

The Stitchers' Voice

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*Upcoming Guest Chats
9/17 Marilyn & Shari
Picture This Plus
& 10/25 Thea Dueck,
Victoria Sampler*

*September Stitch Along
Projects: Autumn*

TSV Sampler Project





ON THE COVER

“Heavenly Host” 1 & 2 from !?Who Knew?! The design company side of Picture This Plus. They may be better known for their mermaid silhouettes such as “Ocean Curiosity” pictured above.

The individual sections for the TSV Sampler Project have begun to arrive and are being joined as they are received. This is exciting - I hope that you will view those and be inspired to participate.

I mentioned that I am talking with designers and other industry folks to invite them to host a chat. Great news - the afternoon of Saturday, September 17, Marilyn and Shari from Picture This Plus will be in the chat room to answer your questions and visit with you about their hand-dyed fabric. Maybe there will be some hints as to the new colors for 2012.

Also, you will not want to miss the chat on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 6 p.m. Central Time (4 p.m. Pacific Time, 5 p.m. Mountain Time, and 7 p.m. Eastern Time). Thea Dueck from Victoria Samplers will be in the chat room for a visit!

Hope all our Village neighbors are safe, well, and happy!

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The Stitchers' Village*

Questions or comments? Email to pattytsv@gmail.com

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September Feature
Shari Strauss and Marilyn Thurlow
of
Picture This Plus

Join them in the chat room Saturday, September 17, 2011

2 p.m. Eastern Time, 1 p.m. Central Time,
12 p.m. Mountain Time, 11 a.m. Pacific Time

Most of us are familiar with dyed fabric for needlework. Picture This Plus in Abilene, Kansas produces fabric that is hand-dyed with the intent of creating a unique result every time. Not in the color or shade produced, but in the patterning of the color on the fabric. While researching the dyeing process before beginning this enterprise, they visited with faculty members of the textiles department at Kansas State University. When they explained what they were trying to do, they were told that normally, a solid, even color is the desired result, but were helped with their process and now have 106 colors in their line. They dye linen, aida, and evenweaves in a variety of thread counts and even have a “crystal” version of many of these fabrics that have “sparkly” threads woven into them.



Legacy, Mellow, and Heritage are colors you might choose if you want a more neutral background for a project.



If you like something bolder, Kermit, Diva, and Midas are for you.



Haunted, Cauldron, and Voo Doo are geared toward Halloween designs.



Their newest color, “Eek”, was formulated from a request by Cheryl Granda of Glendon Place and is shown here with one of her new designs “Halloween Luck”. “Eek” was released this summer. Their new colors are usually released each year in February at the Nashville wholesale show. It is great fun to visit the shop and get a behind-the-scenes tour of the dyeing room.

You will have the opportunity to make special requests and give them ideas for colors that you feel may be missing from their palette. Stop in the chat room the afternoon of September 17, 2011!!

THE AUGUST DRAWING WINNERS

Linda F. was the August 15 drawing winner for five Autumn themed charts

Deborah M. is the August 31 drawing winner for 1/8 of fabric from Picture This Plus

Wendy Y. was the 8/7 bingo winner and won Rosewood Manor's "Crabapple Tree" chart

Abigail R. and Val B. were 8/28 bingo winners - each will receive a Praiseworthy Stitches "Wonderfully Wicked Whimsies" kit

THE SEPTEMBER DRAWING FOR TSV

The September drawing will be a chance to receive a one eighth cut of fabric from Picture This Plus color of choice.

To enter the September drawing, send an email by September 14, 2011 with FABRIC as the subject to: pattytsv@gmail.com

Registration is now on for the Stitchers' Village/Picture This Plus 2011 Needlework Getaway To be held in Abilene, Kansas, November 3-6

**Space is limited
Go to the Travel Agency building on the TSV site for the link!**

Classes are available for

**COUNTED THREAD from Picture This Plus
QUILTING from Material Girl Quilt Shop
KNITTING from The Shivering Sheep**

This is a unique opportunity to gather with fellow stitchers and visit shops dedicated to a variety of needle art forms in a quaint downtown area!

Mark Your Calendar

**September 17, 2011
Guest Chat with Marilyn and Shari of
Picture This Plus**

**October 25, 2011
Guest Chat with Thea Dueck of
The Victoria Samplers**

Stitch along in September –Autumn themed projects

Stitch along in October - Victoria Sampler projects

Stitch along in November - Ornaments

Sampler Project Viewing

A page has been set up for viewing the sections of The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project. Each section will show as an image on the page. If you click the image, the information for each section will pop up. The url for this page is: <http://www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm>

The project will also be on display any time I have the opportunity such as any needlework shows or events which I attend. There will be a link to the viewing page on the TSV "booth" page during the online wholesale show in October. The physical debut will be at the November 3, 2011 Needlework retreat in Abilene, KS. I am hoping to receive several more sections by October 1 to have them included in the first public showing.

Please consider participating by stitching a section for the project. The information sheet is the last page of this newsletter. The section can be stitched to represent your favorite things, the place where you live, a small design from your favorite designer, or whatever you wish. But most of all it represents you as one of the treasured members of our virtual community.

The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project

Get Inspired!

Here are the first
two to arrive!

What will you stitch to represent
YOU???



VIEW THE
SECTIONS

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

**Patty Hurwitz
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5636 SW 38th Street
Topeka, KS 66610**

The stitched piece must finish at 6 ¼" wide to retain uniform width when joined to the other submissions. The length can vary, but must have at least 1" unfinished, unstitched top and bottom for joining purposes.

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.

This project was suggested one evening in the social area on the chat module. The suggestion was that we could make a sampler stitched by all of the approximately 6000 members and have a world record sampler. Of course, we had to figure a way to put our idea in motion. So, the idea progressed to the "sectional" idea. That too, needed some details and a plan to implement, and here we are!

We will call July 1, 2011 our start date. As the sections are received, they will be recorded, photographed and joined. The information will be posted in the discussion forum in the social area of TSV. The progress will also be put in the monthly newsletter. The sampler will be kept by the owner of The Stitchers' Village (Patty Hurwitz) and it will be put on display at appropriate opportunities. Hopefully, there will be a number of sections sewn together and the sampler will make it's debut at the upcoming TSV/PTP Needlework Getaway in November 2011.

If you wish to purchase stitch band fabric from me, I will try to keep some on hand. The options are:

32 count Zweigart white linen (72022C/001) 6 ¼" x 12"	\$9.00 includes us postage
32 count Zweigart white linen (72022C/001) 6 ¼" x 6"	\$6.00 includes us postage
14 count Zweigart white aida (7421/001) 6 ¼" x 12"	\$9.00 includes us postage
14 count Zweigart white aida (7421/001) 6 ¼" x 6"	\$6.00 includes us postage

Please send me an email with your choice and shipping address and I will send you an invoice: pattytsv@gmail.com

*For the latest releases and new supplies -
Visit the shops of The Stitchers Village
Along with the boutiques and wholesalers*



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www.3stitches.com



SHOP #26
www.acornsandthreads.com



SHOP #21
www.laurelsstitchery.com



SHOP #9
www.picturethisplus.com



SHOP #3
www.saltyyarns.com



SHOP #29
www.stitchersworkshop.com



BOUTIQUE #11
www.thegiftofstitching.com



BOUTIQUE #12
www.pineglen designs.com



WAREHOUSE #31
www.nordencrafts.com

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There is currently no end date for this project as we would like to keep this ongoing. Please try to get your section in as soon as you are able so that we have plenty of time to get them connected. Thank you!

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 STITCHING YOU HAVE DONE:

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 Stitchers' Village.