

FOCUS ON ... BUSHMOUNTAIN STITCHERY AND FRAMING, Pennsylvania

Want to share laughter and a friendly atmosphere? Come join Gary and Maeann Bush at BushMountain Stitchery and Framing.

Maeann and Gary started their business in November 2004 in a 450 square foot storefront and now, 5 years later, they occupy a 2000 square foot store in North Central Pennsylvania, with on-site parking.

Started by Maeann as a source of additional family income, she sold a limited amount of cross stitch, candles, and gifts. Gary gave his support by framing part time at night. Gary, a computerized access and surveillance professional, grew tired of layoffs and the corporate "mumble jumble" and joined Maeann in the store full time three years ago and the business has grown quickly.

Maeann brings laughter and joy to all her customers. She is constantly scanning the internet for cross stitch goodies from around the world.

She is known for her love of fabric especially over-dyed and opalescent. Willing to teach new

customers, aid in selection of charts, fabric and floss, she brings joy to the art of cross stitch. Maeann and Gary love their business and have passed that love on to their customers.

When they say full-service they mean every word of it. Gary believes in carrying a wide range of products and "stacking it deep" for all their friends to enjoy the wide selection of charts, books, supplies, gadgets, fabric, and floss.

They carry a large selection of fabric from custom cut to hundreds of packages of precut fabric selections. The list of floss is just as impressive including Weeks Dye Works, Gentle Art, Crescent, Caron Collection, Rainbow Gallery, Victoria Clayton, Thread Worx, Gloriana, Dinky Dyes, DMC, Anchor, and Presencia.

Gary offers customized picture framing, artwork, ready-made designer frames, and precut frames of his own.

Although he started part-time, Gary has attended a number of framing schools to refine and develop his unique style of framing. Featured



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in "At Home With Needlework," Gary works with every customer personally to enhance their stitching projects, prints, and original artwork with his subtle style of framing.

They offer over 500 moldings to choose from including Larson-Juhl, Valley House Primitives, and Eastside Moldings. Gary emphasizes quality workmanship with integrated framing visualization software and state-of-the-art computerized mat cutting, custom designed to enhance the beauty of your artwork and needlework.

Although BushMountain Stitchery and Framing is a "brick and mortar" needle arts and custom framing store Maeann and Gary maintain a world-wide outreach with a substantial on-line business. They ship daily around the world with same day service in most cases.

Maeann and Gary invite you to visit their shop - No. 21 in The Stitchers Village. You'll find it in the bottom left-hand bank of shops

on the home page. They would love to share some laughter, fun, and the joy of stitching, with you, because at BushMountain, "It's Stitching Time."

For a chance to win a gift certificate worth \$100 to spend at BushMountain Stitchery and Framing, turn to Page 8 and enter the competition!



What's New In The World of Needlework! *or ... A Little Retail Therapy is Always Good For The Soul!*

NEW! from DINKY DYES

New from Dinky-Dyes is the Floral Scissor Case.

This pretty case is stitched with a new variegated and solid coloured silk and was designed especially for Dinky-Dyes new Floral scissors.

There are two different packs available. The first is the chart with full instructions and the silks needed to stitch it and the second pack contains the scissors as well as the chart and silks.

This is the perfect gift for a stitching buddy or for yourself. Available November 10th so place your order now from any of the Village shoppes.



BOOKMARKS ... LOUD AND PROUD! by Jen Funk-Weber



I've got a beef about embroidered bookmarks.

We use lovely fabrics and fibers, spend hours plying our needles when we could be watching reality TV or staring at our feet, and we create beautiful, useful objects.

Then what? We shut them up in books. Hide them away. Render them invisible. Um . . . er . . . excuse me?

It's true. We pour our time, money, love, and skill into bookmarks, then stuff them between the pages of our latest tome.

Well, not my bookmarks, folks! My bookmarks are not shy; they're proud and prefer to be seen, even while doing their duty.

As you will see in the Funk & Weber Designs Read-It, Read-It bookmark pattern, I've used what I call a "shepherd's hook." It's a metal hook from which you can hang any number of things—a piece of needlework, for example.

The hook goes inside the book to mark your spot; the hanging needlework dangles outside the book, its loveliness visible to the world. And, as a bonus, the hook is great for tapping, pointing, nibbling, and twirling hair while one reads!

As you will see in our Ambigrams bookmark pattern, ribbons can be used in a similar way: Attach a ribbon to the needlework, and the ribbon marks the page while the needlework peeks out the top or drapes over the front of the book.

Afraid of damaging the dangling needlework when you jam your books into a backpack?

No worries. Tuck the needlework inside the front cover as needed for protection.

Bumped because you've already stitched the kind that go inside books? No worries. Retro-fit ribbons or hooks, and put your needlework on display outside the books!

When you consider outside-the-book options for hand-stitched bookmarks a whole world of possibilities opens up. Chunky buttons and beads may not work inside a book, but they work fine outside a book. And if you're willing to let go of pre-finished bookmark forms, now and then, at least, even more possibilities arise.

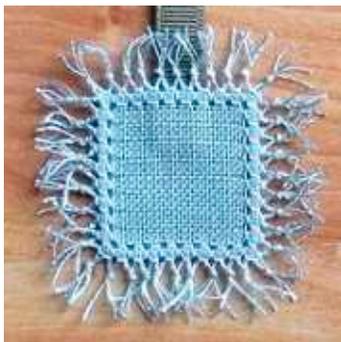
If you like the idea of Bold Bookmarks but aren't sure how to get started crafting them, I'm offering a bookmark finishing class from November 16 - December 13 here at The Stitchers' Village.

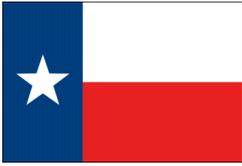
In Bookmarks 101, we'll learn four general ways to finish bookmarks from scratch, including no-sew methods and three techniques that employ simple backstitching, whip stitching, and fringed edges.

We'll discuss variations of each of the finishing methods, providing dozens of exciting options.

We'll investigate a variety of materials for adhering, backing, and embellishing, and we'll explore basic beading and wirework techniques and tools. Together, we'll craft one-of-a-kind bookmarks that are fully functional and fun to make and use.

So, find all those little 'that would make a great bookmark' stitcheries in your stash, pop over to the **'Time Specific' section in the School House**, and sign up for this great class today!





THE STITCHERS VILLAGE TEXAS GET-TOGETHER 2009

by Jo Mason

Stitchers from all over Texas converged on Houston the weekend of October 10th to attend the first annual 'The Stitchers' Village' Texas get together.

Saturday morning was a busy time as everyone got to know each other at the hotel and passed around their finished projects, works in progress or discussed the new projects they hoped to start.

Sixteen stitchers participated in the weekend and we all hope we'll see more next year.

After a couple of hours chatting the group headed off in convoy to lunch at a wonderful Chinese restaurant in Spring.

After a few stops and starts with some members being caught by red lights, we all finally arrived at the right place and settled down for lunch.

The food was plentiful and so was the chat, with Kat from Cross Eyed Kat joining us at the restaurant.

With lunch over and anticipation growing, everyone headed down the road to 3 Stitches.

Pam had put together a wonderful goodie bag for all members, containing a lovely Fall design from Kat and the fabric needed to stitch it, a 3 Stitches wooden thread holder with Dinky-Dyes silks all tucked into a great 3 Stitches stitching bag. All members were very impressed with their goodie bag and all the wonderful products for sale.

Members had the opportunity to shop and sit at the tables and stitch and chat then it was back to the hotel for more socializing.

Dinner that evening was at La Madeleine and it was there we said good-bye to Tara and Gwen who had to leave early Sunday morning to head home.

The rest of the members arrived at Jo's house Sunday morning for more stitching, chatting and to show off all the wonderful projects there were working on.

Lois and her husband Dennis headed off early to visit their granddaughter and

everyone else feasted on lovely cakes, salads, cookies, hamburgers and deserts. Yes, the deserts were plentiful!

Cheryl Anne's Chatelaine Sampler Mystery with it's lovely swans enabled several members and Melissa's personalized 'And They Sinned' was a huge hit.

Late afternoon saw everyone packing up and heading out the door with many great memories of a fantastic weekend and promises to see everyone again next year.

And of course, what's a get-together without lots of photos?



From front right – Anita, Joann, Karen, Linda, Chris, Diana.



Anita (Back) and Chris at 3 Stitches

MORE PICS FROM THE TSV TEXAS GET-TOGETHER '09



Kat of 'Cross Eyed Kat' and Pam of '3 Stitches' at 3 Stitches



from front left – Karen, Linda, Joann, Chris (obscured) Anita, Jo, Katrina, Loris, Gwen (obscured), Cheryl Ann and Diana chatting at the hotel.



Tara and Loris at 3 Stitches



Melissa and her 'And They Sinned'



from front left - Melissa, Chris, Cheryl Anne and Katrina



New Orleans Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

Recipe found here:
www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 2 tablespoons bourbon whiskey
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (9 inch) refrigerated pie crust

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Beat the sugar, corn syrup, bourbon, eggs, butter, and salt together in a mixing bowl until smooth and creamy. Fold in the pecans and chocolate chips. Pour the mixture into the prepared pie crust. If desired, cover the edges of the pie with aluminum foil strips to prevent excessive browning. Bake in preheated oven until the center sets, about 50 minutes. Cool before serving.

THE WINNER OF THE HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE MID-NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER!

OCTOBER COMPETITION WINNER!

Congratulations go to **Veronica Woods** who correctly answered the quiz questions set by Teri from Youthful Hands Needle Crafts
Veronica wins an assortment of sunny*dyes fabrics, worth over \$100!

Answers to the quiz: 1. Surf 2. Ghoul 3. Hidden Glade 4. Snickerdoodles 5. Troo Bloo 6. Sunrises, sunsets, skies, surf & sand, or sky & meadow. 7. Your choice!

MID-OCTOBER COMPETITION WINNER!

Congratulations go to **Jeanie** who correctly answered the quiz questions set by Cathy from Inspired Needle.

Jeanie wins A Gift Certificate for goodies to be purchased at Inspired Needle to the value of \$100.

Answers to the quiz: 1. Lakeside Linens 2. Reflets de Soie 3. The Absent-Minded Squirrel 4. JABC or Shepherd's Bush 5. Caron Watercolors 6. Myrtle Grace Motifs 7. 12 8. Freedom, Ghoul, Santa 9. Cat, VS Lady Kitty Bug, Meowy Kitty, VS Fat Bat Cat, Halloween Kitty Moon 10. Sampler & Antique Needlework Quarterly 11. Sweetheart November Birth Sampler 12. 11 13. 11/08/2008 14. Inspired Needle News 15. Your choice!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SHOPPES IN THE VILLAGE

Shop 2 - HANGING BY A THREAD

Patrick's Woods Classes

June 12 and 13, 2010

Registrations now open for both of these classes. You can see the beautiful class pieces on our website.

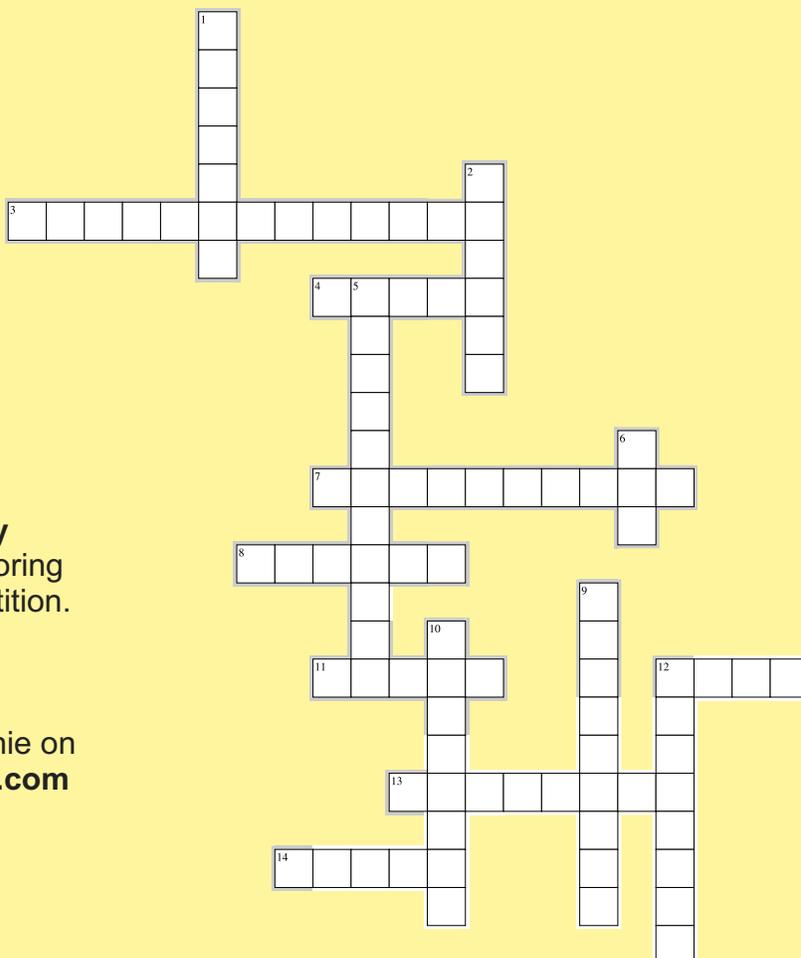
Shop 29 - STITCHERS WORKSHOP

Pat Dugan of the Stitchers Workshop is planning special events for the next ten months to celebrate Stitchers Workshops 15th birthday. Be sure to check out her website each and every month to see what Pat has planned!



NOVEMBER COMPETITION FROM BUSHMOUNTAIN STITCHERY & FRAMING

BushMountain Stitchery
from Pennsylvania is sponsoring
this month's members competition.
**For a chance to win a
\$100 Gift Certificate**
complete the crossword
and email your answers to Janie on
editorTSV@stitchersvillage.com
by end of day on ?
Novmber 30, 2009.



Across

3. Lapland is just one of these Santas (two words)
4. With 'Grimm' and 'Glum' you will get
7. What would be cozy & comfy 'at home'?
8. What went 'spooky'?
11. French designs featuring Autumn Winter, Spring and Summer have this shape in common.
12. What mountain is not on 'The Waltons'?
13. Peter and Jillian have this in common.
14. Heavenly Host featured on a new Quaker Sampler.

Down

1. These 'desserts' will hold this.
2. Comes from Copenhagen.
5. She has a great holiday design featuring angels, bells, candy canes, ice skates, king, reindeer and 20 more in this design.
6. Ida Mae's new friend.
9. Artwork of a cottage has this night-time setting from this world famous artist.
10. Colors in different shapes are in these numerical designs
12. Winter, Haunted House and Tree have this stitch in common.

THE STITCHERS' VILLAGE

2010 Bookmark Challenge Contest

The Stitchers' Village has accepted the Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy 2010 Bookmark Challenge, and now we need your help.

The **Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy** program seeks to encourage and reward kids for reading—and introduce them to embroidery at the same time. Bookmark Challenge participants (like us) collect hand-stitched bookmarks and donate them to libraries and schools during Children's Book Week, where they are awarded to kids for reading accomplishments.

Will you help us put hand-stitched bookmarks into kids' hands and books by stitching a bookmark?

Naturally, we at The Stitchers' Village want to turn this into a contest, complete with prizes ...

The contest rules are simple:

1. Stitch a bookmark. Any pattern, technique, fabric, fiber, embellishments, etc. Every bookmark counts.
2. Send it to **The Stitchers' Village,**
12819 Bedford Falls Drive,
Cypress, TX 77429

between now and **May 6, 2010** for a chance to win a prize. Every bookmark receives one entry into the contest. If you stitch and send ten bookmarks, your name will be entered ten times into the drawing.

On May 7, 2010, winners will be randomly drawn from all entries. The Grand Prize winner will win a **Complete Set of Dinky Dyes Silk Embroidery Thread in a Stitching for Literacy Zippered Tote.** Five Runners Up will receive their choice of **twenty-five (25) skeins of Dinky Dyes 6-strand embroidery silk, and a Cat's Whiskers Design Studio chart or kit.**

Please help us promote literacy and share the joy of needlework.
As Jen Funk Weber, the Stitching for Literacy founder, says,
“Reading and stitching make the world a better place.”