

The

Stitches' Voice

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*New Additions to
The Village*

*Join in a Mystery
Stitch Along*

*Chat With Designer
Michelle Lutzen
Later This Month*



“2012 CALENDAR”

ON THE COVER

“SUMMER - FAVORITE
THINGS”

BOTH FROM
X's and Oh's
Designer Jo Gatenby

Summer has unofficially arrived for some of our Village friends and this generally means less stitching time. Hopefully, the Spring storms will come to an end. I hope that none of our members have had any personal loss from the damaging weather. If you have, please know that the thoughts of the members of TSV are with you.

Thank you to all who sent bookmarks for the 2011 Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge. I hope you will stitch more for next year as we will again be participating!

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Exciting things are happening in The Stitchers' Village!

I am happy to report that we now have a designated “wholesale” building in our Village square that will host companies that sell their wares to retail shops. These merchants will be located in shops 31-40 in the Village square on the main Village site. Their links will also be found on the left hand side of the social area of TSV. The first of these is Norden Crafts who is the distributor of the lovely Birds of a Feather Mystery Sampler from Brenda Gervais as well as a large catalog of other products. You may visit the Norden Craft link to see weekly new releases from the designers and products distributed by Norden Craft.

There is also a building newly dedicated to “boutiques” in the Village square. These will be shops 11– 20 in the Village square on the main site. Their links will also be found on the left hand side of the social area. The first of these to join us are The Gift of Stitching online cross stitch magazine and Pine Glen Designs. These will be an interesting and exciting enhancement to The Stitchers' Village and offer an opportunity to access some wonderful products.

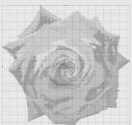
In conjunction with these two buildings being designated for the wholesale and boutique shops, you may notice that Laurel's Stitchery is now located in shop number 21 in the Village square. This will allow for the Village shops to be in shops 1 - 10 and 21 - 30. There are some new shops interested in a store front on TSV, so look for new additions soon. Also, be sure to visit the shops of TSV when you are looking for your supplies as we have some very excellent stores at our fingertips on The Stitchers' Village and we should support our “local” merchants.

Mark your calendar!

For June 21, 2011 at 6 p.m. Central time 7 p.m. Eastern time for a designer chat and stitch along with Michelle Lutzen of Stitchy Kitty designs. Pick one of her complimentary designs, kit it up, and join us as we chat and stitch. “Meow Spoken Here” or “Woof Spoken Here” are the suggested designs, but that is up to you! Visit her web site www.stitchykitty.com to choose a project for the stitch along.

Stitch Along

Currently, another stitch along in the social area of TSV is the Birds of a Feather Mystery Sampler by Brenda Gervais. Part one is now available with part two being released June 10 and part three released July 10.



There is a new complimentary chart of a yellow rose in the social area of TSV.



The Stitchers' Village 2011 Bookmark Challenge Donation



MAY DRAWING WINNER

The May drawing was the kick off for a stitch along in the TSV social area. Cheri Hart was the lucky person whose name was drawn to receive the fabric, thread pack, and chart for the first part of the new Birds of a Feather Mystery Sampler from Brenda Gervais of With thy Needle & Thread. Visit the stitch along forum in the social area to join in on this mystery and post pictures of your stitching progress.

THE JUNE DRAWING FOR TSV

Will honor the design company which received the most votes when members were asked to list their favorite designers in the Nashville Market Contest drawing. That design company is Blackbird Designs and the village member whose name is drawn will receive a collection of books and leaflets from Blackbird Designs which will include:

Enduring Friendship
Blackbird Sampler
Moon Garden
Midnight Watch
Trifle from a Friend
A Fine Collection
Joyeux Noel
A Stitcher's Journey

To enter the June drawing, send an email with BBD as the subject to pattytsv@gmail.com
By June 24, 2011

There were 45 bookmarks received from TSV members in the 2011 Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge. These were delivered to the Chapman, Kansas Middle School librarian, Brenda Lemon. She brought some students in to pose with the bookmarks. She awarded them to students who completed their reading requirements by letting them choose a bookmark. One of the young gentlemen who assisted us the day I delivered them asked if he could purchase the bookmark he posed with. He really liked it. A very big "thank you" to all who stitched and sent bookmarks this year. I can assure you that they are very much appreciated by Ms. Lemon and the Chapman Middle School students.

Hopefully, next year will be as rewarding as this year. The Stitchers' Village will support this effort again and participate by asking members to stitch and donate bookmarks. So, put a bookmark project in your summer tote for a quick stitch and help support the Stitching For Literacy Bookmark Challenge.

**Registration is now on for the
Stitchers' Village/Picture This Plus
2011 Needlework Getaway
To be held in Abilene, Kansas, November 3-6**

**Space is limited
Go to the Travel Agency building on
the TSV site for the link!**

Classes are available for

**COUNTED THREAD from Picture This Plus
QUILTING from Material Girl Quilt Shop
KNITTING from The Shivering Sheep**

**This is a unique opportunity to gather with fellow
stitchers and visit shops dedicated to a variety of
needle art forms in a quaint downtown area!**

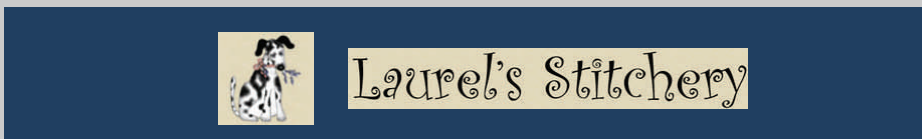
For the latest releases and new supplies -
Visit the shops of The Stitchers Village
Along with the boutiques and wholesalers



SHOP #6
www.3stitches.com



SHOP #26
www.acornsandthreads.com



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