



The changes in the layout of the community portion of The Stitchers' Village have been a challenge in so many ways. When it first emerged as a community rather than just a forum, the platform being used was wonderful and we had a large number of active members. When the cost of hosting there became prohibitive, it took several attempts to get to where we are today - back to the core features of that first community. The popularity of other social media platforms has, also, drawn away a segment of our members who were frequent contributors to TSV. The variety of hardware and software configurations make it nearly impossible to give everyone the exact same experience online. I invite those who have been long time members to give the community another try and if you have not yet registered, please visit and give me your feedback on the site. Each member now has a profile page with photo albums and commenting. The old "no links" rules are gone and members may also create a page if they wish to sell or trade stash items or items they create. The only way to keep the Village going is for members to share there and keep it interesting. Join stitching friends in the best online needlework community!!

There is a first of its kind "Activity Page" this month. Look for the "Halloween 2019" page where the first item posted is a color challenge. This is the first installment of the new activity pages that will replace the previous web pages with clickable items. The various elements will be in posts throughout the event. "Halloween 2019" will be active throughout the month as drawings and complimentary charts will be offered at random times.

If you have suggestions on how to make the activity pages or the community more fun, please send me an email!! I love new ideas! Here is a thumbnail image of the Halloween 2019 color challenge. The pdf is available in the Village on the activity page!! There will be prizes!!



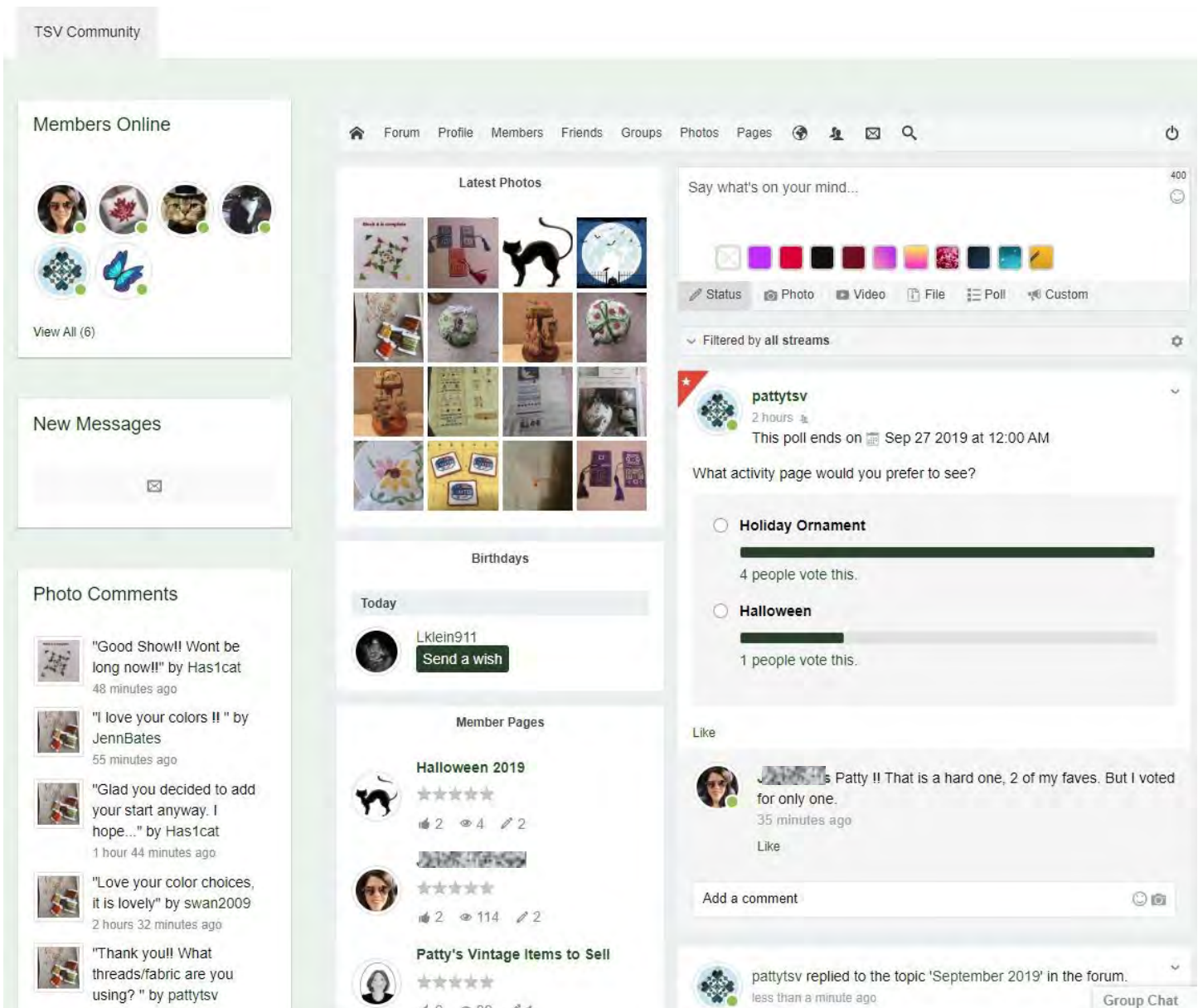
Happy Stitching! Patty

Questions or comments may be directed to: pattysv@gmail.com

Tips for Using the Community

When you sign in to the Village, you will land on your profile page. You will see a menu which begins on the left with a small house icon. The links are fairly self explanatory - Home, Forum, Your Profile, Member List, Friends, Groups, Photos, Pages, Notifications, Members, Messaging/Chat, Search, and the far right is Sign Out

To see all recent activity, click the house icon and you will be taken to the home page.



The screenshot shows the community interface. On the left, there are sidebars for 'Members Online' (6 members), 'New Messages', and 'Photo Comments'. The main content area features a navigation bar with icons for Forum, Profile, Members, Friends, Groups, Photos, Pages, and a search icon. Below this is a 'Latest Photos' grid, a 'Birthdays' section with a 'Send a wish' button, and 'Member Pages' for 'Halloween 2019' and 'Patty's Vintage Items to Sell'. The right-hand side is dominated by an activity stream starting with a 'Say what's on your mind...' text box and a poll: 'What activity page would you prefer to see?' with options 'Holiday Ornament' (4 votes) and 'Halloween' (1 vote). Below the poll is a comment from user 'pattytsv' and a 'Group Chat' button at the bottom right.

The features are also fairly intuitive. You may wish to post a comment or photo in the top of the activity stream (the right column) by clicking in the box "Say what's on your mind...". You have the option to filter what you see in your home page activity stream. You may wish to wish fellow members "Happy Birthday". You may wish to create your own page. This can be whatever you wish - even stash for sale or trade. "Pages" is where you will find any seasonal activity page.

Drawings and Contests

The August drawing winner: Cathleen N., MA

Prize: "Happiness is Homemade" 2019 Nashville Needlework Market Cookbook. "Tried & True Recipes Shared by Needleworkers!"

There will be several October drawings as a part of the Halloween 2019 Activity Page which can be found in the Village community. Prizes will include a couple of PTP fabric "orphans"

There will be other activities as well! stitchersvillage.com/village

Use the code found on the Halloween 2019 Page when you submit the form

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

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

Stash Alert



"Tonight is Halloween" "Welcome to the Porch" and "Violaceae"

[Glendon Place \(click here to see more GP\)](#)

Plum Street Samplers

"Bless Our Land"

"Clementine"

"Goody Grimwood"

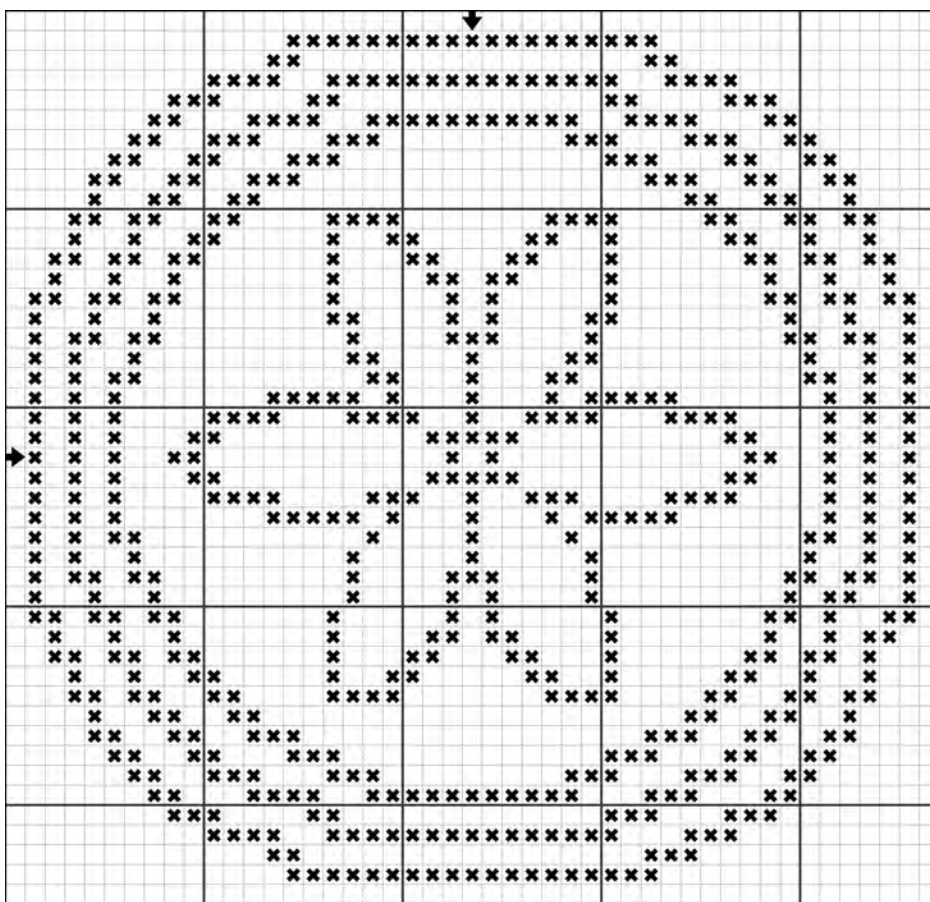
"Autumn Hill"



Stitch This

Symbol

This design was inspired by a television show I watched on the Smithsonian channel called "Mystic Britain". The show was filming in a very old church and discussing some markings on a wall. They explained that some symbols which are, today, thought to be evil (such as the pentagram) were, in historic times, considered wards against evil. An intertwining design might capture a demon and keep it there - going round and round. A little sparkle in the middle might attract attention, also!



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Your fabric choice will be the starting point for the colors you use.

Added to the center is a "volcano" margerite bead and a 2mm crystal. The model is stitched on a PTP fabric orphan Lugana with WDW thread.

I appreciate seeing your stitching whether you change colors or not! Please post your pictures in the community where you can have your own profile and page to share your projects with a friendly group of stitchers!! stitchersvillage.com/village