

This Newsletters Date is: 17-Dec-13

Hi stitching friends,

It is one of the busiest times of the year for many of us but the designers are managing to find time to bring us wonderful new projects! I just scrolled through our newly updated What's New page, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> and it is filled with special designs for your stitching pleasure. We have new kits from Shepherd's Bush, the 6th Blackbird Designs Loose Feathers chart, Wizard of Oz characters, the 2014 Fiber and Fabric Mania Travel Guide (No stitcher should leave home without it!) and a couple of fun kits for kids from Pine Mountain. One is geared toward boys and the other for girls. We are equal opportunity stitchers!

We did major shopping this past weekend so I am feeling a little less panicked about being ready for Christmas. How about you? Are your projects all coming together? I have about six ornaments stitched but not put together and the infamous last stocking for our mantel is stitched but not sewn and ready to hang. Because it is the stocking with my name on it, I have not made it a top priority!

It really looks like a Christmas card here in Indiana. We had from five to eight inches (varying by location) of heavy wet snow over the weekend. It is pretty to look at but terrible for driving. Then about two more inches came down Monday evening. It is a bit early for this much snow, so it makes me wonder what the rest of the winter will be like. I think I'll stock up on stitching projects and baking supplies in case we have a snow emergency.

(The shop is closed when they order everyone off the road.) And, speaking of being closed, we will be closed on December 24, 25 and January 1.

I hope you can find a few quiet minutes to stitch and contemplate the all joys of the Christmas season. Relax! We have a whole week to finish getting ready!!

Happy stitching and Merry Christmas!

Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 03-Dec-13

Hi stitching friends,

We have an updated What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . Get a large cup of tea or coffee because there are more than 50 items for you to consider for your next project! We have the second design in the Sewing Box series from Blackbird Designs, a new Hometown Holiday chart and the next Little Sheep Virtue, both from Little House Needleworks. C Street Samplerworks has published a sampler that features La Porte's very own Door Prairie Barn!

Some of the barn's history is given between bands of specialty stitches. This one is going in my sampler collection; it should probably be in yours, too! I will let you discover the other new temptations on your own. There are too many for me to comment on all of them!

I hope all of our U.S. friends had a nice Thanksgiving. We had a smaller group of people at our house but I think we had the same amount of food as when we had twice as many people! We did our best but still had plenty of

leftovers. Yum! For the last few months we have been remodeling a bathroom and bedroom and refinishing hardwood floors and stairs so we worked hard to get things cleaned and back in order before Thanksgiving. There is still plenty of painting to do but the dust and debris are gone and for that I am truly thankful!

If you place an order, be sure to give it extra time to reach you this month. Our postal system seems to have cut their workforce so much that it can no longer deliver the mail in a timely manner. Some of the packages we mailed last Monday have still not been delivered after a week! Another package that was mailed on November 20 was delivered on December 2! It is very frustrating because we know you want your supplies. But, once we turn it over to the Post Office, it is beyond our control.

I guess it is not too soon to let you know about our holiday hours! We will be closed on December 24, 25 and January 1. On December 31 we will be open from 10-3, Central time. Try to retain your sanity and remember the reason for the season in the next few weeks.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 21-Nov-13

Hi stitching friends,

Our What's New page has been updated and you can see the latest at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . We have new charts and also some fun new magnets and tape measures. (Great gift ideas!) There are two charts from Sheepish Designs that have been re-released! Blackbird Designs continues the 2013 Loose Feathers series with number 5, Bluebird of Happiness. Have you missed any in the series? We always hate it when someone needs one of the limited edition Loose Feathers and we are not able to get it for them. So far all of the charts in the 2013 series are still available. Check your stash before they are gone!

I hope all of your holiday projects are going well. We are quickly running out of time to get things stitched! My stitching has had to take a back seat to some home remodeling projects. We have been in a construction zone with things moved out of their usual places. Sometimes it has been like a scavenger hunt to find things! We are trying to get everything back together before Thanksgiving. Hopefully the food will be so good that no one will notice that the painting is not finished and the curtains are not hung in the remodeled rooms!

Happy Thanksgiving to our U.S. friends! I hope you can be with your loved ones to count your blessings, eat turkey and stitch! When we count our blessings, you, our customers, are high on the list! As always, we appreciate your continued business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 08-Nov-13

Hi, stitching friends!

I hope you are ready for an infusion of great new projects! 45 new items have been added to our What's New page:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . The variety of designs that we receive never ceases to amaze me. We have everything from a "Sock Monkey Christmas" and "Ella, the Frog Princess" to "A Quaker Family Tree"! The Country Cottage "Santa's Village" series is finished but there is another series starting this month. Let us know if you would like to be on our automatic for "Frosty Forest". Christmas designs are predominant this time but a few fall/Halloween and even Thanksgiving charts are also making their debut.

We have been a little disheartened, discouraged, and yes, angry, this week. Another stitched piece has gone missing from our shop. It is not the first time something has been stolen but this piece was on loan to us! The person who took it did not steal from the shop but from another stitcher. We love showing finished pieces but they are supposed to inspire you to stitch them not snatch them! So, if you have it, please return it. (That goes for the other pieces that have been appropriated, too!) It will help restore our faith in our customers. A friend (Thanks, Barb!) sent me a quote from a Spanish author, Elena: "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, but theft is a sin."

I hate to bring it up, but I'm sure you have already noticed that the holidays are fast approaching. If you have pieces that you need to have framed, please bring them in by Thanksgiving weekend. Even if you are not quite finished stitching we can get the measurements and get the supplies ordered. (A deposit is requested if you are not finished stitching!)

Enjoy looking through the new designs! We love to see which ones you choose. When we order new things we often think of specific people that we know will like a certain project. We appreciate your continued business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 23-Oct-13

Hi, stitching friends!

Exciting new stitching projects are waiting for you at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>! The latest arrivals in the shop include the annual Shepherd's Bush Stocking, the fourth in the 2013 Loose Feathers series from Blackbird Designs, several fall/Halloween charts and my favorite: To Stitch or Not Stitch from my Big Toe. Look over the whole list and be the first stitcher in your group to have the latest charts!

As always, we thank you for your continued patronage. You are the reason we are still in business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 13-Oct-13

Hi stitching friends,

Are you ready for a new fall project? We have many new possibilities for you! Just go to our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. If you like stitching projects that

correspond to the current season there are some very cute new fall and Halloween designs. If you are planning your holiday stitching there are many new Christmas designs. I had to have Flora McSample 2013 Christmas Stockings from Lizzie Kate. My only problem is deciding which one to stitch first? I have several of the 2011 and 2012 Flora McSample ornaments stitched and ready for a finishing class. If you are interested in the class let us know and we will plan it around the time that works best for the most people.

The long awaited set of new colors from DMC has arrived. I am sure you want your floss collection to be complete! The package contains 16 new colors and several designs that use those colors.

I hope you have been finding time to stitch. My time with a needle has been limited due to an ongoing bath room remodeling project in our home. I did, however, spend significant time stitching last weekend during our Weekend of Stitches. Ellen Chester from With My Needle was our teacher and we all had a marvelous time! I just went to her blog and she has an excellent recap of the weekend. You can read all about it here:

<http://www.withmyneedle-ellen.blogspot.com/>. She took much better pictures than I did but I hope to post some of mine on our blog soon.

Enjoy choosing some new projects! We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 25-Sep-13

Hi stitching friends,

If you have visited our What's New page

(<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>) this week you know we have added many (47 to be exact!) new items to our online catalog. Autumn and Christmas themes are abundant but there are also other topics. We have the next three letters (D, E and F) in the Nora Corbett Letters from Mermaids series. Stitching Pretty Presents finished the Quaker Seasons series (started by ByGone Stitches) with Summer and Winter Quaker Seasons. In addition to cute autumn pillows, Pine Mountain has Tooth Fairy pillows for boys or girls. They are prefinished, cute as can be and quick to stitch.

Victoria Sampler has released Gingerbread Tree Etui as a chart! Previously it was only available if you took their online class. If you have collected the other pieces in their Gingerbread series, you will not want to miss this one! Autumn at Notforgotten Farm is a wonderful 48 page book with several types of projects in addition to cross stitch. Blackbird designs has released Forget Me Not which is Part 3 of their 2013 Loose Feathers series.

I need to stitch faster; I am not finished with Part 2! If you like needlework accessories (We call them toys for stitchers!) you will want to see the two new needle minders from Kelmscott Designs. I especially like the Elizabeth I Scissors needle minder. It is a miniature (non-working) version of their Elizabeth I scissors.

Final preparations are underway for our Weekend of Stitches with Ellen Chester of With My Needle (October 4-6). I am having a hard time realizing that October begins next week. The trees are starting to show their fall colors so guess I have to believe it!

I hope all of your stitching projects are going well! I love seeing which ones you choose to do next. Until next time...

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 12-Sep-13

Hi, stitching friends!

We have an exciting group of new things for you! You can see them at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Some things are still new arrivals from the St. Charles Needlework Market that didn't make it on the last update. I think the item that will make the most people happy is the 2013 Just Cross Stitch Christmas Ornament Magazine. It arrived just today so it was perfect timing for this update. It is filled with 76 ornaments to stitch and dozens of tempting recipes. If you pre-ordered the magazine, we have one waiting for you with your name on it. It will be hard to choose which ornament to stitch first! Other new arrivals are fall and Christmas designs, new Needle Nannies from Puffin & Co. and Part 1 of the Lizzie Kate Mystery Sampler, Holly & Hearts. We have been having a heat wave this week and it makes it hard to grasp the fact that fall is here and the end of the year holidays are approaching very quickly. Cooler temperatures are supposed to start tomorrow so that should help.

Have fun looking at all the new arrivals. Let us know which ones need to find their way to your stitching basket. I will be looking at all the ornaments and wishing for time to start stitching them! Thank you for your continued support!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 25-Aug-13

Hi stitching friends,

I am having a great time at The National Needlework Association (TNNA) market in St. Charles, Missouri! We have a room full of crates, bags and boxes of new charts, kits, floss and fabric. We are putting things online as fast as is husband-ly possible. (Thanks, Hal!) If you go to our catalog page, <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm>, and type stchas13 in the key word box you can see the new things as they are posted. Just be sure to check back often as we will surely be adding more!

There are some new designers exhibiting and that is a very good thing! Be sure to look for Brenda Riddle Designs and Lone Elm Lane Designs.

I hope to have pictures on our blog soon! Thank you for your continued enthusiasm for stitching!

Happy stitching,
Linda,

This Newsletters Date is: 14-Aug-13

Hi stitching friends,

This is a quick note to let you know that our What's New Page has been updated with 44 items! Take a look at them here:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. I think you will like what you see! Place your order to be mailed or you can pick it up on Saturday at the Stash Exchange and save the postage!

I am off to buy supplies for our Stash Exchange and Riley Children's Hospital Fundraiser that is coming up this Saturday, August 17 from 10:00-2:00. (Remember we are on Central Time!) Hope to see you there!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 30-Jul-13

Hi, stitching friends!

How are your summer projects going? (Make that winter projects if you are in the southern hemisphere!) I have managed to complete a few things and that makes me want to find new projects to take their place. We have 30 new possibilities to choose from on our What's New page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. One that is sure to be added to my stitching stash is Weaver's Shuttle from Heartstring Samplery. I love the floral design and the words are SO true! If you like stitching quilt designs, be sure to see the three new charts from Linda Myers. We have the newest installments of the Little Sheep Virtues from Little House Needleworks and Santa's Village from Country Cottage Needleworks. We have had requests for First Communion designs and there are two from Handblessings that are quite do-able even if you have limited time to get them finished. Nora Corbett has added two new fairies and Designs by Gloria and Pat has released a new book called Christmas Favorites. Click on the link I provided above and you can see all of the recent arrivals.

Remember the Midwest Stash Exchange on August 17! You can see pictures of the fun from previous years at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html>.

Somehow we did not get a picture of all of the booths of stash. I think my photographer liked all of the added fun activities! The very best part of the whole affair is that we are raising money for Riley Children's Hospital.

As you all probably know by now, it is a place that is near and dear to our hearts. Thanks to the excellent care received there, our granddaughter Gracie is a healthy, happy and ACTIVE eight year old. There is no stopping that girl! One of her activities this summer is learning to stitch!

If you have been contemplating our Weekend of Stitches that will be held October 4-6, there is still a little time to sign up and plenty of room in both classes for you and a stitching friend or two! Ellen (Ellen Chester of With My Needle) needs to know the number of students very soon so she can get the kits ready. Once you see her beautifully put together kits you will understand why she needs some lead time to get them assembled. There are photos of the 2012 class at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html>, just scroll down a bit. There are also pictures of the two projects that Ellen will be teaching this year. If you cannot come for both projects, call (800-455-8517) or email (mail@houseofstitches.com) for the cost of taking just one of the classes. Please plan to be a part of the fun and learning!

Thank you for reading; I hope you enjoy the new projects!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 19-Jul-13

Hi stitching friends,

Once again it seems like all we talk about is the weather. Here in the Midwest it is HOT and humid and quite miserable if you have to be outside. We think the only way to survive is to stay inside and stitch in front of a fan or air conditioner. Another thing that you can do while you are inside is visit our website and see the latest arrivals. We don't have a What's New page yet; it should be ready by Friday evening sometime. Until then just go to our catalog <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm> and type jul13b in the keyword box. The new things should pop up for you to see. When you place your order they will pop up in your mailbox (as soon as the postal system can manage it)!

In an effort to think cool thoughts I have been working on a Christmas stocking. Yes, it should have been finished seven months ago. To put a good spin on it, I'm thinking of it as being ready five months early. It is Anna's Stocking by Shepherd's Bush. When I finish at the computer my plan is to attach all of the beads, buttons and charms! It feels good to finally be almost finished. I will post a picture after I get it all sewn up. This means a trip to the fabric store for backing and lining. I thought perhaps I could use the same fabric as one of the other seven stockings but when I opened the drawer to get the fabrics, they were nowhere to be found! I have no idea where they are. I think this is just another sign of advancing age!

You only have about two more weeks to register for our October Weekend of Stitches! I cannot emphasize too much how lucky we are to have Ellen Chester from With My Needle as our teacher. She is a patient and organized teacher with a wealth of knowledge that she shares throughout the weekend. If you are not able to join us for the whole weekend, you can just take the Saturday or Sunday class if that fits your schedule better. Contact me at the email address below if you would like the price breakdown for those options. (Sorry, I did not bring that information home with me this evening.)

I am off to embellish my stocking! Have fun planning which new charts and accessories need to be part of your stash! (Be sure to see the new scissors and bone needlecases!)

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 05-Jul-13 Hi stitching friends,

I hope all of our friends in the US had a wonderful Fourth of July today! LaPorte is pretty traditional with a big parade and fireworks.

Granddaughter Gracie was excited to ride on the Girl Scout float. We spent the afternoon with family which involved lots of good food, laughter and for the kids (okay, and some adults!) getting wet. Watching the kids expend so much energy made us hungry so then we ate again!

Our What's New page has been updated with the latest arrivals. You can see them at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Mirabilia designer Nora Corbett has begun a new alphabet series called Letters From Mermaids and she also has a striking new design called Persephone. The 2013 Prairie Schooler Santa has arrived along with three more Christmas and three Halloween designs. Country Cottage has a new chart called Stars and Stripes and Candy Cane Cottage is the next installment in the Santa's Village series. Little House Needleworks continues the Little Sheep Virtues series with Simplicity. Bessie and the Farmer's Daughter are the other two new charts from this prolific designer. There are many more new charts, but I think it will be more beneficial for you to look at them for yourself!

Mark your calendar for August 17 and plan to join us for our annual Midwest Stash Exchange! There is more information on our website; just click on the EVENTS button or email or phone us (800-455-8517). We are raising money for Riley Children's Hospital so we hope you can come and participate! On that same events page you can get more information about our Weekend of Stitches with Ellen Chester. Last year we had to limit participation due to the size of our meeting room. This year we will be at a larger hotel so we can accommodate a few more people. We have two wonderful projects planned and I think you will enjoy Ellen's teaching. I know I learned a lot last year!

I hope you enjoy the weekend. It started early for many people but we will be at work tomorrow, ready to take your orders and ship them out! We look forward to seeing those of you who have contacted us about visiting in person.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 16-Jun-13

Hi stitching friends,

We are receiving so many new designs that we are updating our What's New page again! You can see the latest at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The much anticipated first installment of the Little House Needleworks Mystery Sampler has arrived! We also have the next three parts of the Lizzie Kate Jingles and Sing a Sampler Part 3 from Silver Creek Samplers. Leisure Arts has a good selection of new leaflets; the first ones in quite awhile. The scissors that are pictured have been in our shop for awhile but somehow we didn't get them on the website until now. They are a great little scissor for the price; nice and sharp and I like the matching snap on sheaths!

I had an email from Ellen Chester about our upcoming Weekend of Stitches. She reminded me, and so I am reminding you that we need to have your paid reservations by the first week of August. Here's a link to the registration form: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/images/registration20131004.pdf>. It promises to be a wonderful weekend. You do not want to miss out on the fun!

I hope you have had a good weekend! We had a Father's Day celebration last night with our children and grandchildren. As usual it was a very good time with food and lots of laughter! Today has been

filled with church, paying bills, writing paychecks and laundry. I think this evening should provide a little stitching time, don't you?

Thank you for your continued interest and patronage! YOU are the reason we are still in business!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 31-May-13

Hi stitching friends,

Once again we have new things for you to see at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. The new arrivals include this year's Christmas/Winter Mill Hill kits, three new designs from Nora Corbett , two new ladies by artist John Clayton from Heritage Stitchcraft and the last book in Blackbird Design's Loose Feathers antique sampler series. We have just learned that the next Loose Feathers series will begin in July with the first of 12 designs. The plan is to release one every month. The first sampler will be 6" x 6" but the designs will vary in size. All are stitched on 30 count linen. We will automatically send these to you if you wish. Just let us know if you also want the fabric and floss sent with the chart each month. When all 12 designs are stitched and individually framed they can hang on your wall in a grouping that will be approximately 34" x 22".

Remember to sign up soon if you would like to be a part of our Weekend of Stitches with Ellen Chester.

There is a link to the registration form at the bottom of our Events page

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html>.

It will be a weekend of fun, learning, spending time with other needleworkers and best of all, STITCHING!

If you have been waiting for the latest Country Cottage Needleworks and Little House Needleworks charts, they didn't arrive in time for this What's New page but you can put a note in the customer comments area of your order form and ask us to include them with your order.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support! You are the reason we are still in business after 26 years.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 17-May-13

Hi, stitching friends!

I hope you are ready for a new project! Our designer friends have been very busy and as a result we have a long list of new designs for you:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> . We have the latest

installments in the ongoing series from By the Bay, Country Cottage and Little House Needleworks.

Cricket Collection has a wonderful new alphabet presented in four leaflets. You can stitch individual letters, spell out words or put them all together as a complete alphabet sampler. Kathy Barrick

(formerly of Carriage House Samplings and Barrick Designs) is back designing under her own name. You will recognize her inimitable style right away. Betsy's House from Plum Street Samplers reminds me of

our trip to the Baltimore Needlework Market last fall. We visited Philadelphia on the way and Betsy's house was one of the places we toured. Purple-licious from Tempting Tangles is a sampler with many of the names for purple. If beautiful sewing smalls are your passion, do not miss seeing the Heart Etui from Victoria Sampler.

To learn about upcoming events at House of Stitches, go to our Events page: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/events.html> and mark your calendars! We are adding pictures and information so check it often. We are SO excited about our October classes with Ellen Chester of With My Needle. Our plans are coming together and the schedule for the weekend will be ready soon. Do not delay in making your reservations. We would hate to have to tell you our classes are filled!

Our weather this week has bloomed into my perfect idea of spring. I do not remember a spring with prettier blooming trees! And additionally, the blooms seem to be lasting longer than usual. On Wednesday I helped my mother with some yard work. The lilac bushes were a solid wall of lavender and the scent was just wonderful!

Enjoy the new listings. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your ongoing interest.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 05-Apr-13

Hi stitching friends!

Our What's New page has been updated at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. We have many great things for you! Country Cottage and Little House each have new designs in their ongoing series, Blue Ribbon Designs concludes their three part Mystery Sampler, and Teresa Kogut has several new punchneedle designs. If you are ready to be in a summer state of mind, consider stitching Flip Flop Fun by the Vickery Collection. The best thing to do is to visit our website and see them for yourself!

We are in the middle of our La-D-Da Trunk Show and soon (April 26) we will have a Sue Hillis Trunk Show. It will showcase her new Dessert of the Month series along with her other new designs. The new things from market have been very popular; we have already had to order more from several companies.

Don't forget to request information about our Weekend of Stitches with Ellen Chester (With My Needle). It is October 4-6, 2013. The way time is flying by, it will be here before we know it! I hope you had a nice Easter weekend. Mine was quieter than usual with a smaller group around the table still but very nice. We are having leftovers again tonight!

I need to get back to work. There is a large stack of frames and mounting materials waiting to be matched up with pieces of needlework. I am looking forward to seeing which of the new designs are destined for your stash!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 15-Mar-13

Hi stitching friends,

We have been back from the Nashville Needlework Market for a little over a week and I'm still trying to get back up to speed. I sat down to write to you and instead started reading some of your blogs. (A perfect plan for procrastination!) I am impressed with all of the stitching that is going on out there. You have been doing some beautiful projects! And, from the looks of our post market orders, you are planning many more great projects. It was a really good market with an abundance of good, new designs. When we loaded the car my husband said he could tell that I bought more than other years because he could hardly get it all in! I have already had to re-order from several designers because you like their things as much as I do. If you have not looked at everything go to our website and take a peek: <http://www.houseofstitches.com/search.cfm>, then type nash13 in the keyword search box. There are 229 new things!

I want to remind you about two upcoming events. The first one is a BYOP (bring your own project) Stitching Weekend that is fast approaching! It will be April 18-20, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Express in LaPorte. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this is a change of place so let me know if you would like the updated information. It promises to be a fun, relaxing weekend with a minimum of structured activities so you can stitch on whatever you want. Maybe you can finish a piece that has been in your stitching bag too long!

The second event is our second annual Weekend of Stitches. It will be October 4-6, 2013 and once again Ellen Chester from With My Needle will be our instructor. She will be teaching two different projects: Long My She Wave and Fruit of the Vine Sampler Huswif. You may take one or both classes. Ellen is a wonderful teacher; very organized, thorough and patient! You can see the projects at www.withmyneedle.com then scroll down a little and click on With My Needle Teaching. If you would like more information about the weekend, just send me a quick email at the address below.

It is only a week until spring officially begins, at least for those of us in the northern hemisphere. Even though the winter has been mild it will be good to see green grass and flowers again. Hold that thought! We appreciate your continued interest and support!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 02-Mar-13

Hi stitching friends,

I hope you are ready for some new projects! I have spent last evening and today at the Nashville Needlework Market. Once again the designers have outdone themselves. If you would like to see what they have designed for us, go to our website <http://www.houseofstitches.com/Results.cfm>, click on Catalog and type in the key word nash13. Keep checking back often as we are adding things as we go along. My poor husband is chained to the computer this weekend. I do let him out of the room to have a nice dinner each evening but then it is back to work! It is always nice to talk with the designers and see their latest creations. I have lined up a trunk show from La-D-Da for the month of April and Sue Hillis will be visiting us on April

27 with a trunk show of her designs. Make plans to visit us and have Sue sign your charts!

I need to get back to work. I have bags and bags of charts and accessories to price so they are ready to sell when the shop opens on Tuesday morning.

Our hotel room is a mess with crates of charts, bags of merchandise and piles of invoices and brochures. Hopefully I can get it all sorted out. I also need to go through my show book and make a plan for finishing my shopping tomorrow. I hope you have fun shopping, too, and remember to keep checking our website as we add more things.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 15-Feb-13

Hi, stitching friends!

I hope this finds you enjoying a bit of extra stitching time while the weather is being unpredictable. Once again we are supposed to get up to 8 inches by tomorrow evening. We'll see if they are right; I think it's too soon to get all excited about it and rush the stores for milk and bread.

But then again, it might not hurt to rush to the stitching store (or website) to stock up on projects and supplies! To that end we have a long list of new things in need of a good home. You can see them at:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. Don't miss the latest from Drawn Thread, Heart in Hand, With My Needle and Lila's Studio. There are SO many projects that I want to do! I'm sure you understand my dilemma. Which one first?! We received the latest kits from Shepherd's Bush too late to get pictures on this time. Grey Snowman Kit (\$30.00) and Snowflakes Pin Cushion Kit (\$20.00) are both very cute! You can see photos on the Shepherd's Bush Blog: <http://shepherdsbushblog.blogspot.com/>. Just put a note in the customer comments area of your order form and we will add them to your order.

It has been a busy month so far at our house. Gracie (now 8 years old) and her grandmother and great-grandmother have all had birthdays and Jonathan, Jr. (aka Jon-Jon soon to be 4 years old) will have a birthday on the 28th.

Throw in Valentine's Day and February becomes one long celebration! It certainly helps to have some fun things going on in the middle of winter.

We have noticed that the days are getting longer and that is a welcome change!

We are planning a BYOP (Bring Your Own Project) Stitching Weekend for April 19-21, 2013! It will be at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in LaPorte and the cost will be \$70.00. That will include two lunches, use of the conference room and surprises. If you want to stay at the hotel, single, double, triple and quad rooms are available for \$89.99/night + taxes. (You need to make your own room reservations.) The conference room is much larger than the one we used last October so you will have more elbow room. I will have registration forms available soon .

And, speaking of October, we are having Ellen Chester come back for a teaching weekend October 4-6, 2013. She will be teaching her Fruit of the Vine Sampler Huswife and her Long May She Wave Needlecase. It will also be held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center. The cost for the weekend with two classes, two lunches and surprises will be \$350.00. If you want to stay at the hotel, single, double, triple and quad rooms are available for \$89.99/night + taxes. (You need to make your room reservations for this weekend, too.) I will have registration forms available soon! I will get to

work on the forms as soon as I finish this newsletter. Email us if you would like one for either or both weekends.

Until next time, I hope all of your projects are progressing nicely!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 03-Feb-13

Hi stitching friends,

You may have already noticed that our What's New Page has been updated! If you have not visited recently, you can see the latest here:

<http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. It is an exciting line up with the beginning of three new series: Little Sheep Virtues-Hope from Little House Needleworks, Part 1 of the Blue Ribbon Designs Mystery Sampler-Blue Jeans and Daisies, and the first three charts in Lizzie Kate's Jingles Flip-It series. Wow! Which should I start first? And, while we are talking about series projects, part three of Santa's Village from Country Cottage Needleworks is here along with October's Angel from Raise the Roof. Hardanger lovers will want to see the latest offerings from Satin Stitches. Blackbird Designs has a new sampler that is filled with hearts and flowers. Several other charts would also make fine projects for your February/Valentine's Day stitching! (Remember what I have previously said about stitching in season?! It does not matter if it gets finished for the holiday this year. Holidays have a way of repeating every year.)

I want to remind you that we order from both Hoffman Distributing and Norden Crafts every week. We can order anything you see in their updates and on their websites. In fact, at Hoffman you can place your order online and then designate House of Stitches to fill it! As more and more designs become available, this is a way for you to have access to far more things than we can keep in stock. And one of our goals is to help stitchers have the designs and supplies that they need!

Have a good week! I hope you can find time to work on a project you love.

If you are not working on a project you love, maybe you can find one in our new designs! With just a little click here and a little click there, we will get them on the way to you. I am still finishing that one last Shepherd's Bush stocking that will make our family collection complete. Our inventory is finally all counted so I will not feel so guilty about stitching! Thank you for your continued interest and support; we appreciate our customers!

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 15-Jan-13

Hi stitching friends,

I hope your new year is off to a fantastic start! It's hard to believe that the first month is half over. I'm pretending that it is still the holidays; our tree and other decorations are still brightening our home. The plan is to put them away this weekend; I am sure I will miss the lights and the candles in the windows. Last year I bought a string of heart lights but never figured out where to put them. This year I will find a place to put them so it does not seem so dark! It is only a month until Valentine's Day and Our What's

New Page at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm> has several Valentine themed designs. Some are small enough to be finished in time to be a gift for your Valentine. All of the Mill Hill spring kits have arrived and six of them are heart-shaped beaded ornaments. There are also several new spring/Easter designs. A bright, new project will help you through the mid-winter tedium.

In about a week we should have the first in the Sheep Virtues series from Little House Needleworks, the first installment of the Blue Ribbon Designs Mystery Sampler and the first designs in Lizzie Kate's Jingles series.

(Yes, she is planning for Christmas 2013!!) Let us know if you would like to be included in the "automatics" for any or all of these series.

It has been fun talking with you but I should finish the other homework that I brought home to do tonight! Bills to pay, ordering to do, checkbook updating; you know—all of the really fun stuff. Ha, ha!

Thank you for your continued interest and patronage! We look forward to supplying all of your cross stitch needs in 2013.

Happy stitching,
Linda

This Newsletters Date is: 02-Jan-13

Happy New Year!

Our What's New Page has been updated so you can start 2013 with a new project or two! See the latest additions at <http://www.houseofstitches.com/whatsnew.cfm>. If you are one of the smart stitchers who plan ahead, there are new Christmas projects that you can start for next year. Sue Hillis has a cute Valentine leaflet and another one for owl lovers. Blackbird Designs completes the 2012 Loose Feathers series with a book that has four small projects that are all based on designs in an antique sampler. The final 2012 ornament from Little House Needleworks is here. Country Garden Stitchery has started a new series of monthly flowers. Little House Needleworks will soon begin a new series called Little Sheep Virtues and Blue Ribbon Designs will soon begin a 3 part Mystery Sampler. Both are scheduled to begin around the 21st of January.

It is not too late to sign up to be on the automatic for the Country Cottage Santa's Village series. Part 2 has just arrived so you can easily catch up.

There are several samplers that are destined for my personal stash. What is it about alphabets that make me want to stitch all of them?!?

Our school children have one more day of vacation so both Grace and Jon-Jon get to visit great-grandma this week. Our mission is to help her get ready for our family Christmas gathering on Saturday. The first Saturday in January is reserved for this celebration every year. This year it falls appropriately on the twelfth day of Christmas. We will, of course, eat too much and talk and laugh and enjoy being together. It's nice to have an excuse to put off the usual new year diet plans for a few extra days!

I hope your new year is filled with good health, happiness and much time to stitch!

Happy stitching,
Linda

