfinished projects with each other!!!

**** "Chatelaine Designs" Club ****

by Martina Weber Stitch Group
Thursday Evening - 5pm - 8pm
September 16, October 14, November 18 and December 16

This self-paced ongoing group meets once a month to work on any project by "Chatelaine Designs". As many of you know, Martina's newest projects are available "online" only, but the shop has many of the supplies in stock, and can get the rest.

Congratulations to all of the 2010 Monthly Drawing Winners!

Ordering From Hoffman Distributing

Remember, it is possible to shop at Acorns & Threads 24/7. Log on to the shop website (www.acornsandthreads.com) and the entire Hoffman Distributing catalog is available for you to purchase from via the **Hoffman Merchant Mall** page. This allows you to not only search their extensive catalog but to place an order. Just follow these few easy steps to find your next project or add to your collection.

Step 1 – "Select a Search Method" - a Designer, Keyword or Category Search

Step 2 – Locate the charts you wish to purchase and build a shopping cart.

Step 3 – Place your order, which Acorns & Threads will fill. We will call you when it arrives, or if you prefer, we will mail it to you. We don't bill your credit card until we mail your order, or you come to the shop to pick it up.

Step 4 – If you want to order something not available at Hoffman, or have a question, feel free to e-mail by clicking on "Contact Us".

