

Amy's

needlework supplies & classes

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what's inside this month

YOU'RE FAMOUS, BABY!

There is nothing quite like attending a market with a celebrity. Everyone stops to chat or snatch a photo op. You can watch people stare and whisper quietly thinking that no one notices. It is especially fun to catch people who don't know "who" the celebrity is and then see the astonishment and blush when they discover they are in the presence of FAME. I had such fun walking the market in the wake of BABY'S grandeur. Heads turn, doors open and men flock to be seen with her.

There were many giggles as we staged her "cover" of Needlework Retailer. Mark Young towered over her, much to her delight, in the Labors of Love booth. Don Lynch (Timothy's dad...Timothy, as famous as Baby, is a magnificent spider who works for Associated Talents) enjoyed kickin' back with Baby in their booth on Monday as the show wound down.



Mark Young,
Labors of Love.



Don Lynch,
Associated Talents.

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YOU'RE FAMOUS, BABY!

Vernon Kirk is not too sure who Baby is (her notoriety has not crossed the Atlantic yet) but was a good sport to be photographed with her for their Facebook appearance. The best of all was Raymond Crawford. He kept hearing talk of "Baby" but he was not sure who she was. He could tell from the comments that she was someone that many people knew, but he couldn't figure her out. Once he was set straight on the subject, he HAD to be introduced and it was love at first sight. They were photographed in Lani's booth holding hands and gazing soulfully at each



Vernon Kirk,
Kirk & Bradley.

Raymond Crawford,
Raymond Crawford Designs.



other.

For those of you who joined us on Facebook during the show, I hope that you enjoyed the incredible art and wondrous spectacle that makes up a Needlework Trade Show. I could only show you a tiny bit of what was there...one woman with one camera phone cannot begin to do it justice. Many of these designers have Websites you should visit. Many more of their designs are represented on other shop Websites and

Facebook pages but it is hard to describe a room filled with the marvels of creativity available in our industry.

Alrighty then, market is over, let's get on with SUMMER!!! Happy Birthday USA and to celebrate we are having another Birthday Give-away Present...details on page 3. We have sprinkled fun products throughout thIS newsletter...we just have to wait until the end of August for the next show experience in St. Charles!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

YES...AGAIN!

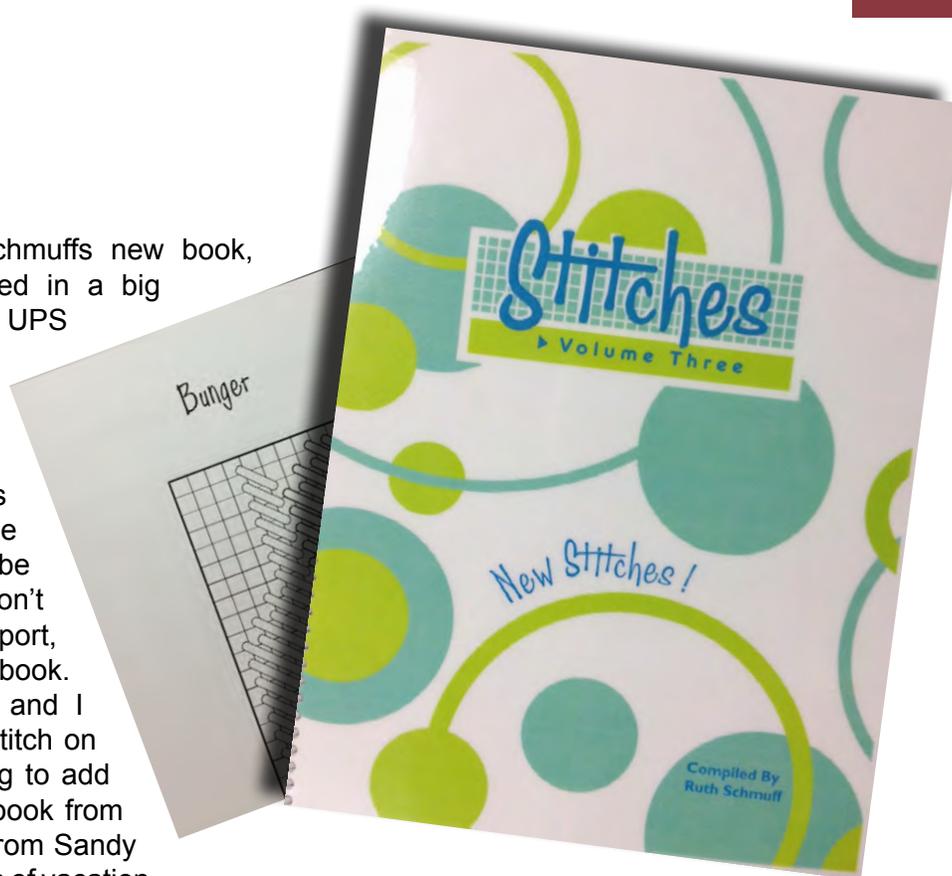


I **TOLD** you we had fun with my birthday present give-away. So we are going to do it again to celebrate the birth of our nation. We gathered red, white and blue (as well as a few other colors) merchandise from the shop...almost \$200 worth of goodies to give away to some lucky July shopper. The whole kit and kaboodle (don't you just love that word) are tucked into a BLUE Walker Bag. Every sale thru phone-in, walk-in, E-mail, website, and home study will be entered in this contest...no need to ask, because you will be automatically entered. The drawing for the July Birthday Present will be on Monday, July 29th....be sure to get your purchase in before then to be entered in another fun drawing.

STITCHES, VOL. 3

BY RUTH SCHMUFF

IT'S HERE! At last, Ruth Schmuffs new book, Stitches Volume Three arrived in a big heavy box. I thought that my UPS man was going to melt in heat index of 114 degrees while carrying these weighty stitches. Where did those lovely Spring temperatures go? The book just barely made it in the front door in time to be included in this newsletter. I don't have time to write a book report, but I am so excited about this book. Ruth's stitches are incredible and I was thrilled to see BUNGER stitch on one of the pages. This is going to add to my Summer fun to have a book from Ruth followed by a new book from Sandy Arthur coming next month....lots of vacation reading ahead.



COST: STITCHES, VOL. 3 \$60⁰⁰

S.M.A.R.T.S. CLASSES

SATURDAY MORNINGS ARE RESERVED TO STITCH

It has been several years since I have offered a Walk-in Canvas Enhancement Class in the shop. I have missed it, but have been hard pressed to find the time. A light bulb went off not long ago that if I wait for the time to make itself available, I will wait a long time indeed. So I will try to carve out one Saturday each month for a Saturday morning Enhancement Class held here in the shop.

I was bowled over with the response to these classes...obviously I was not the only one missing them! I apologize for the "full" classes but hope to remedy that with more days offered in the future...I am working on trying to invent more time, keep your fingers crossed.

JUNE 20
10 AM -- 1 PM
(sold out)

2 PM -- 5 PM
not available

COST: \$30⁰⁰

AUGUST 10
10 AM -- 1 PM
space available

2 PM -- 5 PM
space available

Teacher: Amy Bunger

Intermediate Level or above. Sorry, no Beginners at this time.

Please call in advance to sign up. Prepayment is required to guarantee a space in class.

NEW PRODUCTS

Magnets are definitely the new collectables in the needlepoint world. Every market brings more fun surprises to adorn our stretched canvases...but wait, magnets can also be worn as jewelry. Just snap the magnets on your collar or lapel for a quick bling of fun color added to your outfit. The new magnets for this market are:

COST: MAGNETS \$12⁰⁰ - \$16⁰⁰

PUFFIN MAGNETS

Puffin brought new magnets to market as well...these little metal masterpieces are so strong they might hold up a refrigerator if you could get it on there! The Holly and Santa are new Christmas magnets (I believe the Holly is available now but the Santa may be another month in the making), a Bat and a Pumpkin are the new magnets for the Fall (the Bat is available now but the Pumpkin will be coming with Santa), and for Summer a beautiful Sunflower.



ACCOUTREMENT'S MAG FRIENDS

Accoutrement always has some new fun bling for us...they added a reel of Kreinik Bronze to the new Kreinik series, a Birthday Cake (yum and what better gift for a stitch friend I ask you), Hummingbird, Bird of Paradise (very dramatic), and...drum roll here...the second Nutcracker in the series THE EMERALD NUTCRACKER. I missed out on the Ruby Nutcracker so take my advice and order early on this one if you want to be sure to add it to your line up! Those four are new but how did I miss the Conch Shell...I am assured that we had it before but it must have come and gone so quickly I missed it, so I am ordering more.



NEW PRODUCTS

ETC MAGNETS

Teddy Bears, Witch's Hats (my total favorite in ALL THREE COLORS!) and Purses in different colors, Rounded Candy Corn, new "very bling" Flamingo, Turtles in green and pink, Palm Tree with Coconuts, a Blue Puppy Print (but we all know that this is the track of a U of M Tiger....or maybe a Kentucky Wild Cat). The ETC magnets are incredible and too much fun to mix and match with their large Scissor Blings. The long awaited "Hello Bear" Scissor Blings (I mistakenly called them Hello Kitty) are finally ready along with tons of other designs.

COST: MAGNETS \$14⁰⁰
SCISSOR FOBS \$22⁰⁰



SCOJO EYEWEAR & ACCESSORIES

Scojo Glasses offered a new design of magnifying readers...BIRTHSTONES....a little bit bling and little bit gem. They don't totally scream the month of the year, so if you just WISH that your birthstone was green....go for it!!! We also have "Eye Opener", the fabulous LARGE microfiber cleaning cloth, from Scojo. This cloth folds away neatly into a small, soft plastic, snap-closure carrying case which is easy to tuck into your purse or glove box. The cleaning cloth is perfect for your glasses, phone, computer screen, dashboard and more...nice size, not a bed sheet but bigger than a Kleenex!

COST: GLASSES \$20⁰⁰
CLEANING CLOTH \$5⁰⁰



KREINIK WIRED FACETS

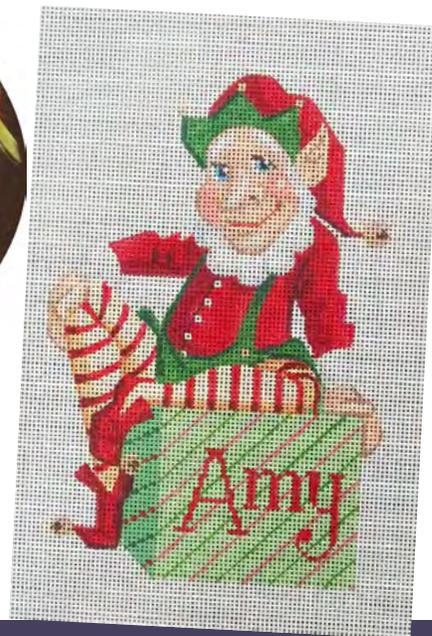
Wired Facets from Kreinikthey're creepy and they're crawly.... ha ha ha, when I look at this wonderful new variation on a great thread I think of Spider Legs for the black, heraldry for the gold, swirls of snow for the white and diamond tiaras for the silver. Of course those suggestions are only the beginning of what this flexible novelty thread might do on your next canvas.



COST: PER REEL \$4²⁵

NEW CANVASES

Not many of the canvases from market were able to drive home in the car with me but I did nab a few ornaments and masks, including the impish Elf sitting on MY present! I'm telling you that JP Sligh (sly?), Labors of Love, knew what he was doing when he painted my name on this canvas!



COST: LARGE MASK \$52⁵⁰
 MEDIUM MASK \$42⁰⁰
 TINY MASK \$38⁰⁰

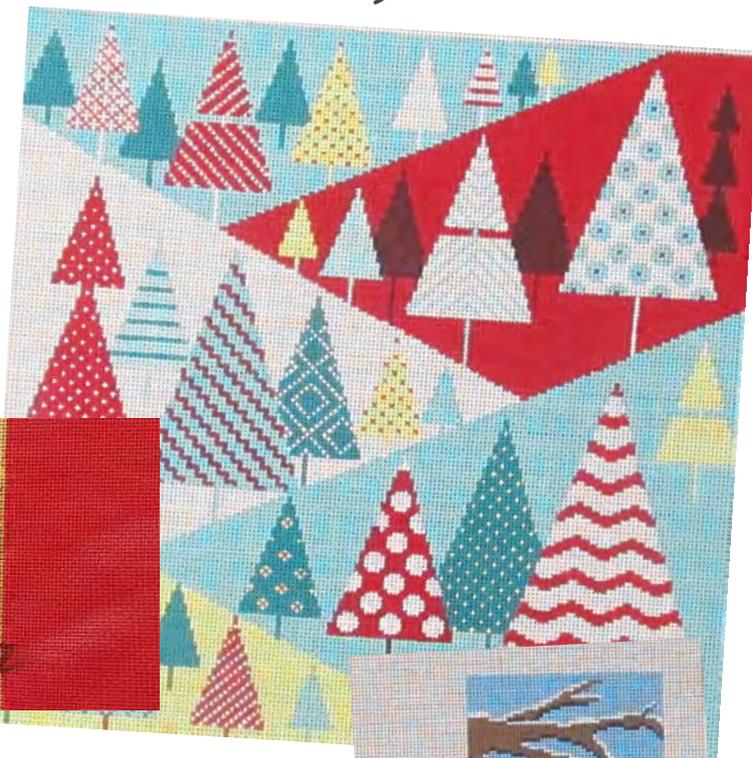
NEW RED, WHITE, & BLUE



First shipment of Rogue Queens, Anne of Cleves, arrived this week. Had fun pulling a few threads for a customer! Unfortunately there were not enough canvases to go around but we expect more to arrive soon.

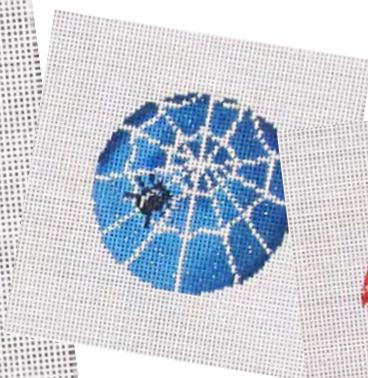
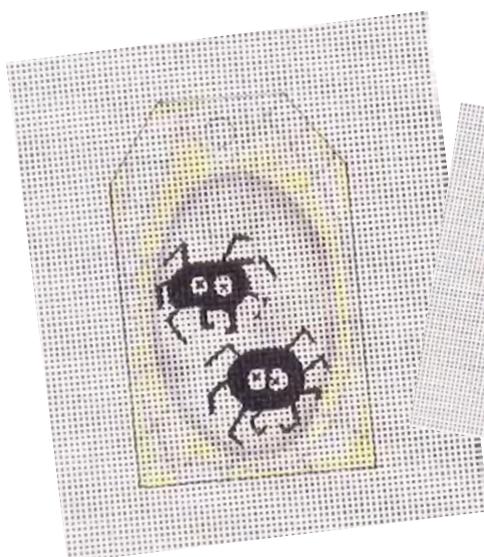
COST: ANNE OF CLEVES \$49⁰⁰

RED, WHITE, & BLUE IS FOR CHRISTMAS, TOO.



& HALLOWEEN!

BOO!



You would be amazed at the process in shipping a Home Study class. The entire shop is filled with boxes, packing material, guides, kits, labels, and notebooks. For weeks, sometimes months, we have been gathering canvases, threads, stones, glue, trims and more. Hours and hours have been spent laying out the items to fill kit bags. The copy machine has been smokin' ...sometimes literally, hence a visit from the copy repair man...to print out the stitch guides. A new July Mail Order Stitch was prepared and stacked waiting to be added to each box. Our mailman is kind enough to pass us by on his daily rounds and come back before he finishes his route each day to give us the maximum amount of time to prepare boxes and labels (he is a keeper for sure).

We have lovingly shipped off most of Group #1, Kit #3, Katherine Parr and are finishing up the last of Group #2, Kit #1, Anne of Cleves this week. It seems so funny to spend all day with these two queens only to come home at night to work on Jane Seymour. Our house, or at least my Girl's Room, has become a royal court of sorts. Each section brings a new stitching adventure.



KIT #1:
4TH WIFE,
ANNE OF CLEVES
Group 2 - July



KIT #3:
6TH WIFE,
KATHERINE PARR
Group 1 - July
Group 2 - September



KIT #2:
1ST WIFE,
CATHERINE OF ARAGON
Group 2 - August

KIT #4:
3RD WIFE,
JANE SEYMOUR
Group 1 - August
Group 2 - October

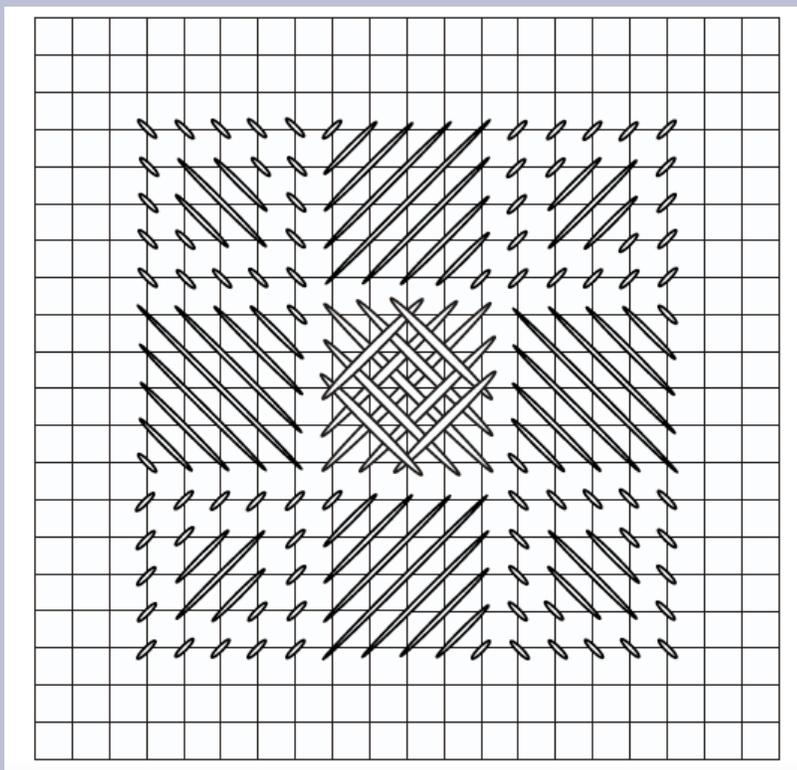
In February at the Winter Needlework Market we found many treasures. One booth I was not familiar with displayed tiny shiny buttons, I was hooked. I nabbed a package of 3mm Swarovski Crystal Emerald Buttons with Black Rhodium rims. I just knew that I would have a use for them on the Tudor Project. sure enough Jane Seymour has tiny emeralds tucked into golden nests on a peach-colored background. I have ordered more of the beautiful gem buttons and will share that info with you once they arrive in the shop.

I mentioned last month that I poured through a book on Peyote Beading I taught myself how to do Peyote Beading with this great little book. I love it! Hope to be a "true" beader in my next life. I have worked a smooth Peyote Beaded golden panel with ruby and sapphire patterns to be Appliquéd over a padded brooch design on a fabric field of red with copper swirls. Oh the joy of working on such a luxurious needlepoint design.... thank you, Juli Poitras (JP Designs) for the incredible fun and learning experience you made possible with THIS canvas.

We still have a few canvases available to be included in Group Two of 2013 Royal Pain in the Tudors Home Study. After those canvases are sold, we will sign up students on an individual basis scheduled as supplies are available.



15 x 15



15 x 15 is a descriptive rather than whimsical name for this composite stitch. A composite stitch is made up of more than one type of stitch. This combination is a repeat design of Scotch, Framed Scotch (flat stitches) and Waffle (crossed stitch). I worked this pattern for a border 15 canvas threads wide, but it would make a lovely checkerboard pattern if you reverse the position of the Scotch and Framed Scotch on every other block...or put the Waffle in the corners and the Framed Scotch in the center on every other block.... mix it up, what fun.



Please call and let us know if you are interested in any of these fun red, white, & blue canvases.



Queen Elizabeth I (Wild Woman line)
from Melissa Shirley
Stitched by Susan Winslow
with suggestions from Amy Bunger stitch guide

SNAP TRAYS

Show your patriotism this month with Red, White and Blue Snap Trays. Snap trays help organize everything from stitching tools and accessories to keys and loose change.



Keep your favorite (stitching) space organized and proudly display your Stitched in the USA.

COST: TRAY \$40⁰⁰



Yippee!!! I made my goal of July. The Custom Stitch Guide for the Witchy Stitchy Club canvas by Melissa Shirley is complete. "The Girls" traveled to the country with me for a long weekend of planning and plotting. When we came home we still had loads of work to do to finish some details and polish the guide, add several pages of drawings and then pull all of the threads. I had so much fun designing outfits, hats, faces, hair styles, stitching projects and tote bags for each of the girls. The thread kit bulges with different types of thread, found objects, beads, felt and more. We are just about ready to start shipping the first orders for this canvas/stitch guide...just waiting on the last few trinkets to drop into the kit.

COST: STITCHING WITCHES CANVAS \$279⁵⁰
GUIDE \$175⁰⁰
KIT \$300⁰⁰

We will also have guides available for the individual witches (just released in Columbus) on this canvas. Each Witchy Sister can be painted individually on a canvas. SURPRISE to me or I would have prepared ahead of time!

COST: INDIVIDUAL WITCH CANVAS \$105⁰⁰
GUIDE \$52⁵⁰
KIT TBD

ODDS & ENDS

Halloween 3D Bat
by Labors of Love

CANVAS \$61⁰⁰
STITCH GUIDE \$15⁰⁰
THREAD KIT \$39⁸⁰



Halloween 3D Owl
by Labors of Love

CANVAS \$61⁰⁰
STITCH GUIDE \$15⁰⁰
THREAD KIT \$35⁰⁰



Purple Owls are rare and only fly on Halloween. Even though you can see the shiver in his shoulders (do birds have shoulders?), this little guy is warm and cozy with his Petite Peluche fringe, chest and teardrops. Who knew his eyes could open so WIDE and bright?

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAILING TUDOR

GROUP I - KIT #3
GROUP II - KIT #1
July 1

S.M.A.R.T.S.
July 20
10:00 - 1:00

HISTORY LESSON
August Newsletter

MAILING TUDOR

GROUP I - KIT #4
GROUP II - KIT #2
August 1

S.M.A.R.T.S.
August 10
10:00 - 1:00
2:00-5:00