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Reflections Framing & Stitching

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Happy August Everyone! The next few months will be busy for everyone! Late summer vacations, school starts, the State Fair, Labor Day, Retreat, and before we know it, we'll be in the thick of the Holiday Season!

Don't forget to take time to relax and enjoy your favorite pastime...Stitching!!

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Retreat

Our Fall Frills Retreat...To Infinity and Beyond will be held Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15. At this time we are fully booked, but I do have a wait list started in case of a cancellation. Connie and I are both working hard to make this event the best ever!

Learn to Stitch Class

Reflections hosted our first Learn to Stitch Class on Saturday, July 15. We had six young ladies between the ages of 11-14 that attended the class. Stacy Eckmann was gracious enough to volunteer to be the teacher and to round up the students! I would like to thank Stacy and her helpers, Riley, Myranda, and Cait for their time and effort to make this class a success. At least one of the students enjoyed it enough to come back and kit up a second project, so I consider the class a success! We hope to offer more classes in the future.

Needlework Marketplace

This fall's virtual wholesale market will be held August 25-28, 2023. Sneak peeks are being posted on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/NeedleworkMarketplace>

<https://www.instagram.com/needleworkmarketplace/>

Let me know if you see something you would like me to order!

OwlForest Start Along

Reflections is planning an OwlForest Start Along, which will begin Friday September 1, 2023 at 7:00p.m. For those of you who are not familiar with OwlForest, the company "OwlForest" is a Russian manufacturer of embroidery kits and patterns under the trademark "OwlForest Embroidery". The designer, founder, and inspirer of the company is Galina Egorenkova. Shirshova. Elena is her partner and co-founder. At a recent Saturday Stitch, the topic of OwlForest came up, and I found that many of the stitchers had at least one OwlForest chart in their stash. This got the wheels turning in my head, but knowing my history with Stitch Alongs, and my propensity for dropping out of them, (con't)

Calendar:

Saturday
July 29th:
Last Saturday Stitch

August 8th:
Entry deadline for
the Fair

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Entries due to shop
by close of business
for Laurie pickup

Saturday
August 12th:
Second Saturday
Stitch

Saturday
August 26th:
Last Saturday Stitch

Friday
September 1st:
Owl Forest Start
Along Start Date
7:00 p.m. CST

CLOSED:
September 8th and
9th

Saturday
September 16th:
After Hours Stitch
2p.m.-8p.m.

Saturday
September 30th
Last Saturday Stitch

I wasn't about to suggest yet another that would fall by the wayside, so I suggested a Start Along instead. I can start new projects with no problem! It's the follow through that trips me up every time! Quite a few of the stitchers thought it was a great idea and jumped on the bandwagon! A few, who didn't already have a chart, ordered one, so they could join in on the fun. So what is the difference between a Start Along and a Stitch Along you ask? Basically, a Stitch Along is one where everyone starts on the same or similar project at the same time, but they will then continue to work on that project until completion. Sometimes there is an end date and sometimes there isn't. Usually the participants keep in touch and update each other with their progress. A Start Along on the other hand is just that. We're all going to start an OwlForest project at the same time, but after that, you are on your own as to whether you want to continue to stitch on it or not. You can post your progress or not; it's up to you. It's very informal and doesn't require me to be present and active in the group on a daily basis.

The start along is open to anyone who wishes to start an OwlForest design. An Instagram hashtag, #owlforeststartalong, will be created a week prior to the 1st so everyone can share which chart they will be starting as well as their fabric and floss selections. Please post any progress you make on start day to the hashtag. I think I will be doing mine, at least to start with, as a 25/7 stitch and kill two birds with one stone. This way I will hopefully make some steady progress on it as my choice is fairly large. As far as rules go, once you've started your piece you have technically fulfilled the objective of the start along, but hopefully you will continue to post your progress for everyone to see!

After Hours Stitch

Our very first after hours stitch was a hit! We had a full house with a wait list! Everyone that attended agreed we should have more events just like it! With that in mind, the next month that has five Saturdays is the month of September. The shop will be closed the second Saturday in September as I will be out of town but I think an after hours Stitch on the 16 of September would work. You will once again need to call and register. This event will be limited to twenty-five as that is the most the shop can handle comfortably. Mark your calendars now! Further details will follow at a later date.

The State Fair

It's Time for the Fair!!

The State Fair is a few weeks away yet, but the deadline for entering is only days away. Please take the time to enter! We can't make it any easier, it can be done in just a few minutes online, and you can bring them here to the shop for Laurie to pick up. The deadline for entering the State Fair is Midnight, Tuesday August 8! Please have your entries here no later than close of business on August 8. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the forms, and the rest is easy! We certainly appreciate Laurie's efforts to make it easy for us!!

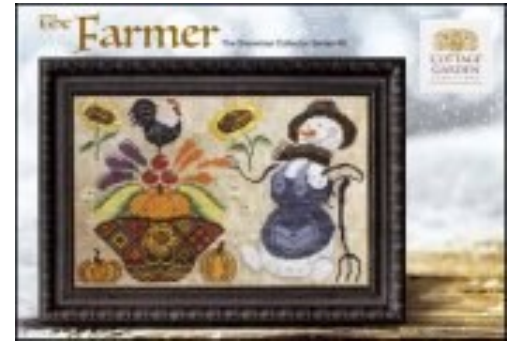
New in 2023

- All exhibits must be ready to be used by the individual or in the home. No unfinished exhibits will be allowed.
- TEXTILE ARTS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE 4H / FFA FIELDHOUSE, DELIVERY GATE 5, using the NORTH & WEST DOORS.
- Division 5211, Senior Living Community Classes 1101- 1108
- Some Divisions have changed the class Number &/or Description, please be observant of numbers &/or description changes when entering.
- NEW LOCATION: enter GATE 5, using NORTH & WEST DOORS OF THE 4H/FFA Fieldhouse
- Senior Adult: Information Card IS REQUIRED.
- Senior Adult: An exhibitor can enter Age Group 65 – 75, OR Age Group 76 and Older, NOT BOTH GROUPS.
- A PREPAID RETURN LABEL from USPS, FedEx or UPS must be included with each entry mailed or shipped for return

Please read the Textile Arts Entry Book for further information on how to enter.

New Releases

New in the Shop



Stop in to see all the amazing new designs that have arrived at the shop! These are just a small taste of what is new!

That's all for this edition! Take care till next time!

