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WELCOME

Jo Mason and Janie Hubble, the owners of The Stitchers' Village welcome you and hope that you enjoy visiting the Village and remember to come back often to discover what's new and exciting in the world of NeedleArts.

Jo and Janie's idea of an interactive stitching community based on a 'village' layout is very different from anything else out there in cyberspace - and they have spent many, many months developing their ideas and bringing their 'dream' to reality.

With Jo's expertise in administration and skill at bringing information and people together, and Janie's ability to envisage and build the graphics needed to create the Village, the pair are thrilled at the result of their labors! 'It really is like giving birth to a child', said Janie.

The pair's vision of a supportive global community embracing retailers, designers and the general stitching public to bring them closer together, has created a safe, secure place for the stitching community to gather, discover, indulge in a little retail therapy and learn.

To encourage interaction between everyone who visits The Village, Jo and Janie have created 'The Tea Shoppe' where one can find general needlework forums in English, as well as forums in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Dutch and Finnish! 'You have to be a member of The Village to participate in the forums, but becoming a member is free, so we encourage everyone to sign up today', said Janie.

'The Village will continue to grow and expand to encompass many new and exciting events and concepts over the next year', said Jo. 'Janie and I both hope that stitchers the world over make 'The Stitchers Village' their home away from home and have a lot of fun being part of this community.'

FOCUS ON ...ABC STITCH THERAPY

In March 2003 ABC Stitch Therapy opened their "Bricks and Mortar" store in Grantham (New Hampshire) after maintaining an online only presence for a few years.

By 2008 they had outgrown their store and relocated to a beautiful new shop (nearly 5000 sq feet) situated right next to [Exit 13 on I89 in the Sawyer Brook Plaza](#) (Route 10 South) next to Sunshine Carousel Quilt Shop and love to welcome visitors from the New England area and all over the country.

They have an area where you can sit and



stitch (a retreat where stitchers can meet and spend some time stitching and catching up with their fellow stitching friends).

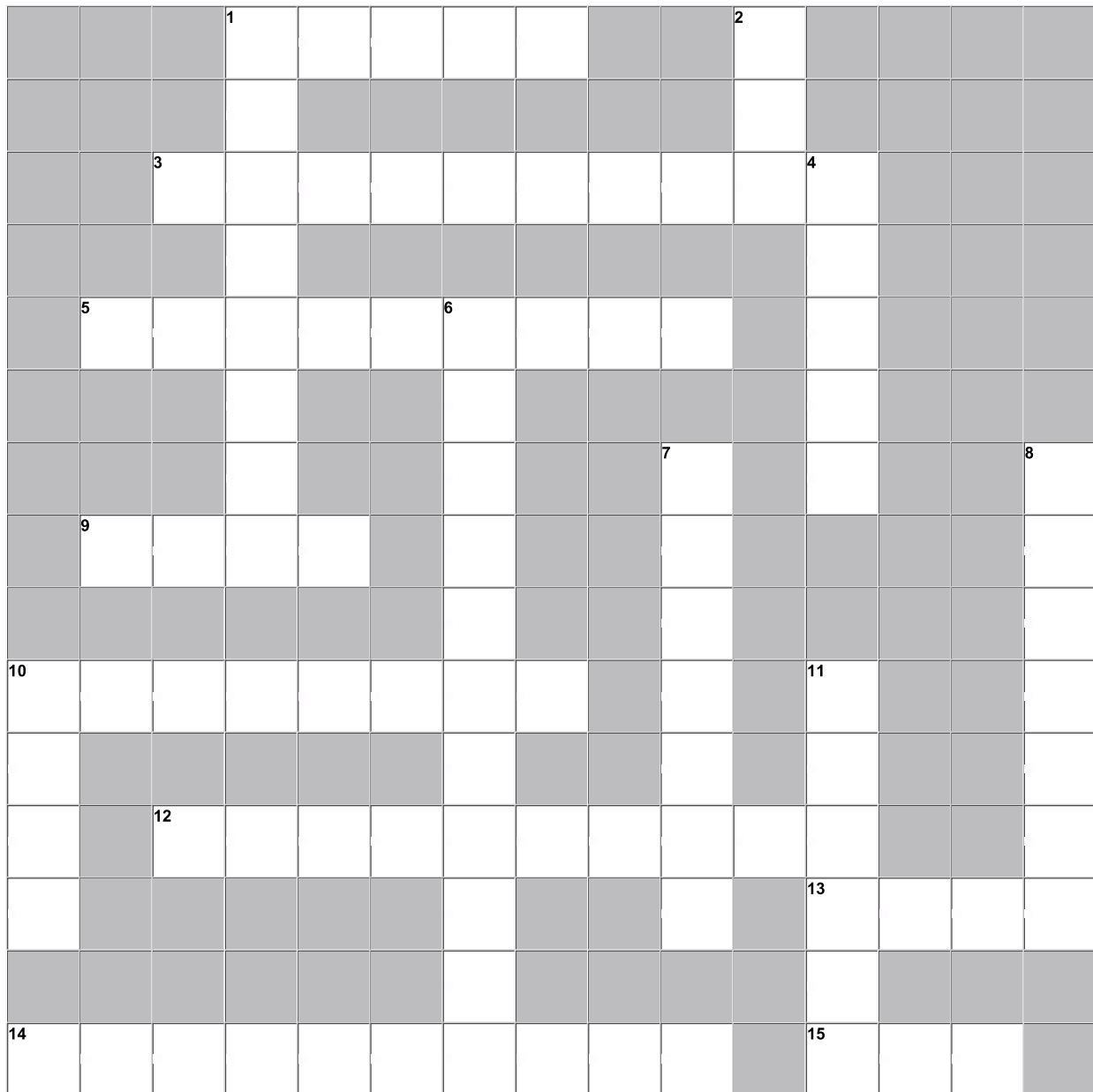
They welcome get-togethers and if you wish to hold a gathering at their store, please let them know and they will be happy to provide some complimentary snacks and refreshments.

A feature of their store is their huge wall of fibers which is being added to all the time. If you are unable to visit their store in person you can see it by taking a virtual tour at the <http://www.abcstitch.com/slideshow/images/slideshow.html>

ABC Stitch Therapy is owned by Marie and Colleen and also working in the store are Molly, Darlene, Jean, Sue, Joanne, Deb, Diane, Kathy and Carolyn.

TSV MEMBERS CROSSWORD COMPETITION

TSV Members! Complete this 'Stitchers Crossword' sent in to us by Cindy Valentine of **Cindy Valentine Designs** and be in the running to win a complete set of **Dinky-Dyes Silks** valued at **\$656!** Email your answers to editorTSV@stitchersvillage.com by end of business on Saturday February 28, 2009. The Winner will be announced in the March, 2009 edition.



Down

1. Method for laying a cross stitch
2. Embroiderer's Guild Abbreviation
4. Dampness found on new & beautiful designs
6. Type of stitching done on canvas
7. Traditional type of stitched piece
8. Keeps one from pricking a finger
10. Little snippets of leftover thread
11. Leviathan stitch or a town in Georgia

Across

1. ---- School of Needlework in the UK
3. made by worms (2 words)
5. Type of stitching or region in Norway
9. 11 or 14 count double woven fabric
10. Common type of multicolored thread
12. What my stitching is called
13. A crossed stitch or white grain
14. Need for flat neat cross stitches
15. Needlepoint Guild Abbreviation