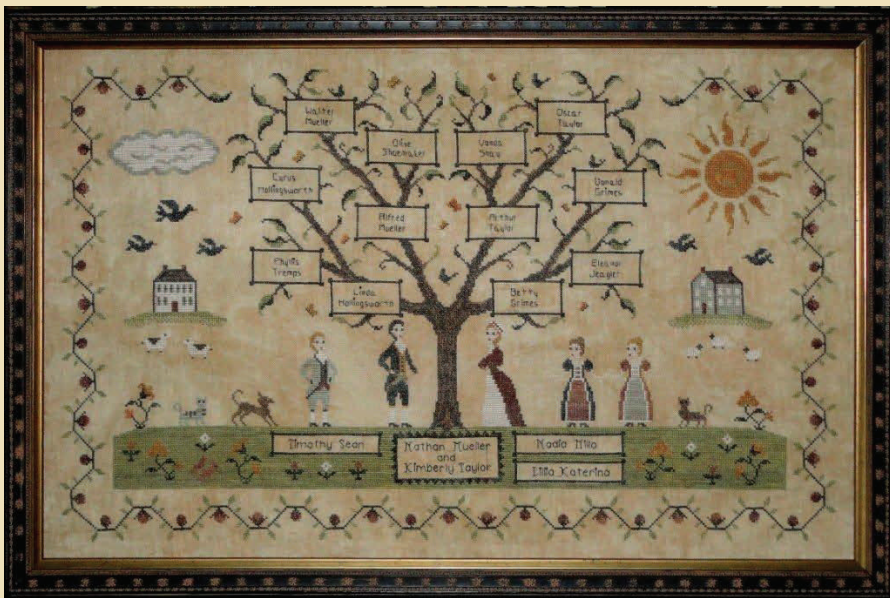


# The Stitchers' Voice

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"Family Tree"

The Latest from Willow Hill Samplings

Meet the Designer  
Kim Mueller  
*Willow Hill Samplings*

*How many April  
drawing prize  
winners were there?*

*May is Flowers  
Stitch Along  
Month!*





“Quaker Bluebird Sampler”

ON THE COVER

“Family Tree”

From Willow Hill Samplings  
the featured designer for May.

*I hope the Easter holiday was a wonderful celebration time with family and friends. May brings us Mothers Day and another reason to bring family together. This month we will be celebrating all things floral with a stitch along. If you have a floral project going or would like to join other members by starting a quick floral project, there is a Stitch Along discussion set up for the event in the Forum in the social area of TSV.*

*Thank you to all of you who sent the bookmarks for the 2011 Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge. I assure you that they were very enthusiastically received!*

***Patty Hurwitz***  
***The Stitchers' Village***

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## Meet designer, Kim Mueller, of Willow Hill Samplings



A whimsical tribute to “Pride and Prejudice”, Kim Mueller’s first design was inspired by her love of her cats and antique samplers.



“Mr. Bingley”, shown above, was followed by “Live Simply” and “Eleanor Jaegler Sampler”. Kim says that her love of antique samplers inspire her to create designs that emulate them, sometimes in a more whimsical way, as in her “Cinderella Sampler” and sometimes in a more literal way, as in her “Snow White Sampler”.

Kim is a native of the panhandle of West Virginia near Washington D.C. Her husband and three children are very supportive of her designing and provide inspiration. Her “Birth of a Nation” series was her husband’s idea. He suggested that she add more patriotic designs such as her “Land of the Free”. The first design in the resulting series was “The Boston Tea Party” and includes “Presidential Portraits”, “Paul Revere’s Ride”(below), “Betsy Ross” (right), the current project “Crossing the Delaware”, and the final installment, “We the People”.



Kim discovered cross stitch while looking for a hobby when her children were small and her husband joined the Air Force which caused him to be away from home at times. Her creativity led her to produce her own charts and she has released some exceptional designs.

She is sharing her art with her children. Each of her two daughters are stitching new designs she has created - “Nadia Mueller Sampler” and Lillia Mueller Sampler”. Look for these two samplers along with a third in the near future. They are sure to be wonderful stitching projects as are all of Kim’s beautiful designs. I love the scenery visible through Betsy Ross’ windows! The “Birth of a Nation” series together will be a stunning project!



## APRIL DRAWING WINNERS

In keeping with the April foolishness, the April drawing was simply to enter by sending an email. This was posted in an email and in the social area of TSV. The first responder from each source were the first two winners. On April 12 9 more names were drawn to make a total of eleven winners for April!

Bridgette Friedman  
Leta Tolbert  
Nancy Panfili  
Sharon Caplinger  
Laura Simandl  
Starlia Aubrey  
Marcy Guenette  
Pat Northcutt  
Becky Stanonik  
Pandora Ganes  
Carolyn Craig



MAY IS FLOWERS STITCH ALONG  
MONTH AT TSV. SHARE YOUR FLORAL  
PROJECTS OR START A NEW ONE AND  
JOIN IN THE FUN



## The Stitchers' Village 2011 Bookmark Challenge Donations



There were 45 bookmarks received from TSV members in the 2011 Stitching for Literacy Bookmark Challenge. These were delivered to the Chapman, Kansas Middle School librarian, Brenda Lemon. She brought some students in to pose with the bookmarks. She will be awarding them as students complete their reading requirements by letting them choose a bookmark. One of the young gentlemen who assisted us asked if he could purchase the bookmark he posed with. He really liked it.



A very big “thank you” to all who stitched and sent bookmarks this year. I can assure you that they are very much appreciated by Ms. Lemon and the Chapman Middle School students.

**Registration is now on for the  
2011 Needlework Getaway  
Early registration discount through May 31, 2011  
Space is limited  
Go to the Travel Agency building on  
the TSV site for the link!**

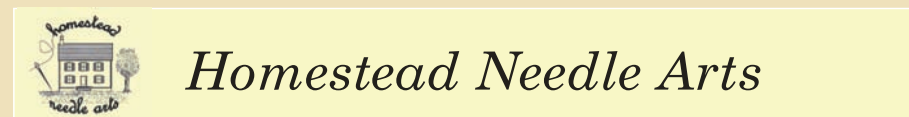
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