

News That Counts

My Favorite Time of Year



Needle Delights

“We Have What Counts”

Dear Stitchers:

The Holiday Open House was a smashing success. Although the threat of Katrina did put a little damper on us, she wasn't able to ruin it completely. As we scurried around getting prepared for the worst, we were lucky in this area to have Katrina veer west. Our hearts & prayers go out to everyone who was affected by this devastating storm. See the article inside the newsletter to see how you can help stitchers and others who were devastated by the storm.

If you weren't able to make it to the Open House, don't despair. We still have lots of wonderful things in the shop for you. There have been a lot of busy stitching hands so we have many new models on display. Our trunk show of Petei Needlepoint Santa Ornament canvases continues through the month of September. They have sent over 200 canvases and it's hard to pick my favorites. Come see if you can! If you're too far away, you can see her line of canvases at www.petei.com and we can send them to you!

We have a couple of club projects that we have started—they were introduced at the Open House and greeted with much enthusiasm. Be sure to check out Snapperville from Bent Creek and the Stitcher's Surprise Series from Rainbow Gallery & Erica Michaels.

This is my favorite time of the year—fall is approaching, cooler weather is coming, and if you haven't started yet, it's time to get ready for the holidays. You still have plenty of time to stitch gifts for Christmas and we have the cutest new designs for Halloween, Autumn and Christmas.

We've scheduled lots of classes over the next few months. Several offer quick techniques and the projects will make great Christmas gifts. We'll also start another session of our wildly popular Monthly ABC counted needlepoint project.

By the time you get this newsletter, we will probably have had our All Night Stitch (Sept 17th). I have scheduled another

for Dec 3rd so that you will have one more Saturday for extended stitching and shopping!

Come and see us soon!

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Kathy's New Designs

I've decided to try my hand at a little designing and stitch about one of my favorite places—the beach! Here are pictures of my first attempts! On the top I used Crescent Colors overdyed floss and added buttons from Just Another Button Company. I made my sand castle white in honor of our Pensacola beaches and I love my little sandpipers—they are so fun to watch scurrying around the waves at the beach! We have patterns, buttons, and complete kits available. Beach Pattern \$6.00, Buttons \$6.95, Complete kit \$34.95. Beach Blocks (bottom picture) \$12.95/pattern & charms. Add \$2 for S&H.



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Dates to Remember:

- All Night Stitch - Sat, Sept 17th, Dec 3rd
- Petei Needlepoint Trunk Show Sept 2005
- Holiday Hours: Closed Nov 24—Thanksgiving Closed Dec 24-Jan 1st—Christmas
- Silent Auction & Pink Party - Friday, Oct 28 6-8pm We will auction off old models to raise funds for the American Cancer Society to support breast cancer research & awareness. You will be able to shop as well! We'll serve pink lemonade & everything pink in the shop will be 20% off!

The calendar on the website is always up to date. Check it for additional events as they are scheduled.

Stitching for Katrina Victims (Prayer Tree Project)

Like many of you, I have been feeling desperately helpless watching all the devastation on TV the last ten days. Watching this makes the memories of all I went through after Hurricane Ivan last year seem like a walk in the park (and it definitely wasn't!). I have been praying a lot and wondering, "what can I do to help?". I believe I may have discovered a small way that we can provide some relief to some of the victims. I have received several free charts from designers to be used for whatever purposes. One of them is from M Designs and is called "Pray Tree Ornament" - it is like their other tree ornaments where the word Pray is done sideways and in mirror image and forms a Christmas tree. It can be done on any size fabric with any color floss you

choose. I would like to have people stitch these tree ornaments and send them to us here at Needle Delights. We will then disburse them to the various communities and/or victims that have been affected. It will be a tangible "prayer" that I would imagine would bring great comfort to someone. It will also be a way for you to pray for the victims while you are stitching the ornament. If you can finish it into an ornament, great. If you only stitch it and send us the completed stitching, we will make it into the ornament. To get the pattern, you can download it at <http://m--designs.com/pray.html> (you have to join their yahoo group) or you can get a copy of it here at the shop. I can also email it to you directly or snail mail it

to you!

I know there are many different people who receive our newsletter and emails - if you belong to a stitching group, a stitching online bulletin board, EGA Guild, ANG, etc, please pass this message on and let's see how many prayers we can stitch! I know **Stitchers** are a powerful group and I believe that we can make a difference. The response to this project has already been tremendous. I can't wait to see the forest of trees that we will be sending.

If you have any questions, please call me at the shop or email me at:

kathy@needledelights.com

and be sure to put Katrina in the subject line.

Sister Stitchers & Shoeboxes

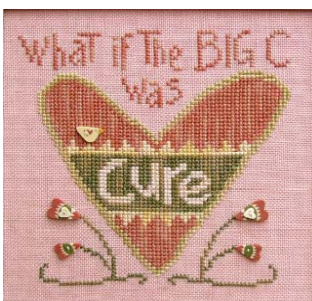
I am in contact with a needlework shopowner in New Orleans who is compiling a list of her customers who have lost everything to Katrina. If you're interested in "adopting" one of these stitchers and helping them by sending a Stitcher's Shoebox, let me know. I plan to send these stitchers one of our Prayer Trees but would love to be able to send them a shoebox of stitching supplies/projects/whatever to show them how much we care and to help them get their needles going again. If you don't want to create an entire shoebox for someone, you may contribute anything from your stashes or extra scissors, needles, threads, etc that you

Fabric of the Month supports Breast Cancer Research

Fabric of the Month (Stitch Every Day Series)

This month's kit is **For the Cure**. Since October is breast cancer awareness, Patti designed this chart to help support cancer research because in her words, "what could be scarier than cancer". An alternate phrase (For a Friend) is also charted and creates a personal gift to support a dear friend. Just Another Button Company will donate 15% of the sale of this buttonpack until the end of the year. R&R Reproductions will donate \$1 per yard to the Susan G. Koman founda-

tion. **Needle Delights** will donate \$1 to the American Cancer Society for every kit sold. **THIS**



KIT IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE— YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN THE

FOM CLUB!! \$23.95 plus \$1.50 S&H.

Club Info:

R&R Fabrics and Just Another Button Company have joined to-

gether to create the Fabric of the Month Club. The cost to join is \$10.00 per month for the fabric. Each month, Just Another Button Company designs a pattern specifically for the fabric. Sign up to get the buttons and thread kit for each month and get 10% off the kit every month. If you wait to see what the pattern is each month and then decide, you just don't get the discount and you may have to wait for threads & buttons longer. You also have to purchase threads separately instead of kitted. You can have it mailed (add \$1.50 S&H). The complete kits

Class Offerings & Schedule

Class fees are due upon registration. Class sizes are limited so sign up early. Fees are refundable if we are notified of a cancellation 72 hours prior to class or if you get someone to take your place. All fees are fully refundable if cancelled by Needle Delights, but no fee refunds for late cancellations or missed classes. Private lessons are always available—call the shop to schedule a date and time.

BEADED BOOKMARK

Pick your favorite kit and learn this quick technique using two needles. These make great gifts! \$5 plus kit.

Thursday, Sept 22nd 10am-12pm **OR** 6:00-8:00pm

BEADED SCISSOR FOB

Pick your favorite kit and learn this quick technique using two needles. These make great gifts! \$10 plus kit.

Saturday, Oct 22nd 9:30am-2pm (Bring a sack lunch)

BEADED CHATELAINE

Put your scissors or thread cutter on this beaded chatelaine. \$20 includes all supplies. You will choose kits at class.

Saturday, Sept 24th 1-3pm

SILK GAUZE SAMPLER

Learn to stitch on 40ct silk gauze. Bring magnification and lighting if needed and a frame to hold your piece (we recommend a q-snap). \$25 includes your choice of patterns and all threads

Friday, Oct 14th 9:30am-11am

SURF'S UP

This small block needlepoint pattern is done on 18 ct canvas with a variety of threads in turquoises and seafoam greens. Our model is inserted into a box top and is a great place to keep special shells found in the surf! \$25.00 includes complete kit

Saturday, Oct 8th 9:30-11:30am

PERSPECTIVE DREAMS (BEGINNER NEEDLEPOINT)

This is a beginner needlepoint canvas class. You will work from a chart and learn 14 different stitches. \$75 includes class, pattern, canvas and threads. Pick your color palette when you sign up—lots of colors available. 3 sessions on first Saturdays of the month.

Saturday, Oct 1st & Nov 5th & Dec 3rd 9:30-11:30am **PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPT 24TH**

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT FINISHING CLASS

Jeanette will be in town (!) and will teach you how to finish the Holiday ornaments you've been stitching as members of the monthly Needlepoint Ornament Club. This class is available first to people who have signed up for the Ornament Club—if you are not a member, you may be placed on a waiting list. \$15 includes some supplies. You bring a stitched class ornament, sewing thread to match, and trim (if you want purchased). Jeanette will teach you how to make cording.

Monday, September 19th 6:30-8:30pm

PETEI NEEDLEPOINT ORNAMENT

Pick your favorite canvas from our vast selection of trunk show Santa ornaments and Kathy will write a stitch guide for it. At class, we will learn different stitches and begin stitching. \$10 plus canvas and threads. 10% off threads purchased for the canvas.

Friday, Sept 23rd 9:30-11:00am

Thursday, Oct 13th 9:30am-11pm **OR** 6:30-8:00pm

PRIVATE PUNCHNEEDLE LESSONS

Purchase the DVD and a three strand needle and Charlotte will show you everything you need to know in the comfort of your own home. \$38.00 includes DVD, fabric with pattern preprinted on it, and all threads. Needle & hoop purchased separately.

Class Offerings & Schedule (cont)

ONGOING CLASSES/STITCHING EVENTS

FRIENDS WHO COUNT

Also known as “free stitching”, this group meets on the first and third Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings. Just bring your current projects—very casual, social, and fun. Come see what others are working on and pick up some tricks and tips. Help is available during these sessions.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5:30-8:30pm **AND** every Wednesday 10am-12pm

MONTHLY ABC - Adventures in stitches - Basic to Challenging

This class is being taught as a year long adventure once a month. We will start a **new class** on Tuesday mornings once a month. The complete design will be a mystery as you will receive a new pattern each month to add to what you have already done. We started with basic stitches and will progress to more challenging stitches making this a perfect class for anyone who wants to learn to do counted needlepoint or has a desire to learn about different stitches and threads. Kit cost is \$75 and includes first month's pattern. \$15/mo thereafter **To sign up, come in and pick out a Watercolor thread.**

Last Tuesday of the month 9:30-11:30am (will not meet in December) First session Oct 25th

MONTHLY NEEDLEPOINT ORNAMENT CLUB

Join us as we make a round shaped ornament each month until Christmas. We will stitch on 14 ct canvas and use Watercours and a variety of metallic threads and stitches. You will also have the opportunity to pick your own colors. Kathy has designed these ornaments just for this class and if you finish them all before Christmas, you will receive six more patterns FREE. The club started in June and will end in December with a Christmas Party but you can still join! \$12 per month includes complete kit. Add \$2 per month if you'd like to join us by mail.—please bring 7x7 stretcher bars to class. Classes will meet on second Tuesdays and third Wednesdays

Sessions—Tuesday, Oct 11th 10:30am-12pm **OR** 6:30-8:00pm **OR** Saturday, Oct 11th 9:30-11:00am

Tuesday, Nov 8th 10:30am-12pm **OR** 6:30-8:00pm **OR** Saturday, Nov 19th 9:30-11:00am

Tuesday, Dec 13th 10:30am-12pm **OR** 6:30-8:00pm **OR** Saturday, Dec 17th 9:30-11:00am (PARTY!!)

SUSAN PORTRA LIGHTBULB ORNAMENT CLUB

Join us as we make a lightbulb shaped ornament each month. We will stitch on 18 ct canvas and use a variety of different threads from Rainbow Gallery and stitches. Choose your own color each month. \$12 per month includes complete kit. Add \$2 per month if you'd like to join us by mail.—please bring 6x7 stretcher bars to class. Classes will meet on third Friday morning of each month. You can sign up for one session or come every month. Come see the models in the shop.

Sessions—Fridays, Oct 21st, Nov 18th, Dec 16th 9:30-11:30am

HEIRLOOM HOMECOMING SAMPLER

Stitch this beautiful sampler from Thea Dueck (Victoria Sampler) on platinum linen. Lots of different stitches as well as hemstitching and hardanger. We will meet monthly with homework inbetween. You must be comfortable stitching on linen to sign up for this class. Classes will meet on third Wednesdays and Thursdays. \$100 includes complete kit and all class sessions.

Sessions—Wednesdays Oct 19th, Nov 16th, Dec 21st 9:30-11:30am **OR**

Thursdays, Oct 20th, Nov 17th, Dec 22nd 6:30-8:30pm

BASIC LINEN

Afraid to try linen? Don't know what “stitch over two threads” means? This class will take the mystery out of working on linen. The finished piece makes a great scissor fob. \$15 includes all supplies

Wednesday, Sept 28th, Oct 12th 9:30-11:00am **OR** 6:30-8:00pm

Fri, Nov 11th 9:30-11:00am

RUSSIAN PUNCHNEEDLE

Intrigued by Punchneedle? This is the easiest needleart to learn and you can quickly finish! Pick out any pattern you'd like. \$10.00 plus supplies.

Friday, Sept 30th 9:30am-12pm

Thursday, Oct 6th or 27th or Nov 10th 9:30am-12pm **OR** 6:00-8:30pm

Spotlight On

Cross Stitch Delights

Needlepoint

Punchneedle

As always, we have lots of new titles in the shop. I don't have enough room to list them all but we're sure to have something new from your favorite designer. Mirabilia has a new mermaid pattern (there are actually two mermaids on it!), Lizzie Kate has darling new patterns for fall and Christmas, Just Nan has outdone herself with lots of ornament patterns and even frames to put them in, Shepherd's Bush has a new stocking, Bent Creek has done a couple of stockings, and the list goes

on...

"Knots Fur & Turkeywork" from Meredith Barnhill Willett and Beth Robertson (Stitches for Effect). It has every kind of knot you can imagine from bullion knots to french knots to some I've never seen before. There are also great sections on different techniques to make fur on your needlepoint canvases and on turkeywork

(for example, Santa's beard or a fur lined coat. Lots of wonderful examples and color photos. \$35.00 We continue to receive lots of patterns for this fun technique. A lot of the cross stitch designers are even getting into it.

You're missing out if you haven't tried it yet. I have scheduled lots of classes and you may pick out your

Monthly Delights

Snapperville (Bent Creek)

This design set from Bent Creek is part of a village affectionately named Snapperville!!! The entire design is made up of six small cards from Bent Creek – each is cute by itself but even cuter when stitched together with the border, also from Bent Creek. The entire design is stitched with Gentle Art Sampler Threads and Weeks Dye Works flosses. The embellishments for the master chart feature silver snaps as the stars in the sky over Snapperville, and clay buttons of a blackbird, brown bird, star, and little gold berry. Very Cute!

We are offering a monthly club for **Snapperville**. The first installment will include The Stockyard card, the Snapperville Border Chart and embellishment pack, and the 32ct Natural Belfast Linen and all the threads you will need for the border and Stockyard. All the rest of the shipments will contain the cards and any new flosses you will need. If you aren't inclined to join the auto... no problem... just purchase the parts separately.

This club will cost \$20 to sign up plus \$16 per month (on the 15th of each month starting in October). That means you pay \$36 for the first

(plus \$2 \$16 (\$1 each forward.



installment S&H) and S&H) for month going

This set of monthly designs from Rainbow Gallery was designed by Erica Michaels. We decided to stitch them on Tattersall patterned fabric and plan to make it into a pillow when it is complete. Each month's pattern is stitched with fibers from Rainbow Gallery and will include a charm. We think it is adorable and what a great way to collect some different threads! Price of this club is \$20/month and will start on the 1st of September. We have averaged the fabric into the monthly price to keep it even each month. If you need to have it mailed, add \$2 S&H.

