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This Plus

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From the Cover:

“Dance of the Tulips” Glendon Place

Designer, Cheryl Granda, presents this lovely design stitched in Caron Waterlilies threads and embellished with Mill Hill beads. The model is stitched on 32 count “Valor” color linen from Picture This Plus. The design stitch count is 149w x 211h. Check with the Stitchers’ Village shops for purchase of this beautiful chart.

June 1, 2010

This being my first “Stitchers’ Voice”, I would like to say that I am very excited to join all of the members of The Stitchers’ Village. Janie and Jo have laid the ground work for a most wonderful community and I hope to continue with their vision. You will notice some minor changes in the upcoming months. The most exciting will be some new additions to the shops. I hope you will all bear with me as I familiarize myself with the Village and get to know you a little better. I have received a number of great suggestions and am working to put some of them in place. You will note that I will be working hard to communicate with the shops of The Stitchers’ Village to keep up with all things new in the needle art world and keep you up to date. The Summer wholesale market is this month which means new releases! Look for a report later in June! Happy stitching!

Patty

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Shoppe Focus June 2010

PICTURE THIS PLUS



The June 2010 Shop Focus is Picture This Plus located in historic Abilene, Kansas and in building #1, shop #9 in the Stitchers' Village. The owners are Shari Strauss and Marilyn Thurlow. They began their partnership in 2000 with the opening of a picture framing business in Junction City, Kansas and very soon after added the needlework shop. They moved to a brand new building in 2004 so that they would have more room for the needlework shop and the fabric dyeing. Soon after, when they "fell into" a bookstore they realized they needed more space and began searching for a unique location. Just when they were ready to give up the search, they found their new home in Abilene.

Both Marilyn and Shari have long been involved with needlework through personal interest and in the local 4-H chapters working in sewing, cross stitch, needlepoint, quilting, and weaving. They have both tutored and judged for the local 4-H chapters and offered inspiration for future

needle workers. They share a love for creating with needle and thread and are happy to share this by offering a place to promote needle art through their shop.

If you have an opportunity to visit Picture This Plus, you will find a cozy shop with much to browse through and an area to sit, relax, stitch, share your projects, and gather materials for new ones. They carry lots of fibers and accessories. There are many stitched models to view and charts from which to choose. They work to keep a variety of current new designs as well as some old favorites, and proudly promote the unique and hard-to-find designs. There are many items to choose in house, and are happy to order whatever you may be seeking for your projects. The special feature of their shop is that, in the next room, the dyeing of the Colorscapes line of hand-dyed fabric takes place. So, you can put together a one of a kind masterpiece stitching project!



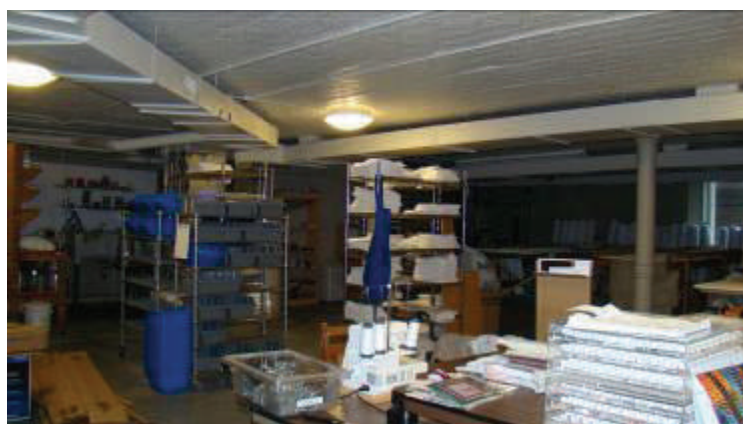
Built in 1901, this building in downtown Abilene, KS now houses the needle art shop Picture This Plus

SHOP #9 in BUILDING #1 of THE STITCHERS VILLAGE
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Picture This Plus is now in a building that was built in 1901 as a department store and continued as such until 1990. At that time it became a textile museum which was there until PTP purchased the building. It is a wonderful shop to visit with either your fellow stitching companions or the whole family. Along with your stop at Picture This Plus, Abilene offers a wide variety of must-see sites including the Dwight D. Eisenhower Center, Historic Old Abilene Town, The Seelye and Lebold Mansions, and the Greyhound Hall of Fame. There are many one-of-a-kind dining places including the coffee shop located upstairs in the book store, the historic Kirby House Restaurant, and the Brookville Hotel which serves a family style chicken dinner.



Fibers and fabrics are on display in Picture This Plus



Behind the scenes, dyeing takes place for the Colorscapes fabric line



There are lots of things to see and a cozy area to sit, stitch, and visit

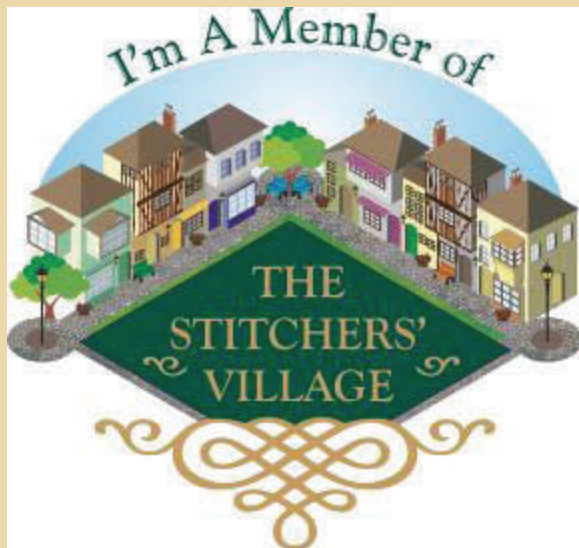


May Competition Winners
Paula Shelgren
Stitching Friends Story drawing
JoAnn Biddiscombe
Submit a Suggestion drawing
and Terry Allison for her suggestion
which will be used in the "Voice"
Each person whose name was drawn will
receive a \$50 gift certificate
Compliments of The Stitchers' Village
good in any one of the
Stitchers' Village Shops

You asked for it and now you may order Stitches' Village products such as mouse pads, journals, bumper stickers, and t-shirts at:

<http://www.cafepress.com/tsvshop>

Of the suggestions received from our neighbors in The Stitches' Village, one has been put in place. You may now go to The Café Press web site to order products with the Stitches' Village Logo and fun things to show your participation and membership. New products will be added ASAP. If there is something specific you would like to see, please send me an email and I will do my very best to make it available.
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***COMING SOON TO
THE STITCHERS VILLAGE
A gateway to fun activities
Watch for it later in June!***

Delivery of the 2010 Stitching for Literacy Bookmarks



Jo Mason, of Dinky-Dyes Threads, recently met up with Tara Rollins, the Librarian at Francis Elementary School in Houston, to hand over the majority of the bookmarks stitched by members of The Stitches' Village during the recent 2010 Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge.



Tara was very pleased and told Jo in a follow up e-mail, "The more I looked, the more excited I got. These are going to be a fantastic literacy gift to these children, who love the paper book marks and will adore these!" Tara asked Jo to pass on her thanks to everyone who contributed.

The remainder of the bookmarks, about 80, were posted off to Analine Johnson, the librarian at Rodolfo Centeno Elementary in Laredo, Texas.