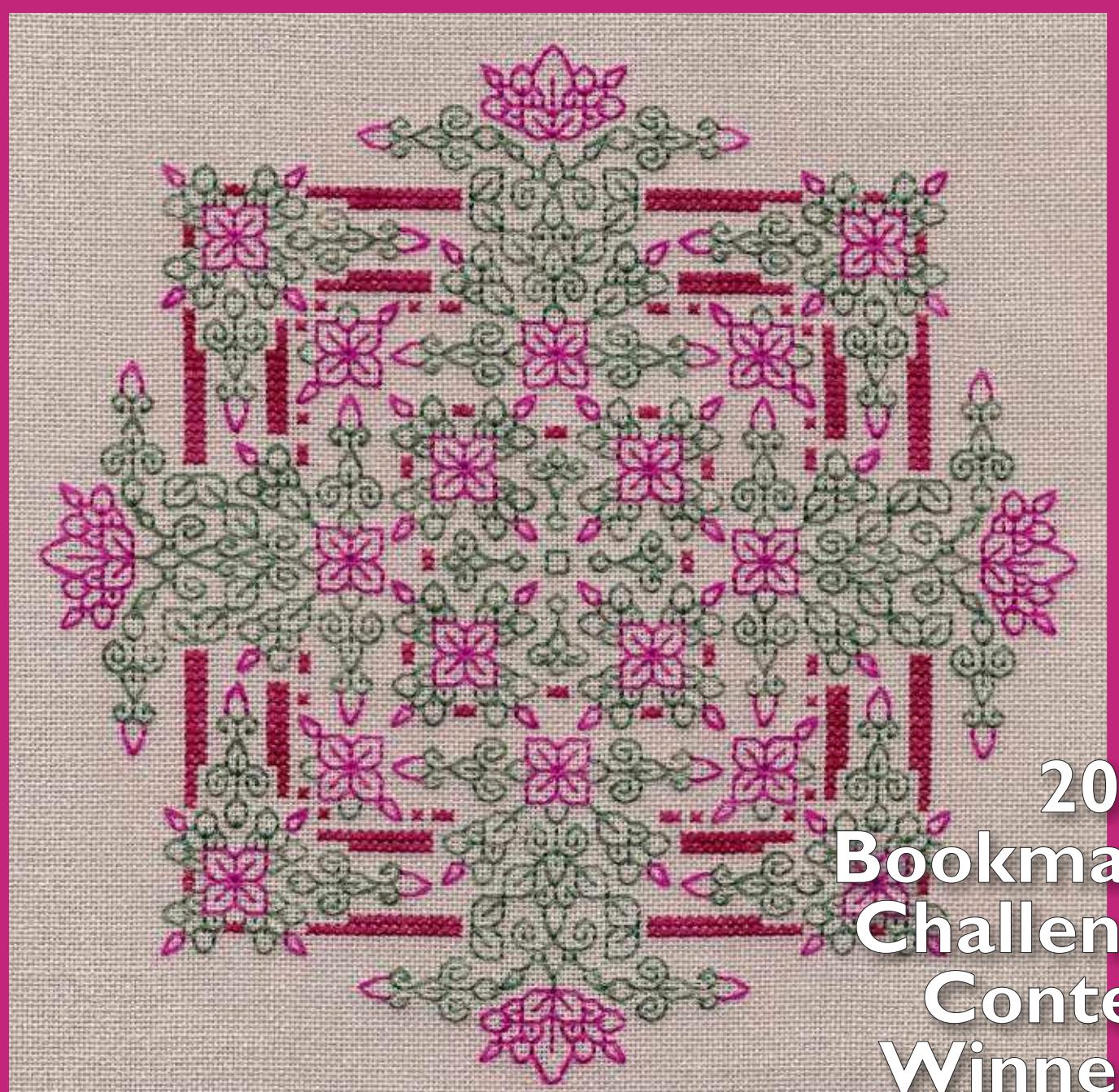


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NEW RELEASE!

'Deep'

from Seba Designs

This wonderful new design from Seba Designs is stitched on 28 count Cameo Peach Jobelyn with 2 strands of Dinky-Dyes silks #58 Kayla's Rose, #135 Dandenong and #169 Brambleberry.

'Deep' is one of the stunning, contemporary blackwork designs created by Turkish designer Banu Demirel.

More of these lovely blackwork designs can be seen on the Dinky-Dyes website www.dinkydyes.com

It is with much sadness that I announce that this is will be my last edition as Editor of The Stitchers Voice .

I have had to make the extremely hard decision to step down from The Stitchers' Village in order to give myself more time to dedicate to an ever-increasing workload at my day job (that of graphic designer in a busy, family-owned design studio).

It has been such fun working with Jo to build and run The Stitchers' Village over the past year, and it has been wonderful to meet the many wonderful stitchers, designers and store owners who are all part of this unique community.

Because The Village is really a full time job, and because Jo and I both run other full time businesses, we have decided that we would like to offer The Stitchers' Village up for sale to someone who loves The Village as much as we do, and would like to continue to grow the vision. If you, or someone you know might be interested in buying The Village we'd love to hear from you. In the first instance we ask that you email Jo on jo@dinkydyes.com.

On a much happier note ... we announce the winners of the fabulous 'Reading for Literacy Bookmark Competition' on page 6. We received 272 stitched bookmarks during the course of the competition - how wonderful is that? - and we thank you so much for your enthusiasm and talented entries.

I do hope you have a wonderful month, and I want to thank you all for your enthusiasm, support and encouragement for The Stitchers Village over the past year.

Janie Hubble
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Shoppe 2

BushMountain Stitchery
Shoppe 21



NEW! NEW! NEW!

FROM ROSEWOOD MANOR

SPRING 2010



ANTIQUE TIN TILES--While on vacation in Arizona a few years ago, I saw some antique tin ceiling tiles in a display that looked like a checkerboard of light and dark tin; this was the inspiration for this piece.

140 X 300 stitches, Uses Zweigart 28ct. Cashel, Antique White linen and DMC 926 floss, although any color fabric or floss can be used.

This 10 page booklet includes 1 small sampler, plus 1 Welcome sampler and lots of "BE Creative!" Ideas. S-1014



A TREE BY ITSELF--A love of trees, Quaker motifs and a Pueblo verse were the inspiration for this piece.

300 X 270 stitches, uses Zweigart 28ct. Cashel, Cream linen and DMC floss.

This 18 page booklet includes 7 mini samplers, 1 medium sampler plus several "BE Creative!" Ideas.

S-1192



AS YE SOW--This design was originally release in the year 2000, however the photo on the cover did not do the piece justice, so here is the revised and expanded edition.

500 X 220 stitches, uses Zweigart, Edinburgh 36 ct. Cream linen and DMC floss.

This 18 page booklet also includes 2 mini samplers, an alphabet page and 1 medium sampler and is packed full of "Be Creative!" Ideas. S-1281

LIGHTHOUSE ISLAND--Memories of a vacation on Martha's Vineyard was the inspiration for this piece. I also loved the "Three Fishes" thread winders and the black Primitive "Little Gems" scissors from Kelmscott Designs and just had to find a fun way to use them. Picture This Plus' over-dyed Belfast 32ct linen, Glacier was perfect to compliment this piece.

This 22 page booklet also includes detailed instructions for competing the large biscornu, plus 7 Bonus Mini Charts and several "Be Creative!" ideas.. B-102



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Reaching Out ...

by Jen Funk Weber

Summer is together time. Kids are home from school; families and friends vacation together. When my nephews and niece were young, our visits always meant doing things together, not just being in the same city or same house at the same time. And doing things together didn't mean doing just what I wanted to do or what they wanted to do. Everyone provided input, and everyone participated.

Once, during a visit on the Oregon coast, we made a list of the activities everyone wanted to do. Then we did them. I'm not sure who wrote "Dig a hole with steps down into it," but it was on the list and given the same consideration as "Visit aquarium" and "Explore tide pools."

It was windy and cold when the time came to dig a hole with steps down into it, and some of the adults weren't especially enthusiastic about this activity (Mike and I were, of course), but we found a nook behind a cliff and ... well, dug. It was serious business for a couple of hours, as we took turns digging inside the hole and building the ramparts outside. Everyone contributed. In the end, we had a lovely hole with steps down into it, pictures, and several hours of talking and working together. A bargain at any price, if you ask me.

With such a history, perhaps it's not surprising that when I asked my teenage nephews to stitch with me, they agreed. Each selected his own fabric and fibers, then watched, listened, and set to work. Neither chose to pursue the craft further, but they each completed their project, enjoyed it, and learned some skills that

will serve them in other ways for the rest of their lives.

I also taught my niece to knit. We visited an independent yarn shop after a soccer game (took her friend along, so yet another potential stitcher gained some exposure), and purchased needles and yarn for a scarf (what else?!). She practiced casting on in the car on the way home. She proceeded to knit in spare moments during the rest of our visit, and her scarf was over a foot long by the time we left. She discovered a number of friends at school who also knit, so had help when it was time to cast off.

I cherish the time I spend with my nephews and niece, and I enjoy learning about their friends, interests, and undertakings. That they're willing to reciprocate and learn about my interests turns me to emotional mush. I know I'd be a poorer person if I didn't know something about robotics, soccer, and Girl Scouts, and they'd be poorer teens if they didn't know something about cross stitching and knitting.

Now it's your turn. Grab a non-stitcher, any age, and teach him/her to stitch. Share what you know. It doesn't matter if you're an expert or a beginner; you know more than a non-stitcher. You'll have quality time together and both be richer for the experience. It's summer (in the US, anyway)--there's no better time!

The Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy program is expanding its Outreach effort. Please visit the website and blog this summer to see how you can participate.

APRIL 2010
competition WINNER!

Congratulations go to **Pat Warner-Sorci** - our April competition winner.

Pat wins a \$100 gift certificate from Stitches From The Heart, located in San Antonio, Texas. The answer to the competition (which could be found in the article about Stitches From The Heart) was ... 'Other Remaining Threads'.

Well done Pat!

what's happening! at the village shoppes?

Have you checked out the Stitchers Village Travel Agency recently?

You will find the Travel Agency in the blue building with the bright red door located next door to the Newspaper Office ... and when you click on the door you will be directed to the Customer Destination Board (just like at the airport).

Find information about classes, events and happenings being held all over the world.





Olde Willow Stitchery Threads, Inc.

I have been spending most of my time designing and teaching. These are exclusive teaching pieces that your guild, shop, or private group may be interested. I can be reached at robin@oldewillowstitchery.com for pricing and details. **Thanks!**

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the bookmark challenge at tsv



We received 272 stitched bookmarks

plus lots of regular card bookmarks, notes, cards
and best wishes from around the world!

What a wonderful, wonderful response from so many people from around the world - Jo and Janie of The Stitchers' Village and Jen Funk Weber, the founder of the Needle and ThREAD: Stitching for Literacy 2010 Bookmark Challenge, want to say a very big thank you to everyone who participated.

These wonderful bookmarks will be donated to the library at

Francis Elementary School, Houston, Texas

and to

Rodolfo Centeno Elementary School, Laredo, Texas

The librarians/teachers at both these schools will use the bookmarks as incentive prizes in their Literacy programs to encourage their students to read.

And here are the winners as they were drawn from all of the entries:

The Grand Prize winner is Susan Wild

who wins a Complete Set of Dinky Dyes Silk Embroidery Thread
in a Stitching for Literacy Zippered Tote.

And the Five Runners Up are:

Jan Booth, Colleen Rasmussen, Sue Simmons, Mary Ellen Rilait and Lisa Maguire who will each 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.

Winners will be contacted to arrange delivery of their prizes.

