



# The Stitches' Voice



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One of the organizers of the Kansas Stitches' Retreat has also organized a Tuesday stitch group at my LNS. I have attended, now, several times and thoroughly enjoy seeing the projects and visiting. I knew I would not be able to stay to stitch for long, yesterday, but wanted to stop by to visit and have lunch. I had to chuckle to myself when I sat down and was asked "Do you cross stitch?" The reason this amused me is that I was asked that same question by the same person at the retreat last Summer - with the question being phrased then as "Do you actually stitch?" In fairness, I was representing TSV and had items for sale (mainly PTP fabric orphans), so she may have thought I was just a merchant attending the retreat for sales. My point in sharing this is that I may need a public relations make-over to declare that I do, indeed, stitch! Computer work frequently shortens my time for stitching, but I stitch when I have the time. I have been stitching since the late 70's. No, since the 60's, as I taught myself to crochet when I was a kid. While typing that, I realize that some of my stitching is model stitching which can sometimes feel like work. I enjoy stitching my own designs, but can sometimes fret that I should change this or that and can be hard on myself about what I decide. I have the Chatelaine "Scotland Sampler" in my floor stand calling to me, now, as I have not put a stitch to that in quite a while. (Considering we are at the start of April, it may be mocking me at this point!)

Hopefully, your stitching project(s) are moving along and you are enjoying the stitching of them!!

As always,

Happy Stitching! Patty

Questions or comments may be directed to: [pattytsv@gmail.com](mailto:pattytsv@gmail.com)

## Shops of TSV

*Please shop these needlework stores for your stitching supplies. Click on the logo to visit any of the shops.*



**SALTY YARNS**  
*A Stitches' Paradise*  
8th Street & Boardwalk  
Ocean City, MD 21842



## Tapestry of Talent

Among the many, talented designers at the Nashville wholesale market, I met Melody Gilmore of Open Road Abode Needleworks. [CLICK HERE FOR STUDIO](#)

Melody is one of the designers in the Sulky Embroidery Club and you can see "Food Camper Sea Food" [HERE](#)

Her designs are geared toward the "open road" and feature various styles of campers. She is working on some state park designs such as those shown below.



## Village News

There will be a Limited Edition kit available for a new design, "After the Showers", from Stitchers' Village Designs. The kit will include a cut of a Picture This Plus fabric "orphan" color and the threads to complete the project. Details will be posted 4/15. If you think you may be interested in purchasing the kit for this project, please let me know by emailing [pattytsv@gmail.com](mailto:pattytsv@gmail.com). This will not obligate you, but will put you at the top of the list for this very limited kit. I have posted a teaser video showing the creation of the design border from a raindrop motif here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRop1WO3s00>

A group will be created in the social area of The Stitchers' Village for those who participate. I hope this will be the start of many fun projects. I am talking with designers to get other, similar projects on TSV.

There will be an update to the social area in the very near future - no major changes, just an install of the latest version of what we have. I am researching the changes that are in the latest release and will keep you updated on the process. Whenever an update is released, the debate to install begins. It takes time to backup and test install the update to see if it will cause any new issues on the site. We have an issue with page navigation at the moment in the Forum that I need to fix! Fear of breaking everything holds me back!!



## Drawings and Contests

The March drawing winner is Carolyn L., MO who will receive "Bluebird's Nest" from Heart in Hand, "Overheard in an Orchard" from Glendon Place, and "Miss Lucy Calcutt 1825" from Just Stitching Along.

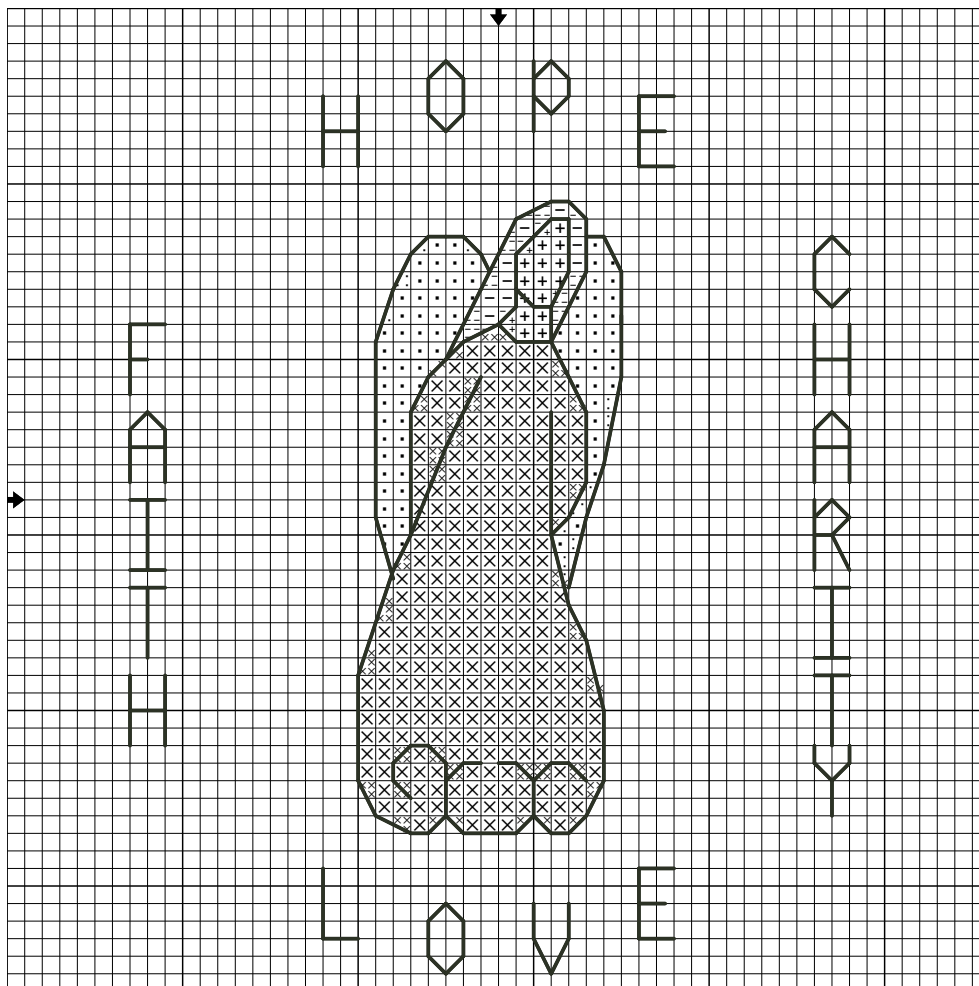
The April drawing will be for one LE Kit "After the Showers" from Stitches' Village Designs  
Entries must be received by 4/30/18 - the winner will be chosen at random from entries

Use the code 4-18 when you submit the form

Enter by filling out the drawing form [HERE](#)

<http://stitchersvillage.com/library/drawing-form>

## Stitch This



### Angel Ornament

Sulky Petites 12 wt threads

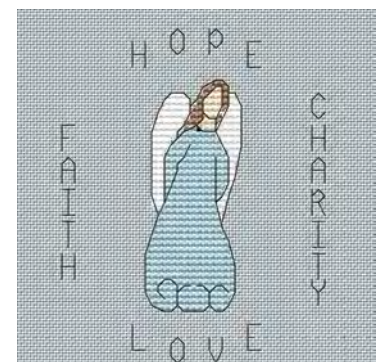
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+ 712-1015

- 712-1128

x 712-1292

Backstitch and outline with  
one strand of DMC 310







Stashin' Around



Not everything here will be brand new, sometimes I find something I have not seen before. . .



*Above left: "Miss Lucy Calcutta 1825"  
 from Just Stitching Along*

*Above right: "Christmas Quilts" from Rosewood Manor*

*Bottom left: "Sarah Mary Larkworthy 1727"  
 from Hands Across the Sea Samplers*

*Bottom right: Mill Hill Kits newest releases*



As always, if you stash any of these items, please say you saw it on The Stitchers' Village!!