

The Stitchers Village



The Stitchers' Voice

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I have just returned from the Summer wholesale market and had the great pleasure to meet and visit with Patti Connor of SamSarah Designs. She has expanded her creative talents to a line of quilt fabric that is adorable. Just next door to our booth was Karen Kluba of Rosewood Manor and her new designs are gorgeous. This show is primarily yarn and knitting related products with representation from the needlepoint and counted thread vendors. The colors and creativity are unbelievable at market.

We had a group excursion to the LNS Cross My Heart. It is always fun to visit a shop. I see charts and designers I have not seen before. She had some lovely large stitched pieces that I ask about. She said they were not charts that were available, they were a project some of her local stitchers had done which were personal samplers. They were a mixture of some designs from their favorite designers, favorite things, and some stitch sample type stitching. They were lovely. It reminded me of some gifts I made back in the 80's. I would make what I called a compilation sampler. The favorite one that I made had "Woodland Welcome" from a book of welcomes, "Magic Meadow Sampler" from the Vanessa-Ann Collection, and I stitched the family name, and my name and date. I will have to get a picture of that one. I am possibly not remembering exactly. I do, however, have a WIP with the "Magic Meadow Sampler" which I want for myself and will 'someday' get finished.

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



Homestead Needle Arts



SALTY YARNS

A Stitchers Paradise
8th Street & Boardwalk
Ocean City, MD 21842



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Abilene, KS 67410
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Update on "Groups"

The new community is taking a bit of trial and error and I have seen the error of my ways in regard to the "Groups" feature. While there is a "Wall" for posting comments and "Photos" for posting, you could not put an image on the wall nor could comments be posted for the photos. So, there is now a forum for each group which will allow for discussions and within those, the posting of images. The forum should be the first tab of the group options. Sometimes, if the group has not been accessed for a while, the group moderator or I will need to go in to edit for the tab to appear, so let me know. While this will, in effect, take the place of "Wall" and "Photo" much of the information imported from the old site is in those features and we will leave them for reference.

I hope that those of you who were frustrated with the change will give this feature a try and make TSV your "go to" site for needlework. It does, indeed, "take a village" and I greatly appreciate your patience with the new, improved Stitches' Village!

July Summer Fair

One month left to stitch for the Summer Fair event. The contests planned are:

Sampler Project Section Contest - all sampler project sections received by July 1, 2015 will be entered to win a grand prize of 5000 Village Voucher Points. The sections already received will be included in the contest. They will be judged by a popular vote by email of the membership as we have been doing with other contests. I have some 32 count band fabric on hand. I will send a section if you let me know that you want stitch one to enter in the contest. Details on the Sampler Project can be seen [HERE](#) Keep in mind that you need to have the section to me by the end of June. The Sampler Project sections will be on display at the September retail show.

ATC Contest and Exchange - There will be a contest for ATC's and all entries will be judged and eligible for a grand prize of 5000 Village Voucher Points. Entries must be received by July 1, 2015. The pdf for the ATC's is attached as part of this newsletter. These should have some element of stitching included and can be any theme. In addition to the grand prize there will be other prizes awarded based on the number of ATC's received. At the end of the Summer Fair event, I will randomly exchange the entries and send them out as an exchange between those who have sent in the entries.

There will also be an activity page and we will have an exclusive design from at least one design company. I hope to make this the first of many fun events!

Needlework Galleria

I will be attending the Needlework Galleria retail show September 24-26, 2015 in St. Charles, MO. as The Stitches' Village featuring Picture This Plus fabric. I have started the ordering/packaging of the fabric so I will have plenty to take to the show. If any members plan to attend, please let me know so that we can plan a get-together there.



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The Stitches' Village Calendar June 2015

*Support the shops of TSV
Homestead Needlearts, Picture This Plus, Rainbow Stitchery,
Salty Yarns, Stitches Workshop*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 BINGO
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
<p>You have until July 8 to get entries for the two Summer Faire contests - a Sampler Project section or an ATC for the contest/exchange Information for these contests are on the following pages of the NL</p>						

Check the site's main Menu under "Activities" for contests

Bingo games are in the community chat at 7 p.m. Central Time see Forum "Events" for details to play



2015 July ATC Contest and Exchange

This contest will be for members to create a finished 2 1/5" by 3 1/5" Artist Trading Card which should include any form of stitching and combined with any craft and send to TSV Headquarters by July 1, 2015. The entries will be posted and voted on by a team of shop owners. If you are not familiar with the ATCs, visit the community forum under the "Exchanges and Stitch Alongs" Topic. There have been several exchanges held there and pictures have been posted.

Mail the completed entry along with the following information:

Your Name

Email Address

Mailing Address

A description of your creation (materials used, inspiration, etc.)

Mail To:

The Stitches' Village

5636 SW 38th Street

Topeka, KS 66610

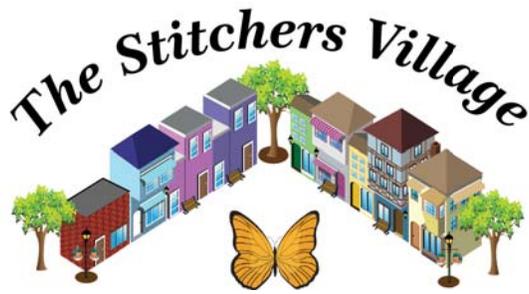
There will be 3 main prizes. Depending on the number of entries, additional prizes may be added in special categories.

1st place will receive 5000 Village Voucher points

2nd place will receive 2500 Village Voucher points

3rd place will receive 1000 Village Voucher points

The deadline is July 8, 2015. All entries must be received by this date. Be creative! Use your imagination and your materials on hand! Let's have fun with this one. The entries will be randomly exchanged among the entrants at the end of the Summer Fair event.



The deadline is July 8, 2015 for The Stitches' Village sampler project Summer Faire contest. However, sections may be done any time as there is no deadline for the project. We would love for all members to contribute a section!

The Stitches' Village Sampler Project

The Stitches' Village sampler project is an opportunity for every member of TSV to contribute a personalized section of stitching to be part of a 6 ¼" wide band sampler. The length of the sampler will be determined by the length and number of stitched sections contributed by members. Each section will be stitched by an individual and will represent something personal and be "signed" with the name, date, and location, of the member. Yes, you may stitch more than one if you wish. I know many of us are full of ideas.

I am recommending that we use a stitch band in order to retain uniform width for joining purposes. The stitch band fabric comes with finished side edges. I have found Zweigart has linen #72022C/001 and aida #7421/001 that fit the width parameter. If you do choose to use a fabric piece instead, please finish your side edges so that your finished width is 6 ¼" and leave at least 1" top and bottom for joining purposes. Top/bottom edges should be unfinished.

To participate, you will need to stitch a section and mail it, along with this completed information sheet, to:

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Please fill out the following information and submit this form with your stitched section.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE

COUNTRY/POSTAL CODE

DATE COMPLETED:

PLEASE PROVIDE A LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE SECTION YOU ARE SUBMITTING:

Thank you so much for your participation in the TSV Sampler Project. Please remember that the section you submit will be attached permanently to the TSV Sampler Project and will remain the property of The Stitches' Village.