

This Newsletters Date is: 12-Dec-12

Dear stitching friends,

Our What's New page has been updated with all the latest arrivals at House of Stitches. The list is not quite as long as sometimes but what it lacks in quantity, it more than makes up for in quality! Some of my favorites are Three Christmas Trees from Annalee Waite, Silent Night from Country Cottage Needleworks and the Fiber and Fabric Mania Travel Guide. (It lists needlework shops of all kinds and is the only way for stitchers to travel!) If you are still in the mood for a new Christmas project, be sure to see the new charts from Imaginating. Check all of them out for yourself at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. I hope you find something you like, I know I did!

Today is Wednesday so it is grandma day at our house. Gracie and Jon-Jon will be here in a few minutes. We will take Grace to school and then Jon-Jon and I will go to great-grandma's house to visit and have lunch. She has just returned home after spending time "rehabbing" from a broken leg. I am sure we can find things to do to help!

I hope all of your holiday preparations are going smoothly. I think I need to kick mine into high gear! Until next time.....

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 30-Nov-12

Hi stitching friends,

Our What's New page was updated earlier this week. You can see it at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are quite a few great new Christmas and holiday projects for those of you who like to stitch "in season". It is okay if you do not finish them in time for this year's celebrations. You will be ready for next year and you can be very smug knowing that you have some things finished early! There are new kits from Shepherd's Bush and Pine Mountain and a cute chart about chocolate from Sue Hillis. Some of you have already placed your orders and we thank you!

And now, with apologies to Clement Moore:

'Twas three weeks before Christmas and all through the House (of Stitches),
All the creatures were hurrying to finish the framing.
The stitched pieces were stacked in the cabinet with care
in hopes that their frames and mats would soon be there.
The shelves were stocked with all sorts of supplies, hoping to be someone's Christmas surprise.
Out at the counter there arose such a clatter I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
What to my wondering eyes should appear but homemade cookies, a whole platter!
A savvy customer brought treats to insure the completion of our framing feats.
And now I exclaim as I finish my typing, happy stitching to all and to all a good night!

Oh my, I think that is proof I need to get some sleep! Enjoy your holiday preparations and try to find a little time for stitching. It helps keep us sane!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 16-Nov-12

Hi stitching friends,

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our U.S. friends! It seems impossible that it is less than a week away. I guess that means I need to get serious about planning the menu. Luckily, it is a pretty standard list of traditional favorites but it does require some planning and list making. My rule for the turkey is to get a big one so there are plenty of leftovers! Everyone brings one of their specialties to share so the cooking load is lightened. I put granddaughter Grace and her Aunt Sarah in charge of place cards and table decorations so I can take that job off my list before I make it!

In between holiday preparations I hope you can sneak a few minutes for yourself to take a look at our What's New page. We have updated it at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. After the November 1 update, we heard from several people that they were experiencing some problems viewing it. Our webmaster has been working to determine and correct the problem but today we learned that someone using Internet Explorer 8 is still experiencing difficulties. The main problem seems to be with the font size being very large in some places. Let me know if you are having a problem and if so which browser (Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Firefox, Chrome, etc.) you are using. We want your time at our website to be enjoyable!

As usual, there is a wide variety of new designs. Country Cottage Needleworks is finishing the Monthly Cottage series with the December Cottage. In the next week or so she is beginning a new series called Santa's Village. It will also be a twelve part series. Let us know if you would like to have us send these designs to you every month as they are released. You can choose to get just the chart or you can add the fabric, floss and a Just Another Button Company button. Victoria Sampler, Whispered by the Wind, Threadwork Primitives, Just Nan, Imaginating, Erica Michaels and Bent Creek are just some of the other companies with new designs. Scroll through them and send us your list of the ones you need. You must have new projects during the holidays for their stress relieving abilities!

When counting our blessings, we count YOU, our customers! You inspire us with your creativity, encourage us with your support and help us pay the bills with your purchases. Please keep our House of Stitches staff and families in your prayers. Health issues seem to be popping up at every turn! And you in turn will be in our prayers as we celebrate the end of the year holidays and plan for 2013.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 02-Nov-12

Hi, stitching friends!

Our website has been updated with new designs from many of our most popular designers. Visit us at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> to see the latest from Blackbird Designs, Drawn Thread, Heart in Hand, Just Nan, La-D-Da, Little House Needleworks, Mirabilia and Nora Corbett, Plum Pudding, Shepherd's Bush and The Stitching Studio. Nancy is already gathering the supplies for Give Thanks from Drawn Thread. The ornaments in Christmas Quartet are calling me; I seem to be in ornament mode these days. I've been working on the Flora McSample ornaments from Lizzie Kate but I really need to get back to the Shepherd's Bush stocking that I started last year. You have probably noticed that time is rapidly slipping by!

Last week we had fun meeting (and getting reacquainted) with many of you who were on your way to and from stitching retreats in our area. It was a popular weekend for stitchers with three separate groups meeting for a several days of stitching fun and companionship. We were awed and inspired by the many show and tell projects. There are so many talented stitchers! Thanks for sharing your work.

On the home front, my mom has been in the hospital and is now rehabbing from a broken leg. Not fun! Slowly but surely she is making progress and hopes to be on her own again soon.

Ellen Chester (With My Needle) has agreed to be our teacher again next fall for our Weekend of Stitches! It will be October 4-6, 2013. The projects will be Long May She Wave and Fruit of the Vine Sampler Huswif. You may take one or both of the classes. I do not have any more details yet but you can be sure I will let you know when I do! We also want to have a spring Weekend of Stitches but I do not have a date for you yet. Stay tuned!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 17-Oct-12

Hi, stitching friends!

Are you ready to choose some new projects? We have our latest arrivals gathered for you on our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. So click on over and let us know which ones you want to add to your stash! We have the last three Snow Belles from Lizzie Kate, three new designs from Linda Myers (Quilt lovers take note!), pillows from Pine Mountain and this year's Santa from Sue Hillis: Pajama Santa! If you need a laugh, look at No Quitter from Scarlett House. Glendon Place has two more spooky Halloween charts and Christmas Sampler is new from Jeanette Douglas. Over one stitchers will want to take note of Splendor XXIV from Heart's Content and Keeping Watch Ornament from Blackberry Lane.

Our Weekend of Stitches was great fun and we are already planning two weekends for 2013! One will be in the spring that will be a bring your own project weekend and another in the fall with Ellen Chester returning to teach two classes. I will get the dates to you as soon as we have them confirmed. Go to our blog to see pictures from this year and also click on the links to visit two other blogs with photos.

We look forward to hearing from you. I will be out of the shop tomorrow (grandson Jon-Jon and I are visiting his great-grandma) so send lots of orders to keep the girls busy! Your continued interest and business are appreciated.

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 04-Oct-12

Hi stitching friends,

Our What's new page has been updated at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. As I scrolled down the list, it has a decidedly fall/Halloween feel. There are also some Christmas things as well as a new needleminder and scissors from KelmScott Designs. The newest Loose Feathers leaflet from Blackbird Designs is here and we have this year's Shepherd's Bush Stocking! Country Cottage Needleworks and Little House Needleworks latest offerings have finally arrived. Plum Street's Vexation Sampler led me to an internet search to learn about the rule of three in mathematics. It turns out I know the rule but did not know that name for it.

This weekend is our Weekend of Stitches with Ellen Chester from With My Needle. I have not said much about it lately because we are at capacity for the facility that we are using. It seemed like it would be rude to keep talking about it when we couldn't take any more students! Next time we will have to find a larger venue. Be thinking about joining us then. I will try to post pictures on our blog soon. I hope you can spend quality time stitching (and shopping our website) this weekend, too!

Happy October!

Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 25-Sep-12

Hi stitching friends,

We have updated our What's New page at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . There seems to be a heavy emphasis on autumn projects with a few Christmas designs added for good measure. If you have been waiting for this new Limited Edition Gingher scissors; Emily has finally arrived! They are very pretty with flowers in shades of pink on a white background. While we only keep the 4" embroidery scissors in stock, we can order the 5" knife edge sewing scissors (\$44.99) or the 8" dressmaker's shears (right or left handed; \$49.99) if you would like a matched set. Drawn Thread has designs for cute little Trick or Treat bags and if you need a quick project the Pine Mountain pillow kits are a good choice. A few weeks ago we introduced a chart that said, "When All Else Fails Hug the Dog". Our new selections include one that says "When All Else Fails Cuddle the Cat"!

Do you have your Christmas projects started? I am working on a Shepherd's Bush stocking; the eighth and last one for our fireplace (at least for now!). And I'm also whipping out some Lizzie Kate Flora McSample Ornaments, <http://houseofstitches.com/detail.cfm?ID=29452> . I'm using the 2011 chart; the 2012 ornaments will be shipped to us on October 10. They are cute and fast to stitch with great colors that pop off the fabric! The chart calls for Milk Chocolate Linen but I am using Woodsmoke from Lakeside.

I will leave you to shop; I have to pay bills and fun stuff like that! Thank you for your continued business; we appreciate you!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 17-Sep-12

Hi stitching friends,

We are back from the fall needlework market in Baltimore, MD and we have new designs and accessories for your stitching pleasure! You can see them by visiting our website at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm>. Because there are so many things, they are not listed individually by designer. Just type balt12 in the key word box and they will all appear to tempt you. There are more than 140 items, from JBW's "ABCs and Christmas Trees" to "Zoom Broom" by Sue Hillis! You will see a few things that are not brand new designs; we just replenished our inventory as we had the chance to purchase products without shipping costs. So if you occasionally have an "I've seen that before feeling" that is the reason. I hope you enjoy shopping as much as I did!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 09-Sep-12

Hi, stitching friends,

I have been shopping at the fall needlework market in Baltimore, Maryland. And while I shop, my husband has been putting things on the website for your viewing pleasure. Just go to our online catalog at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> and typr balt12 in the key word box. I think you will have a good time! I'm sure we will be adding more things so check the website every now and then so you do not miss anything.

I will leave you to enjoy shopping. I have an 8:00 meeting in the morning before the show opens so I should probably get a little sleep.

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 05-Sep-12

Hi, stitching friends!

I am writing to you from the historic city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The fall needlework market is in Baltimore, Maryland so we are doing the tourist thing along the way. Yesterday we drove through heavy rain that came from hurricane Isaac. I was glad we didn't have rain today as we made our way through narrow, one way streets in the historic district. Our GPS seemed intent on giving us the scenic route to our hotel. We made several loops, twists and turns around town before arriving at the loading dock area of the hotel. Our GPS guide proudly announced that we had arrived! The entrance was on the other side of the block. My human navigator was able to get there without GPS guidance!

While I'm away, the business of needlework goes on! If you talk to the girls at the shop, be extra kind to them. They are all working extra hours so I can go to market to bring you all of the latest and greatest from your favorite designers. Some of the new things have already arrived because we get them automatically as they are released. You can see them at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The much anticipated 2012 Cross Stitch Christmas Ornament Magazine arrived just today! If you pre-ordered it, we are holding one for you or mailing it, as per your instructions. Sampler lovers will want to see the three new samplers from C Street Samplerworks. There are many new Christmas projects, Halloween projects and several series continue with their next installments. The Lizzie Kate Mystery Sampler concludes with part 3. (All 3 parts are still available if you would like to stitch it now that you have seen the whole sampler.) Click on the link above to see all of our latest additions. And get ready! There are many more to come in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned...

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 22-Aug-12

Hi, stitching friends!

I thought you would like to know that our What's New page has been updated. You can see the latest arrivals at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are many fun new projects; it will be hard to choose which ones to stitch first! The Lizzie Kate automatic shipment contained the first three of six Snow Belles. They can be stitched individually or combined into one larger design. A border to complete the larger version is available at www.lizziekate.com, click on free designs. Also from Lizzie Kate, we have Tiny Tidings XVII, Faith Hope & Love Boxer kit and Unwrap the Joy-Santa '12. Just Nan has several new designs and a needle slide (box with sliding top to store needles) all in traditional fall themes and colors. Two new pillow kits from Pine Mountain are available; one with a schoolhouse the other with a hot air balloon. Bent Creek and Heart in Hand both have new autumn designs that you will want to see!

We want to thank everyone who helped make our Sixth Annual Midwest Stash Exchange a success! The weather was wonderful and you helped us raise a nice amount of money to send to Riley Children's Hospital. Money is still coming in so there's time if you would like to donate to a great cause.

It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close! Our schools have already been in session for over a week. Labor Day is only a week and a half away. And the fall needlework market is only two weeks away. I guess if we are going to do holiday stitching we need to get started! I know some of you smart ones already have your projects well underway!

We have enjoyed meeting many of you as you stopped by on your vacations. Our shop is just a short distance from both I-94 and I-80/I-90 so pay us a visit if you are taking a trip through northern Indiana. Or, as usual, you may always visit us online! Either way, we hope to see you soon!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 08-Aug-12

Hi stitching friends,

This is just a quick update to let you know that we have updated our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It is a long list of great new titles this time. If you have been waiting for the latest designs from Heart's Content, they are here! We are also excited about the new charts from Heritage Stitchcraft. We think Scarlett looks like Kate Middleton. See what you think!

It is Wednesday so that means it is grandma day at our house. We are headed for the zoo at Washington Park in Michigan City. It is the last Wednesday before school starts for Grace so we have to have an extra measure of fun. Stay tuned to our blog for pictures. I hope you have a wildly fun day, too!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 25-Jul-12

Hi, stitching friends!

We are still sweltering here in northern Indiana but we are using it as a reason to stay inside and spend extra time stitching. And if you are stitching more, that means you will need a new project sooner! We have a few ideas for you on our updated What's New page: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The second part of Blackbird Designs' 2012 Loose Feathers series has arrived as well as 4 new kits and a new chart from Shepherd's Bush. From With Thy Needle and Thread we have August Word Play and 5 designs for Thimble Purses. The Thimble Purses are very limited editions. When they are gone, they are gone so don't delay if you want them! If you are looking for a traveling project, the Pine Mountain kits are a good choice. Everything is included so you can just grab one and go!

Remember, the Sixth Annual Midwest Stash Exchange is approaching very quickly! Plan to join us in our back parking lot on August 18 from 10-3. It is a great opportunity to sell your excess stash and perhaps find an elusive out of print design. We are raising money for Riley Children's Hospital and the rental for your booth space (\$20.00) goes to them. There is no admission fee if you want to come and shop but we will not turn down any contributions to Riley! They have a very special place in our hearts since our granddaughter Grace spent time there. Call us if you have any questions: 1-800-455-8517. We hope to see you on the 18th!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 13-Jul-12

Hi, stitching friends!

Our What's New page has been updated for your shopping pleasure! You can see the latest at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are new scissors, a new Windmill Needle Minder, hardanger designs and, as usual, many new cross stitch designs. After much anticipation the 2012 Just Cross Stitch Special Collector's Issue is here! <http://houseofstitches.com/detail.cfm?ID=30308> If you reserved one (or more!) we have either mailed it to you or it is waiting for you to pick up. It is packed full of great Halloween projects and finishing ideas. And, we have a good supply of extra copies if you still need one.

Here in the Midwest we have been baking in record breaking temperatures. We think the best way to survive the heat is to stay inside and stitch. You can watch Christmas movies while you work on Christmas projects! It might not actually lower the temperature but it will improve your mood and you will feel productive!

I have updated our blog with photos of some of the summer activities that I shared with my grandchildren. They have the ability to make the ordinary things extraordinarily fun! I hope your summer is shaping up the same way. The one thing that I know for sure is that it is speeding by much too quickly!

I hope the new things inspire you to plan new projects. Let us know if we may be of assistance in the successful completion of those projects!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 26-Jun-12

Hi, stitching friends!

It is officially summer! The Fourth of July is next week—NEXT WEEK! It seems summer is flying by at an alarming rate. I am happy to report that yesterday I actually spent time sitting on our screened porch and stitching. It was a lovely way to spend Sunday afternoon and it does not happen often enough! Later we took sub sandwiches to our local park and ate them looking out over Pine Lake. I put a few stitches in while we were there and promptly had to take them out. I think I was distracted by the radio controlled planes that were flying over the lake! It was fun to watch them land on the water and take off again. I hope you found time for your stitching projects, too.

We have more than 50 new designs to share with you. They are on our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Some of you have been asking about the 2012 Prairie Schooler Santa and he is here! (If you follow our Facebook page you already know about his arrival!) Many of your favorite designers have sent us their "automatic" shipments: JBW, Lizzie Kate, Prairie Schooler, Stoney Creek and Trilogy. We also have a long list of designs from a new company called Threadwork Primitives. The projects are sweet and do-able with cute finishing ideas. The one called Happy 4th is on my list of things to do! Hmm...it probably will not be finished in time for the holiday this year; I will be ready early for next year!

As you choose new projects, are you finding old charts and supplies that need a new home ? Mark August 18 (10 AM-3PM) on your calendar. It is the date for our annual Midwest Stash Exchange and Block Party for Riley Hospital. For only \$20.00 (which goes to Riley Hospital) you can reserve a space to sell, trade or give away your excess stash. I hope you can join us whether you want to be a seller of stash or a buyer of stash or both! It is a fun day with music, food, games for kids, raffles and camaraderie among stitchers. More than one person has found an elusive chart or a magazine needed to complete a collection. Treasures abound!

Enjoy the new designs! As always, we look forward to hearing from you to see which ones are your favorites.

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 13-Jun-12

Hi stitching friends,

I hope your summer is off to a good start. (Or, if you are in the southern hemisphere, your winter!) We are enjoying the days as they continue to get longer and I refuse to think about how soon they will be decreasing in length! I know some of you have less stitching time in the summer because of outdoor gardening but you can still plan your projects for fall and winter. It will help soothe the itch to stitch until you have time to pick up your needle. The designers have been busy and we have many new charts and kits to tempt you! The newest charts from Cricket Collection are here as well as the latest from Country Cottage Needleworks, Designs by Gloria & Pat, Little House Needleworks, Pine Mountain, Plum Street Samplers and many others! Mill Hill has sent us their newest Christmas ornament kits: Crystal Ornaments and Tropical Santas. As you scroll through the What's new list you will find a number of designs that are continuations of a series. Don't miss one; ask us to automatically send the series that you are collecting. See the newest arrivals here: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>.

The Lizzie Kate Mystery Sampler begins in just over two weeks! Be sure to sign up. The May 15 update has details and you can select the options that you want. The theme is Halloween and you know Lizzie Kate does spooky fun very well!

Have fun shopping and as always, we thank you for your continued interest!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 31-May-12

Hi stitching friends,

We have updated our What's New page at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>! There are so many fun new things to tempt us! Mill Hill is getting in the holiday spirit with new kits for ornaments and small pictures. Sunflower Seed has a fun new chart called Got Buttons? It is the perfect place to showcase the special buttons that you have been collecting. Filigram is a new (to us) designer that has charts inspired by nature. The hardest thing is choosing which one to stitch first. Nancy chose the Rose Coeur; I am still making up my mind! If you need a stitching challenge, think about The Quaker Ball from Amaryllis Artworks. The size of the ball depends on the count of the linen that you use. It is an intriguing idea; something else for my someday stash!

We have just received the Just Cross Stitch Christmas Ornament Preview magazine! It arrived too late for the update but if you would like one, just put a note in the customer comments area of your order. (It is \$5.99.) Also, just Cross Stitch is again having a special Halloween Collector's issue. It will include 48 spooky designs and will be \$9.99. Pre-order now, also in the customer comments area of your order (or by email).

Much needed rain is finally falling today. It seems to be keeping people at home so it is the perfect time to shop online! Earlier in the week we had 90 degree temperatures and today it is only in the 50's. Indiana weather is very changeable! Whatever the temperature, it is a good day

to stitch. I hope you can find some time to do just that.

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 16-May-12

Hi stitching friends,

We have many good things in store for you on our newly updated What's New page: <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It includes a new Santa from Mirabilia, the final charts in the Lizzie Kate Less = More series, new kits from Pine Mountain and Storklette scissors in colors! We also have details about the new Lizzie Kate Mystery Sampler Club! It will be coming your way toward the end of June. It has a Halloween theme and promises to be spooky! You know LK does great Halloween designs. There is just a little black and white snippet of the design to tease us. It is a mystery sampler, after all! We have also added quite a few charts from Summer House Stitche Workes to go along with their trunk show that is going on now. We will have their stitched models until the end of May. I hope you can visit in person. If not, I will be posting a photo on our blog soon so you can take part that way. (www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com)

I have enjoyed seeing all of the finished projects that many of you have posted on your blogs. I am truly in awe of your accomplishments! In the old days we only saw the finished pieces that were brought in for framing or show and tell. It is still fun to see things in person but blogs have opened a whole new avenue of sharing among stitchers.

Enjoy looking at all the latest arrivals. We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 04-May-12

Hi stitching friends,

The latest arrivals at House of Stitches have been posted on our What's New page at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There is a new Santa from Mirabilia, the final charts in Lizzie Kate's "Less = More" series, two charts from Country Cottage Needleworks, two from Little House Needleworks, three from Just Nan and many more. The best thing to do is see them for yourself!

The trunk show from Summer House Stitche Workes has arrived and will be on display very soon. I hope you can stop in and see it. If that is not possible, look for pictures to be posted on our blog, www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com.

We are continuing to work on all the details for our Weekend of Stitches that is coming up on October 6 and 7, 2012. Let me know if you would like more information. I can send it by mail or email. Ellen Chester from With My Needle is the teacher and her new A Lady's Worke Box is the project. I hope you can join us!

On Sunday and Monday we made a quick trip to Cleveland Clinic for a check-up. It is hard to believe that it has been three years since my heart surgery! All the test results were good so I am back at work; full speed ahead! The travel time in the car allowed me to finish stitching the Little House Needleworks Fresh From the Garden Needlebook. Now I just have to get it attached to the needlebook. I think I might put it on the cover of the book instead of inside. That can be a project for this weekend!

Enjoy the new designs; we appreciate your continued interest!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 21-Apr-12

Hi stitching friends,

I have several exciting events to announce! This is my twenty-fifth year at House of Stitches and we are celebrating all year. (Where did the time go?!) I hope you can join us for all of the fun things we are planning.

First we are having a Sue Hillis Trunk show from now until May 5. And the best part is that Sue will be here to meet you and sign her charts on Saturday, April 28! What fun! She is bringing a prize package of her charts for a drawing on Saturday afternoon. (You do not have to be present to win.) We are enjoying the Santas, pirates, Halloween designs and more! It is always nice to see finished pieces in person. To see a photo, visit our blog at www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com. It shows just some of the trunk show on display as you enter our front door.

During the month of May we will have a trunk show from Summer House Stitche Workes. She is a fairly "new to us" designer with Americana themed charts. You can see examples at her website: <http://www.summerhousestitcheworkes.com>. My favorites are the ones with monochromatic color schemes.

You have a little more time to plan for the third event. Ellen Chester from With My Needle is coming to be our guest teacher at a weekend stitching event! We are calling it Weekend of Stitches. It will be October 6th and 7th with a get acquainted time on Friday evening the 5th. The project will be Ellen's new teaching project, "A Lady's Worke Box". You can see a picture and description of the project at www.withmyneedle.com. The classes will be at the LaPorte Holiday Inn Express and you can stay there or commute if you live close enough. More information will be coming soon. Email us if you would like a registration form.

We look forward to sharing our silver celebrations with you!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 14-Apr-12

Hi stitching friends,

Our website has an updated What's New page for you to enjoy! You can see everything at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It is a long list of new things this time with designs that range from spring to Christmas! The fall Mill Hill kits are here with plenty of time for us to get them stitched before fall arrives. Be sure to see Fleur from Heritage Stitchcraft. We think she is one of the prettiest ladies that John Clayton has designed! There are a couple of new designers represented, too: The Purple Thread and Pineberry Lane.

We have two trunk shows coming up that you will want to see! The last weekend of April we will have a Sue Hillis Trunk Show with a possible designer appearance, too! Then, during the month of May we will have a trunk show from Summer House Stitche Workes. The stitching fun just keeps on coming! And don't forget to reserve the first weekend in October for our first weekend long stitching event! We have a well known designer coming to teach her newest class project!

We will have details for you very soon.

It is a rainy weekend here so it will be perfect to look at new designs and spend time working on current projects! I hope you can find time for both. While you are online, stop by our blog and our new Facebook page. We would love for you to "follow" us and "like us"! We are still learning to use both so please excuse any blunders!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 30-Mar-12

Hi stitching friends,

Earlier this week our What's New page was updated at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Stop by to choose your favorites!

This weekend we will have a booth at the String-A-Long Quilt Guild's 14th Exhibition of Quilts. It will be in Valparaiso, Indiana at the Porter County Expo Center (corner of 49 S. and E. Division Road). It's from 9-5 on Saturday March 31st and 10-4 on Sunday April 1. All times are Central Standard Time. I hope to see many of you there! We do not carry quilting supplies specifically but many of our cross stitch supplies are also used by quilters. And, of course all stitchers like needlework toys!

Visit our blog, www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com to see one of Nancy's recent finishes. She really had fun with it! Also, watch our blog for details of a stitching weekend that we are planning for the first weekend in October. More fun!

Happy stitching,
Linda
House of Stitches

This Newsletters Date is: 15-Mar-12

Hi, stitching friends!

Just when we thought there couldn't possibly be any more new designs; more arrive! Some of them are things from the Nashville Market that had to be ordered and some are the next round of new charts from the incredibly creative and talented designers. You can see our latest at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Country Cottage Needleworks, Cricket Collection, Just Nan and Little House Needleworks are just some of the designers that are represented there. We are still reveling in all of the great new stuff from market. I have such a long list of things that I want to stitch! I know you can relate to that!

On the home front things have been a little crazy. The day after I sent the last newsletter my husband had an emergency appendectomy! Luckily, it had not burst and the surgery and recovery went very well. Today is his third day back at work. On the bright side, I did get considerable time to stitch while sitting at the hospital. I actually finished one project! I will post pictures on our blog soon.

Enjoy the new things! As always we look forward to hearing from all of you. Thank you for your continued business; we appreciate it!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 02-Mar-12

Hi, stitching friends!

We are back from the Nashville Needlework Market with well over 200 new items for you. It was a great market with a very positive atmosphere. We do not have a Nashville What's New Page yet but I want you to be able to see all of the new things as soon as possible! So, just type nash12 as the key word when you click on our catalog at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> . I know there are a few more things to be entered but I want you to be able to start looking at all of the wonderful designs and toys. One designer that I know still needs to be entered is La-D-Da. Somehow between the scanning done while we were still in Nashville and the scanning done since arriving at home, we missed Alone in the Garden, Wicked Witch, Spot the Cat and The Seven Virtues. I'll see if I can bribe someone to scan them tonight!

We have many ideas and plans for the rest of this year, so I planned to come home and really get things going. My plans have been slowed a bit since I returned home with a bum knee. It is a long, whiny story, but honestly, all I did was sit down and it popped!! I'm typing with my leg propped up and an ice pack on my knee. (Yes, I have had medical attention!) Anyway, I hope to be back up to speed soon. I cannot say enough good things about the ladies at the shop who have kept things going! (They keep sending me home!) THANK YOU Nancy, Joy, Sharon and Cherry! Be extra nice to them, I know they are tired!

I hope you have as much fun shopping for new projects as I did. Your continued interest and patronage are valued and appreciated. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 15-Feb-12

Hi, stitching friends!

I hope you had a lovely Valentine's Day. It amazes me that we are already in the middle of February. That means next week is the Nashville Needlework Market. Already! The influx of new things has slowed a bit as designers prepare for market. We do, however, still have a nice group of new things for you. Click on <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> to see our latest arrivals! There are nice birds from Bobbie G. and cute pillow kits from Pine Mountain. Trilogy released all three parts of Winter Sneak Peek at the same time so you can get them all now and start stitching! We look forward to hearing from you soon. Remember to visit our blog at the link below! (Click on FOLLOW at the top left of the page to become a follower.)

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 04-Feb-12

Hi, stitching friends!

We have a great list of new things for you at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It reads like a list of all your favorite designers with a couple of new designers thrown in for good measure! (It is encouraging to me to see new designers entering the market place.) We are pleased to bring you the latest from Shepherd's Bush, Prairie Schooler, Nora Corbett, Lizzie Kate, Little House Needleworks, Drawn Thread, Country Cottage Needleworks and Bent Creek. Let us know which ones are calling your name and we will get them in the mail or hold them for you to pick up.

We still have many sale items waiting for new homes. Get them while you can! We have half off

on selected Lizzie Kate Boxer kits. If you type boxer in the key word box you will find them with red type beside them that says "This item is on sale". To see all of the sale things, go to our catalog and click on the sale items link near the top of the page, http://houseofstitches.com/on_sale.cfm.

Have you chosen a project for stitching during the Super Bowl? I think I am going to try to make good progress on the With Thy Needle and Thread Birds of a Feather Mystery Sampler, <http://houseofstitches.com/detail.cfm?ID=29569>. It is not a mystery any longer but I am really enjoying it. I am working on part 3 so the end is getting nearer. I will try to put pictures on our blog soon.

We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great weekend.

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 31-Jan-12

Hi, stitching friends!

I finally did it! With fear and trepidation I became a blogger this week. (Blogging sounds like exercise so maybe I can eat more and still lose weight!) I hope it will allow more frequent communication with all of you. It is very bare bones right now but I'm sure I'll get better at it as time goes along. When new things arrive it is so exciting that we want you to know right away. We also hope to share images of things people are stitching. Our customers inspire us and I think you will enjoy seeing their work, too. So, look us up at www.houseofstitches.blogspot.com. We appreciate your interest.

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 25-Jan-12

Hi, stitching friends!

It is a dreary, grey day here in northern Indiana; what I call a make your own sunshine <http://www.lizziekateblog.blogspot.com/http://www.lizziekateblog.blogspot.com/day>. A new project helps me every time! I have a few suggestions for you at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. There are excellent choices that can be stitched in time for Valentine's day. The 2012 Collector's Heart from Heart in Hand is in stock, Pine Mountain has 2 new pillow kits and New York Dreamer brings us a dramatic Love design. Valentine Pincushion from Victoria Sampler might be a challenge to finish by February 14 but I know some of you could do it! And, you can always get a head start for next year! If you follow the Lizzie Kate blog you know she has a darling little Valentine kit called A Little Love. You can see it here: <http://www.lizziekateblog.blogspot.com/>. It arrived today and is really cute and do-able. It is \$12.00 and includes the fabric and buttons. Just add floss and stitch! Silver Creek Samplers has a great design for spring and Tempting Tangles has two charts for coffee lovers. So, click on over to our website and see all of our latest offerings.

When we did inventory we found many things to add to our sale list. http://www.houseofstitches.com/on_sale.cfm Get them fast! Quantities are limited.

It has been a bit crazy for the last several weeks. On the 6th of January I slipped on the only little patch of ice on the sidewalk (It just looked wet!) and fell. I did not break anything and did not hit my head but it caused a ten day migraine that left me functioning only minimally. It is MUCH better now and I am so grateful for the girls at the shop who keep things going through all kinds of

situations. Then on the 15th, Gracie was taken by ambulance to Riley Children's Hospital with a serious and painful kidney infection. Antibiotics did the trick and she is back home but we (and the doctors) want to figure out what is causing the infections any why they get so bad so fast. She is acting just fine now; going to school, selling Girl Scout Cookies and generally keeping us all entertained.

I hope you are stitching fun things. I have started the eighth Shepherd's Bush Christmas stocking for my fireplace. Even I should be able to complete it in time for next year. That will complete my stocking stitching until more (?!) grandchildren arrive. Until next time I hope all is well with you and yours!

Happy stitching,
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This Newsletters Date is: 16-Jan-12

Hi, stitching friends!

Our What's New page has been updated at <http://houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Things have gotten a bit crazy in my little corner of the world so I will let you discover the fun new stuff on your own without any editorial comments. More new things are arriving so stay tuned for another update soon! We truly appreciate your continued interest and business and look forward to serving you in 2012.

Happy stitching,
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