

**Bookmark Mania**  
**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 4pm**

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## Winter 2010

I can't believe another year has started. I know I say that every January, but it still amazes me how much it always amazes me!

There's lots of great things planned, as you'll see in this newsletter. I'm also planning on making a few changes to the website in the next few weeks, so keep checking in to see what's been added.

Also, in our ongoing effort to go green, we would like to update our email address list. It is our goal in 2010 to provide you with as much information as possible through cyber-communication. Email allows us to get you last minute announcements, shop specials and event information in a timely manner.

Your privacy is important to us, the information you give will not be sold or shared with anyone. Please use the link on the homepage to sign up for the e-mailing list. If you are not able to do this, either shoot us a quick email with your first and last names and email address to [acorns@acornsandthreads.com](mailto:acorns@acornsandthreads.com) or let us know the next time you are in the shop. Thank you for your help.

## Events

### Canned Nuts

**February 5, March 19, April 16 5:30pm - 10pm**

Need a break to sit and stitch? Look no further than our very own beloved Canned Nuts! Bring a project (or several) for an evening of stitching and camaraderie with fellow stitchers. Munchies and drinks will be provided for your enjoyment. To mix things up a bit, we are going to limit these evenings to 12 people each and stitch on Friday from 5:30pm - 10pm. Cost is \$15 (\$5 non-refundable advance deposit required to reserve your spot). Sign up for one or multiple evenings of fun!

Kids and Reading... They go hand in hand. Last year Acorns & Threads participated in "Stitching for Literacy" and donated 40 bookmarks to local elementary school children. We can do better than that! Bookmarks are quick, easy and fun to stitch. Join us on February 13th to kick off this year's event. Free charts and free supplies will be available to help jumpstart your creative juices.

Bookmarks returned to us no later than **March 17<sup>th</sup>** will be eligible to win some wonderful prizes in the Bookmark Contest sponsored by Loose Threads Stitchers. Check out <http://stitchyourheartout-lts.blogspot.com/> (scroll to November 4<sup>th</sup> post) for more information. If you choose not to participate in the contest, bookmarks are due no later than **May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

As a thank you to all who return a completed bookmark you will receive a special thank you coupon from us. Let's get stitching!

### Nashville Days

**Starts Friday, February 26 @ 10am**  
**2 weeks of shopping fun!**

Another year, another fabulous two weeks of Nashville Days. What is that you ask? Well, shop owners and designers all gather in Nashville for a weekend of selling and shopping. (Note this year it's a little later than usual.) We will be returning with up to four suitcases of new inventory for your buying pleasure starting Friday, February 26 at 10am. There will be oodles of new stuff which will include limited edition kits, new fabric, new thread colors, new designs and so on and so on. Remember, we can't bring everything back – airplanes have limits, so over the following two weeks, we can guarantee we will be getting new shipments almost every day! The shop plays western music, the staff wears denim and quite frankly, make it a very fun event. New stuff is always fun to buy and sell! Mark your calendars and visit often.

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***

### Newcomer's Open Stitch Group

**Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm - 8 pm**

It's amazing how we meet new customers every day! Just last Saturday we had a couple of people new to the area who had found us on the internet before they moved, as well as several who had just discovered we existed! For those of you who come often, you understand about the study groups, the open stitch groups and all about trunk shows. However, if you are the customer that has just discovered the shop, there is a lot going on and we want to make sure you understand what all the constant excitement is about!!!! So, a couple of times a year there is a "5<sup>th</sup>" Tuesday in a month. That's the Tuesday the shop is carving out a "Newcomer's" Open Stitch Group. No one will probably know anyone else, so it is a good time to become acquainted with other new customers to the shop and for the shop to get to know you better – and the whole time you will be stitching on one of your own projects. Please

contact us by email or phone (or better yet when you are in the shop) and give us your contact information and let us know you are "new" to the shop. We will get in touch with you and remind you about the Newcomer's night. There will be some light refreshments and some door prizes – and it's all free. We can't wait to get to know you better.

## **Jeannette Douglas Weekend**

**April 10 at JoPa's 9am - 4pm**

**April 11 at Acorns & Threads 10am - 3 pm**

### **Royalty ABC**

Another wonderful class from Jeannette!! This time we will be stitching a marvelous old fashioned long banded sampler with a modern feel. It is 2 1/4 x 22 1/4" of 33 rows of different motifs and/or stitches. The basis is cross stitch but with a great sampling of stitches in a royal theme with plenty of crowns and a fabulous Tudor rose. Color copy of the sampler is on display at the shop.

The stitches used are: Woven Cross, Running back stitch, over 1 stitching, Smyrna, Rhodes, Algerian Eyelets, Herringbone, Couched Satin, Holbein, Florentine, Palited, Queen, Satin, Hungarian, Leaf, and Italian.

This banded sampler can be rolled up on scroll rods especially made for this piece and tied with a lovely ribbon, then placed in a wooden box again especially made for this piece. These finishing ideas will be available for purchase, but are not included in the class price, as they are still being designed!

Signed with date and place and your name this is a sure illustration of a historical band sampler treat!

The cost for the 2 days including the kit and class, two lunches and assorted goodies is \$225. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve your spot for this weekend of "Royalty ABC".

## **Acorn Automatics ("AA")**

A new year, and a new batch of "Acorn Automatics". 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.

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. Chart to be released monthly in 2010.

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.

**Little House Needleworks (LHN)** have released the first in a series of easy-to-stitch Christmas ornaments, "Fa La La". The series is scheduled to be issued monthly. Join Jeannine at Nutty Holiday Club and stitch a set! Also released by **LHN** is a set of mini monthly samplers. Each design is the same size finished so you can stitch them individually and pop them in and out of the same frame or pillow. Two charts and threads are included in each kit.

Humbug! Check out **Just Nan's** latest limited edition series, the Humbug Collection at <http://justnan.com/hc01-winter-hearts.html> It is a series of four seasonal humbugs to be released throughout 2010. Sign up today to ensure you receive all four.

## **Open Stitch Groups**

### **Open Stitch Group - Free**

First Tuesday Night of the Month - 5pm-8pm  
**February 2, March 2, and April 6**

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**

### **Fleur de Lys Sampler**

Second Tuesday of the month 6pm - 8pm  
**January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11**

Class has already started. This is a newsletter reminder.

### **Sarah's Sampler**

3rd Saturday of the month 9am - 11am  
**January 23, February 20, March 27,  
April 24, May 22 & June 26**

\*\*\* Please note date change for February's class \*\*\*

Class has already started. This is a newsletter reminder.

### **Christmas Quilt**

Saturday Noon - 2pm  
**Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 13**

\*\*\* Please note date changes for February and March\*\*\*

This class has already started. This is a newsletter reminder.

### **Beginning Embroidery**

**Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm - 4:30pm**

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, back stitch, 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 February 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Beginning Punchneedle**  
**Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm - 4:30pm**

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

**Intermediate Hardanger**  
**Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Cross Stitch-Part II Class**  
**Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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!

**\*\* MSA Study Group \*\***  
**"My Stitching Album" by Jeanette Douglas**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 5 - 8 pm  
**February 4, March 4, April 1**

Now that all of the pages have been released, it is time to start thinking about finishing stitching them so we can "finish" the book. Join us to stitch on this stunning project and hopefully start working on the actual finishing of the pages into a book, framed piece or whatever you have envisioned for this wonderful masterpiece!

**\*\* Embroidery Stitching Club \*\***  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning of the month 10:30am - 12:30pm  
**February 5, March 5 and April 2**

"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 \*\***  
**January 24, February 14, March 21 and April 18**  
**Sunday 11am - 1pm**

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!!!

**\*\* Nutty Holiday Club 2010 \*\***  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening of the month 5pm - 8pm  
**January 19, February 16, March 16 and April 20**

We always seem to have that holiday work in progress tucked away in some corner of our stitching bag. This is your opportunity to concentrate on using your stitching time to make some progress (and hopefully finish!) that project. This year Jeannine will be joining the group to work on stitching, as well as finishing the ornaments Little House Needleworks have recently released. If you aren't stitching on anything Christmas, Halloween, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, etc., but want to be, why don't you plan on joining her in making a few ornaments in the New Year?

**\*\* *“Ink Circles” Study Group* \*\***

Last Tuesday evening of the month - 5pm - 8pm  
**January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27**

This study group has been largely successful due to the fact that many of our customers know and love Tracy. At any one time the shop has one or more of her models on display and guess what, you guys want to stitch every single one of her charts!!!! So, a study group was born!

**\*\* *“Chatelaine Designs” Club* \*\***

**by Martina Weber Stitch Group**

Thursday Evening 5pm - 8pm

**January 21, February 18, March 25 and April 22**

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 2009 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](http://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.”

