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Reflections Framing & Stitching

*Check out all the latest news and
updates on what's happening in
the shop. This month we have
more on the State Fair, a Retreat
Recap, a Trunk Show, and much
more!*

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 9th—28th:

Summer House Stitches
Works Trunk Show

Saturday, May 14th:

Second Saturday Stitch
11a.m.— 4p.m.

Saturday, May 28th:

Last Saturday Stitch
11a.m.— 4p.m.

Monday, May 30th:

Closed for Memorial Day

Saturday June 11th:

Second Saturday Stitch

**Thursday, October
20th—23rd.**

Fall Retreat.

Shop News

Now that it no longer rains inside the shop, (yippee!) we were able to have our new window coverings installed so don't be surprised when you pull up out front. Due to all the windows and the age of the air conditioner, we thought it prudent to put some sort of blinds up to help with the electric bill and make the 30 year old a/c unit run a bit easier. The blinds will be down most days until around 2:00p.m. We're planning to add some signage or something to dress it up but for now it looks like this wall of white from the outside. Never fear, we are still here and open for business!



Fall Retreat Registration

Open registration for Fall Retreat will begin Friday, May 27th, 2016 at 10:00a.m. Further information and registration forms will be emailed out on Friday May 20th. The dates for retreat are:

October 20th—October 23rd, 2016

The Fair Part II

I had a lot of feedback from my editorial in last months newsletter, all of it positive I'm happy to say. I did receive some questions and suggestions for other things I might want to cover. I will do that in this newsletter and in the coming months. For now, read on for part II of my coercing, browbeating and bullying campaign to get stitchers to enter the State Fair.

One of the most repeated comments I received in response to last months editorial centered around the judging and the comments made by the judges. Feelings are fragile things and some are more fragile than others. That being said, I spoke with my friend Laurie about putting the comments in a sealed envelope that can be removed before you ever see them. She was open to that idea and will let me know what she comes up with. I would however like you to keep in mind that the judge's comments are there to help you improve your stitching. If you don't know what needs improvement how will you ever advance your skills? I also realize that some judges will judge your piece on things that are out of your control. Comments about floss and fabric choice, (when using the designer recommended floss and fabric) are things that I feel you should take with a grain of salt. It would be impossible to judge something without just a hint of personal preference seeping into it. So focus on comments that are aimed at your skill as a stitcher and use them to improve your skills, disregard any comments on things beyond your control or feel free to not look at the comments at all. It's your choice!

The next most asked question was about deadlines and registration. If you visit the Nebraska State Fair website at www.statefair.org.

Home > Get Involved > Open Class Domestic Exhibits & Results > Textile Arts > Textile Arts Entry Book

you will find all the information you need regarding deadlines, registration and the different ways to do it, drop off points and pick up times etc...but for your convenience I will touch lightly on all of it here. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the entry book. Cross Stitch is listed under embroidery and there are only 8 different classes this year.

The Fair begins August 26th and runs through September 5th. **Textile entry deadline is August 10th at midnight.**

You can take your items all the way to Grand Island and if that is your choice you would need to drop it off on August 17th from 3:00-8:00p.m. or August 18th from 8:00a.m.-noon.

You may also drop your items off in Seward Nebraska at the County Fair grounds This is the option I have used and have had no problems. The drop off time for Seward is Sunday August 14th, from noon-5:00p.m.

Pick up is the same as drop off. You can pick up in Grand Island or you can pick up in Seward. You must indicate your choice on your registration form. Grand Island pick up is Mon. Sept. 5, from 8-10p.m. and Tuesday Sept. 6th from 8-noon. Pick up in Seward is Sept. 7th from 2-6:30p.m.

For those of you unable to get your items to the drop off point, I would be willing to take them when I take mine. This offer would be on a first come first served basis as I do not drive a huge vehicle. I will cover more about this option in another newsletter.

I hope you found this to be helpful and I hope it puts some of your fears to rest. (con't to next page)

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(con't) Feel free to call or visit me at the shop if you have any questions you need me to answer. I am here to help in whatever way I can short of stitching your piece for you. Not gonna do that people! You're on your own there!

And for those of you in other states I hope that this inspires you to look into your own fair. We all need to step up and be counted! Pun intended!

If you made it clear through to the end of my little speech, thank you so much. I appreciate you taking the time to read it and hopefully you will think seriously about everything I have said and decide to do your part to breath new life into our beloved hobby!

A Side Note

I had an idea regarding the State Fair that I'm going to throw out here to see if there is any interest since I have this blank space that needs filling!

I was thinking to rent a bus and take a group of us to the Fair to see our entries live and in person. I'm assuming of course that a whole bunch of you are going to participate and enter and would want to see them on display. I think it could be a fun outing for everyone and for those that don't get around easily but would like to go they do have scooters and wheelchairs that can be rented to help with that or there is a tram that also takes people around.

Think about it and send me an email with your thoughts. julie@reflections-framing.com

UPDATE: I received no feedback on the bus idea. I did get a quote for an 11 passenger van leaving from the shop in the morning and returning in the late afternoon. With 11 passengers the total would run right around \$65.00 per person. I didn't think this was bad so if you are interested, please let me know.

Trunk Show

Summer House

Stitche Workes Trunk Show

Reflections is hosting a Summer House Stitche Workes Trunk Show during the month of May. The show will be here until the first week in June so please stop in and check out all the beautiful models and designs from talented designer Beth Seal!



Sneak Peeks!



Retreat Recap

Spring Retreat was held this past weekend at Calvin Crest Retreat Center. The weather was absolutely beautiful and it's always inspiring to be surrounded by so many women creating beautiful art.

A big Thank You to Sherry Stoll for making the art containers and to Sherry and Granddaughter Lily for sewing our mug mats. Couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks also to all who participated in the Patriotic swap and to those who so graciously brought their finished projects for the Brag table. It's always nice to see what others have stitched!



Retreat Finishes

Spring Retreat Recap



Patriotic Pin Pillow/Ornament Exchange

Spring Retreat Recap

We normally do not have an exchange at our Spring Retreat but this year things were a bit different. We thought a patriotic exchange would be a nice change of pace. All the pieces were beautiful! Don't you agree?



Brag Table

Spring Retreat Recap

There were so many beautiful pieces on display this year! Too many to put all the pictures here so if you are interested in seeing all of them, check out our Facebook Page in a couple of days. I will put all the pictures from retreat on there in the next couple of days. In the meantime, you can enjoy a few of our favorites!



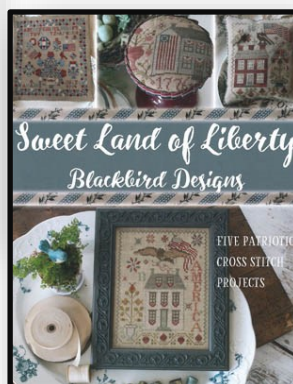
New New New!!

New in the Shop

Here's a sampling of some of the newest designs that are in stock and available now!



Cross Stitch Nation from Heartstring Samplers



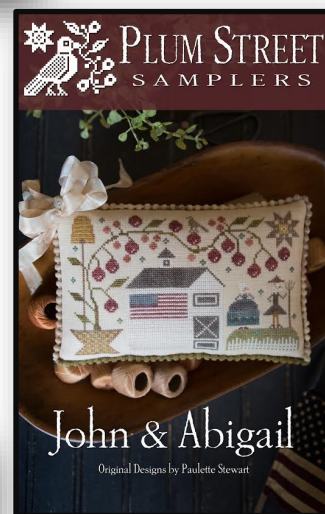
Sweet Land of Liberty by Blackbird Designs

American Sampler ~
Plum Street Samplers



John & Abigail.
Companion
piece to George
and Martha.

Plum Street
Samplers



Grand Old Flag
Pin Drum

Heartstring
Samplers



We have many more new items in stock that we don't have room to show so please stop in and check them out!

Keep your needle singing and we'll catch you next month!!