

# Stitch'n & Stuff

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**SPRING FINALLY....YEAH!!!** The flowers are blooming and Diana is busy throwing mulch on the beds, pruning and digging up those pesky dandelions. They are pretty but sure can take over if not taken care of. The designers have been busy and there are a lot of nice things out for the spring and we are actually seeing **Halloween** designs already. Amy Bruecken Designs has a couple of really adorable ones called "Eek" and "Boo". We will talk more about the designs in the shop news.

First sadly we have had to make a decision that we have put off doing. This will be the last of the mailed newsletters, due to the increasing postage rates and the cost of printing these we have had to make this decision. Unfortunately or fortunately we live in a cyberspace era, we do know that not everyone has a computer but with the easy availability of internet access at the local libraries we are hoping this won't be too much of a problem.

We will be sending out post card announcements for the sales which typically happen in Feb for framing and July and December for shop wide discounts. We will not be sending out cards for announcements of the stitch ins.

You are always welcome to call and check to see if your favorite designer has anything new or you can call and ask us to call you when your favorite designer releases new items. We keep a list of people already who want special patterns and we will work you to keep you informed if you don't have internet access. That being said those that have an email that have still been getting these mailed newsletters may want to call and submit your email or the easiest way is to visit the website and send us an email asking to be added to our notification list. Our email announcements are usually 1-3 times per month and do not contain attachments or pictures to slow things down. We try to keep them brief and add a link to the website for you to click on to enter the area of the website that has been updated.

**Shop News: Shepherd's Bush** has been busy with the addition to their "Scatter" series and also to the smaller designs stitched on the Newport linen that has the 1" blocks already stitched in. Both of these styles have been popular and are really cute stitched up. **Blackbird Designs Birds of a Feather Club** continues with the second in the series which should be in the shop by the end of the week. They also have the cute, cute, cute little stockings that are a monthly series. Each chart has 3 stockings to stitch. Pat has one done up as a sample on the framing wall and it is (dare I say it) just toooo CUTE!!! They are about 4" long and 2 inches wide perfect for a little filler in your wall display or I know one customer is planning to stitch one set of all of them and going to display them on a small tree in her home year round! Sharon Crescent of **Crescent Colours** has started designing under the "Miss Crescent" label and has several adorable designs the latest being on the is "Support the Girls" that has proceeds donated to help fight breast cancer. **Counted canvas** continues to gain popularity, several has said that it is a great break from the standard cross stitch although cross stitch will remain their first love. We have patterns from very simple satin stitch style pieces to designers that add all those specialty stitches and stitches on top of stitches. Come in and check out the table display. We will gladly get you started and show you how to mount the canvas and find the center of your piece. **Pine Mountain Designs** series for this year is a flange style pillow. The pillow form is totally on the inside of the pillow and the outside has a fabric border that is like a flat ruffle. They have also added a new line called "Frame Ups", these are simple cute designs that as usual come with the fibers, fabric and needle but in addition you also receive the frame that is specially designed for each design. The latest one is called "Summer House" and just really a great take along project for a quick stitch. **SamSarah Design Studio** continue with their alphabet "Baubles", "G is for Ghosts" has just arrived and is a great addition for those who love Halloween designs! **Lizzie Kate** has several new designs along with completing the

you have an older pattern calling for one of these frames we should be able to get it again.

**New Framing moldings:** Our friends at Eastside have added a new line of frames that has the little rosette style pieces in the four corners. Hog River use to have a popular style like this and Eastside is hoping to fill a hole in the framing market left by Hog River retiring. We have the frame corners on order and they can be ordered with or without the additional rosettes in the corners.

**Stitch In:** The next one will be June 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to whenever. As usual it will be limited to 20 people and we will hold signup for the event on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am by phone or email. We encourage you to sign up only a couple of people at a time to give everyone a chance to become involved if they wish. Cost will be \$15 per person. We love to see new faces at the group and we always have a great time. Sign up and see what all the fuss is about.

**Good News:** We almost forgot to mention that a yarn shop for Knitting, Crocheting and Tapestry is opening up in the next week or two. It will right next door to us and the hours at this time will be closed on Sunday and Monday, open 10-5 Tuesday through Friday. We know she will be open on Saturday but we are unsure as to her hours. The name of the store will be **UNWIND** and Linda Kelly is the owner. Be sure to stop in and check out her store when she is open. We think this is a great addition to our shopping area.

**We want to thank all of those that have supplied us with your email addresses for notification of website updates and newsletter announcements. Not only do we save postage and trees but you as the customer receive up to date notice of new designs and new happenings in the shop. What a great win-win situation for us all. Thank you!**

**With a Love for Stitching**

**Pat and Diana**

Boo club Flip-its for the year. Her latest boxer series is really cute and another great take along project, the latest is "Cinderella". **CM Designs** continues with their cute chubby snowball monthly snowmen and they have added a cute little people series called "The Fern Folk Series". **Hinzeit** has added to their line with several new mini-block charts/charms such as "Bowling" and "Chocolate". Plus they have other new designs including "Erin Go Bragh", "Green Thumb", "Easter Word Hunt", "Bathroom", "Best Friend" and "Happy Easter". **Heart in Hand** has a new "Christmas Marking" that is just great for the Christmas season. This has 12 blocks of different Christmas items such as candles, elves, presents and holly and then there is a border filled with a fun saying and a great button collection. Their yearly 2009 Collector's Heart has been released and is available at this time, plus a new large chart that just came in called "What Makes it Spring". Give us a call if you are interested in any of these items or better yet stop in and visit for yourself.

So many things to stitch and so little time!

#### **Holiday Closings:**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Holiday**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day**

**Last Year** at this time we had heard of problems in the DMC Corporation, those have since been handled and the issue was with a clothing line they had started and several boutique style shops in Europe. It never affected the fiber line or DMC USA so all is good in the fiber line. Anchor has announced the discontinuation of their #3 perle cotton line but DMC will continue to handle their #3 perle cotton line.

**Wood N Needle Craft Frames:** This is the company that was so popular for Lizzie Kate flip its when she was designing the monthly series. They were out of business for a while but apparently that was only for a change of ownership and they are now re-opening for business. This means that if

# **Stitch In**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**1pm to whenever**

**Cost is \$15 for Food, Beverage and a small kit to stitch**

**Sign up will start at 10am on Saturday  
June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Email or call**

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