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Weekdays 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

From Nancy.....

Spring 2017

Dear Stitchers,

Greetings from Tangley Street. We are all settled in and just loving our new location. If you have not had a chance to come and see us on Tangley Street, please do so soon! We love the new space and so appreciate all the wonderful feedback that we are getting about the thread room, teaching room and how easy it is to see all the canvasses that we have for you!

Just as we are getting comfortable, we know that you are starting to think about your summer plans. We want to offer some ideas for commemorating your travel or special events this summer. We have an excellent selection of canvasses that will not only serve as a great reminder of your destinations, they are the perfect "travel size" for you as well. Kathy Schenkel, Kirk & Bradley, Painted Pony and Colonial Needle (just to name a few) all offer canvasses that will fit this category. Should you be hitting the links at an iconic golf course like Augusta, escaping the heat to the Great White North or traveling the canals of Venice, there is a canvas that we can drop right into your travel bag. For your summer campers, I have been working with one of my artists to create candy cane ornaments with the name and colors of some of our local camps. We can really create any ornament to fit just what you need. Hang these on the tree at Christmas time and they will be a wonderful memory of your summer fun ~ as well as a great reminder to send in those camp deposits for next year!

Graduation is also right upon us and we have some grand ideas for your graduate. We can represent any high school or college on an angel, snowman, Santa Claus, candy cane or round ornament. Graduates like to hang these in dorm rooms before they finally make it on to the tree. Also, I have some lovely small leather jewelry cases on which initials can be added with some quick and easy stitching!

Projects big or small, the spring and summer offer a host of stitching opportunities, so come and see us soon to get yours together!

Happy Stitching,

Nancy



TRUNK SHOW



Kathy Schenkel Designs

April 2017

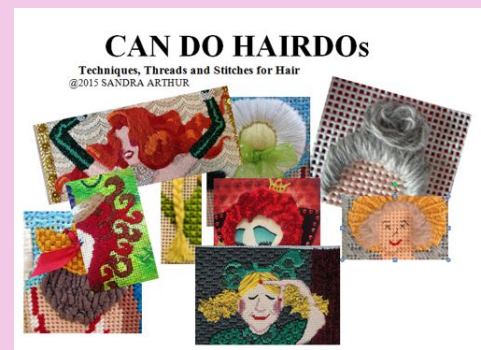
We love the ease and fun that Kathy Schenkel brings to the canvas. Not only does she have canvasses that highlight colleges and travel destinations, she has a design called "House Divided" that will represent two different alma maters under one roof ~ very clever. Her tooth fairy pillows are a favorite and baby sleeping signs will do the trick on those unwanted door bell ringers! Kathy would never forget the real stars in our homes ~ our pets! She has fun dog and cat canvasses to make sure "the boss" is represented with an ornament also! This line really does have something for everyone, so come and see it in April!

Please enjoy a
15% Trunk Show Discount

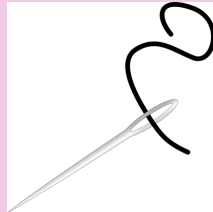
From the Book Shelf

Can Do Hairdos by Sandra Arthur

We have all been stumped by how to stitch the etherial flowing locks on a beautiful angel or the wiry coiffure on a halloween witch! Sandra Arthur has come to our rescue with her new book CAN DO HAIRDOS. Should you want to give Grandma a top knot or Goldy some lovely locks, this book has color examples of how to achieve the look that you want! Pick a copy up soon at Needle House.



Welcome back, Pam!



We are so pleased to announce that Pam Lemire is back with us at Needle House. Many of you remember that Pam previously handled many of our stitch guides and was always a wonderful resource in the shop for hunting down the perfect thread or helping you find a canvas that would make a wonderful next project.

Pam has returned to teach canvas embellishment classes on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Call Needle House to sign up for a few of these classes and watch your project come to life before your very eyes!

Finishing Tips

Needle House welcomes all of your amazing projects to the store for finishing by our finishers. Here are a few things to remember when you are bringing your items to Needle House.

Our finishers will bring the cording right up to the outermost stitched canvas thread. There is no need for you to add extra rows to accommodate the finisher. They will assume that you want to see all of the stitching that you have completed.

The only exception to this is what we call "sharp corners" ~ it is important to add a few extra stitches to fill in places to which the sewing machine cannot maneuver!

If you have a special fabric or trim in mind for your finishing, bring it with you. Some fabrics are more successful than others for finishing, so, if you are not sure, bring us a swatch so that we can make sure it will work. (Velvets should be cotton and not synthetic blends.)

And, of course, timing is everything! We work exclusively with finishers in whom we have the ultimate confidence. This limits the number of pieces that they can complete to meet our standards. Please remember to allow plenty of time for your finishing. We can usually accommodate your needs, but keep the calendar in mind! For projects, such as a series with numerous individual pieces, please bring items as the stitching is completed. We make sure to reserve fabric and trims if you just let us know what else will come our way.

Thank you for entrusting us with your cherished, heirlooms! We appreciate the opportunity to highlight all of the beautiful work that you have done.

Ann Kelly's Basketweave Class

Join Ann Kelly for her unique, technique class on the basketweave stitch. This class is for the new or seasoned needlepoint student as it is a great basic to learn as well as an incredible refresher for all of us to be reminded of the secrets and tips for proper basketweave, tent stitch and continental application for our needlepoint. Each student will receive a canvas, thread, stretchers, needles and time with Ann as she teaches you to perfect the most basic of needlepoint stitches. Ann Kelly's 2 hour class is packed with hints, tips and technique.

Tuesday, April 25th
Tuesday, May 23rd



Come & Stitch with Laurie Walden

Spend the day stitching with Laurie every Thursday morning and/or afternoon. Laurie brings her considerable talents with threads, color and stitches to the Needle House teaching table. Call us at Needle House to check availability and register!

Nancy's Workshops

These are two-hour workshops concentrating on the application of special stitches and fibers to a project of your choice purchased at Needle House. Sign up is on a first come, first served basis.

Class fees are due upon registration and are non-refundable. If you have an emergency or conflict, we will be happy to accommodate you as best we can, depending on the availability of classes. However, you are always welcome to find your own substitute. Class fees are \$20.00 for one 2-hour session.

APRIL 2017

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Morning Workshops

Weekday 10:00 a.m. *- 12:00 a.m.

*please note new start time

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon Workshops

Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Evening Workshops

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Class Registration

Friday, March 24th -9:30 a.m.

(for weekday classes)

Saturday, March 25th - 9:30 a.m.

(for Saturday & Wednesday evening classes)

MAY 2017

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CALENDAR LEGEND



Morning Classes only

Morning &



Afternoon or evening Classes

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Dates to Remember

Class Registration ~ March 24th & 25th

Trunk Show~

Kathy Schenkel Designs - April



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Chain Stitch

diagram from

Stitches to Go

By Suzanne Howren and Beth Robertson

Chain Stitch is so very versatile for areas that invite a interesting detail with a uniform or non uniform border. Vines and leaves are perfect for chain stitch as well dress details, wings and all other manner of design details!

The new CAN SO HAIRDOs book suggests chain stitch for flowing hair and we agree that it is the perfect application.

Chain stitch can come in handy in just about any area so try it out on your next project in a place that you would not expect to use it ~ it just might surprise you!

