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Shop News and Information

It's that time of the year again. The leaves have fallen, the air has that distinct smell of fall and wood smoke, and thoughts are turning from summertime yard work mode to winter time hibernation mode. I've had quite a few stitcher's come into the shop in the last couple of weeks, stocking up for the upcoming winter season. While I'm happy to see them, the reminder that my days of sandals and capris are almost over is a reminder I'm not ready for! Do you plan out your stitching for Winter, or are you like me and just wing it?

There is a lot of information to unpack in this newsletter! Thanks for taking the time to read it all!

Upcoming Events

Reflections will be hosting a Biscornu stitch along beginning January 1, 2023. The stitch along will be followed by a finishing class in June, taught by my friend Pam Tamblyn. All you need to do is pick a Biscornu pattern that appeals to you, finish the stitching by June, and sign up for the class. I will share further details in a future newsletter which will include how to sign up for the class, a class date, supply list if any, and cost for the class. For now, all you need to do is be on the lookout for a pattern you like and then gather your stitching supplies, so you're ready to go in January!

Trunk Show

I have booked a Wrinkled Fabrics Trunk show for the month of January. This is a new to me fabric dyer, and I am looking forward to seeing their fabrics in person! More information will follow in a future newsletter.

Winter Weather

A friendly reminder to everyone that winter weather is approaching quickly. If bad weather is predicted, and it looks like it might actually occur, or if it is actively snowing/sleeting/icing, please check the Facebook page or call the shop before you come to make sure I am going to be at the shop, or to see if I have left early due to weather conditions.

Holidays

Calendar:

Saturday
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Last Saturday Stitch
11:00a.m.

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The holiday season is just around the corner, please note the holiday hours in the side bar on the left.

Don't forget! Reflections Gift Cards are perfect for that special stitcher in your life and they can now be purchased via the website!

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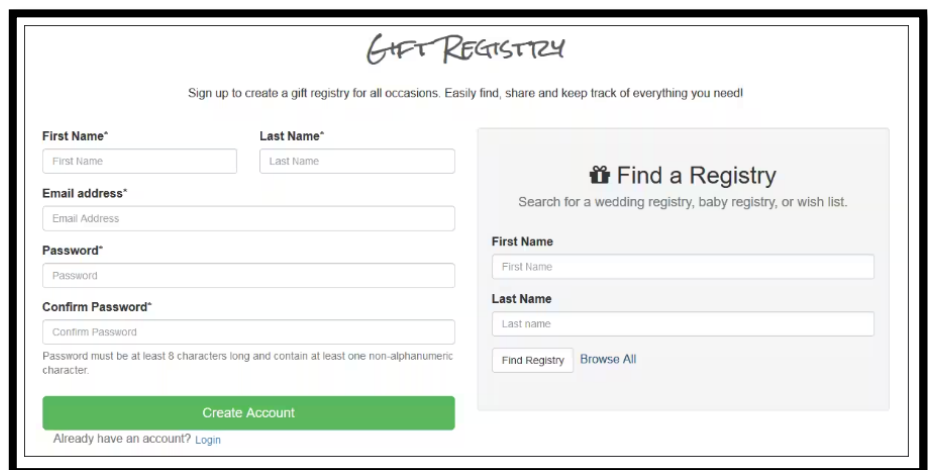
On the Home page, scroll to the bottom of the page where you will find the following:



The screenshot shows a form titled "Reflections Gift Card". Below the title, it says "Purchase a Reflections Gift Card:". There is a dropdown menu for "Amount: \$10" and a green "Add to Cart" button.

You can also find it under the Shop Online tab.

One other upgrade I have made to the website is a gift registry or wish list! It is a great way to share your birthday and Christmas lists with friends and family! This can also be found at the bottom of the home page.



The screenshot shows a form titled "GIFT REGISTRY". Below the title, it says "Sign up to create a gift registry for all occasions. Easily find, share and keep track of everything you need!". The form has two columns. The left column has fields for "First Name*", "Last Name*", "Email address*", "Password*", and "Confirm Password*". Below these fields is a note: "Password must be at least 8 characters long and contain at least one non-alphanumeric character." At the bottom of the left column is a green "Create Account" button and a link "Already have an account? Login". The right column has a section titled "Find a Registry" with a subtitle "Search for a wedding registry, baby registry, or wish list." Below this are fields for "First Name" and "Last Name", and two buttons: "Find Registry" and "Browse All".

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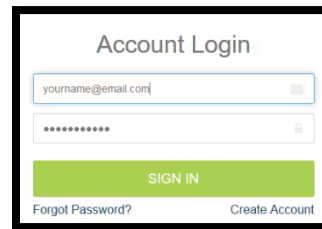
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To create a list or registry, create a Customer account and then from there create Registry or wish lists. You will also be able to search for lists by name or just browse all of the public lists. You will not be able to view lists saved as *private*.

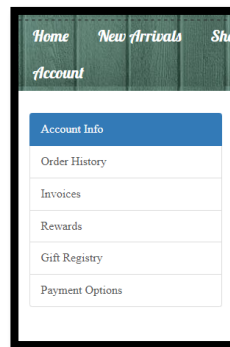
Once you have created an account and verified the email address, you will find a Login link on the far right of the Navigation bar on the home page as pictured below.



To begin using the Gift Registry, log into the site.



Once you've signed in, you'll see a list of all Transactions you've done through the shop for both Shopping Cart transactions through the Website and Register transactions through the Point of Sale. You can click to view any of the transactions. From the navigation bar you will see an Account menu, and Gift Registry will be on the list.



If you click to open Gift Registry, you'll see a list of any registries you've made. You can click to Copy Link, so you can share a registry with others. You can also click to either View or Edit Details for any of your registries. Click the green +New Registry button to create a new one. Also, the Registry is not actually created until you click a confirmation link that is emailed to you as part of the process.

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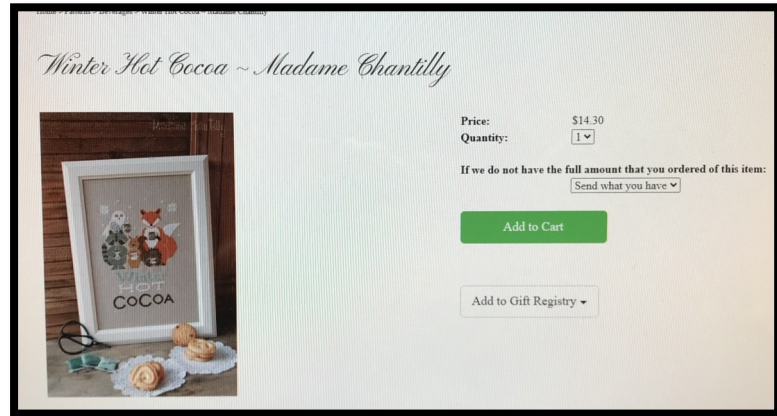
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To add items to a Gift Registry after you've done your Customer Login (as described above), you can go to the online store, and when viewing any item that has inventory listed there, you'll have the option of adding it to any registry you've created as pictured below.



Just a note: Out of stock items cannot be added to a Registry, but if they are added while in stock, and then the item becomes out of stock, they stay on the list but display the out of stock state.

I hope this feature and the ability to purchase a gift card via the website will be helpful for everyone. I learned quite a lot during the process of setting it up! Mostly that technology and I are not friends, and we never will be! At one point when customer support told me I needed to do something, my response was, “you are planning to talk me through that, right? Because if not, you better place your order for supper now as it’s going to be a while!” This was at 3:00p.m. his time. Needless to say, he talked me through it.

Pony Needles

I’ve received several requests for the black Pony Tapestry point needles. I have placed my first order and should receive them in the next few weeks. I haven’t tried them personally, but several of the stitchers have, and they like them-so look for those in the near future. I will be stocking them in sizes 24, 26, and 28.



Retreat Recap

Reflections' Fall Frills Retreat was held this past October 12-15 in Fremont, Nebraska at the Calvin Crest Retreat Center. There were twenty-seven stitchers in attendance over the course of the four days. This year the theme was Stitching to Infinity and Beyond. From the feedback I received, I believe everyone was pleased with the project and the retreat in general. The Retreat project was inspired by many conversations with stitchers regarding our need to stitch well past life expectancy. Grab a cup of something and enjoy the recap!

Upon arrival at Calvin Crest, everyone checked in at the desk, received their room assignment, and their name tag made by my sister.



Once checked into their rooms, the stitchers could head down to the stitching room and get themselves situated. After settling in it was time to stitch! Most people arrived on Thursday right at 2:00. I think we had three that didn't arrive until Friday. Because of this, Thursday and Friday until 2:00 were pretty chill with everyone getting to know each other and stitching the day away! On Friday after everyone's arrival, I had everyone stand up, give their name, and tell a bit about themselves, where they were from, or a bit about their stitching story.

Retreat

Retreat (con't)

The first gift of retreat is always an Ort container. This year's was a ghost ort container, which was placed on each bed along with a welcome card. Each ghost had a package of ghost shaped candy in it.



The second gift of retreat, given out after supper on Friday night, was a Mug Mat made by Connie and a Scissor Fob made by yours truly.



The rest of Friday was spent talking, laughing, and stitching! Saturday morning we had breakfast, and then it was back to the stitching room for more stitching. The third gift of retreat was given once everyone was present in the stitching room after breakfast.

This gift consisted of a tall skinny cup with the retreat project fabric and a needle minder I made to match the project. Both the cup and the needle minder have the retreat's name on them and make a cute memory of the retreat!

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Retreat

Retreat (con't)



The final gift of retreat was given after lunch on Saturday and before shopping opened. This gift included the chart, floss on a floss keep made by my sister, a finishing circle, a grassy square, and a figurine needed to complete the design. This was all bundled in a plastic snap closure envelope and wrapped in tissue paper with ghosts on it. You'll have to imagine that part because somehow I didn't get a picture of it.

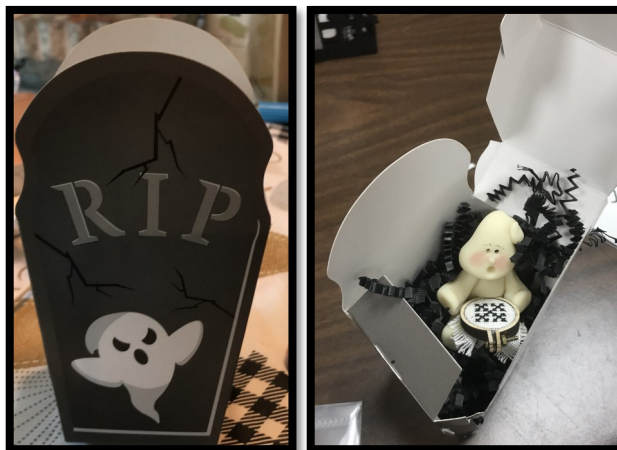


I did get a picture of the table centerpieces that my sister made for me. Thanks so much Mel, I couldn't have pulled this off without you!



Retreat

Our little ghostie was packaged in these adorable Headstone candy boxes!



Last but not least...the finished project!



Yes, she glows in the dark!! Do you know how hard it is to take a decent picture of something that glows in the dark?? Not easy! You should try it sometime.

The exchange this year was a bit different than any we have done in the past. There was a \$15.00 spending limit, and with that you needed to choose three gifts. The first gift had to be fall related, the second gift had to be stitching related, and the third gift had to be something that started with the first letter of your first name. None had to be a stitched item, but you could include that as one of your gifts if you chose to do so. I have to say, it was a bit of a challenge to keep to the \$15.00 limit! I had several folks tell me they really enjoyed the exchange, and how different it was. I can't take the credit for the idea as I borrowed it from someone who borrowed it from someone. My thanks to them both as it was a great idea! Jamie and Terri from the Cornhusker State Stitchers kindly called the numbers for the exchange as they did not participate in it. Thanks so much ladies!

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Drawing numbers

We also had a guess how many candy corns are in the cup activity. Congratulations to Nicole for being the person to guess closest to the number without going over.



Nicole with her prize, an It's Sew Emma's book stand.

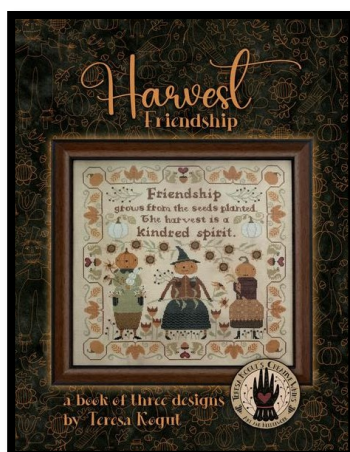
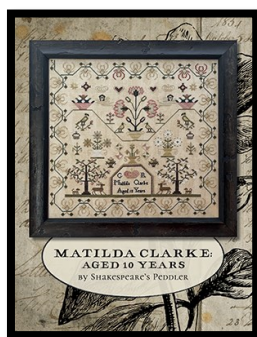
We had stitcher's of all ages, shapes, and sizes both breathing and not! Tempe (pictured to the right) really enjoyed her first retreat!

That's it folks. The end of another successful retreat. It was a wonderful four days spent with a bunch of great ladies. Hope you enjoyed the recap!



New Releases

New in the Shop



These are just a small taste of what is new in the shop. Stop in to see ALL the amazing new designs that have arrived in the past month! That's all for this edition! Take care till next time!