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*NEW BIRTHDAY
RECOGNITION*

BOOKMARKS!

TNNA NASHVILLE

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Many of us “share the love” by stitching gifts for family and friends. That is one of the joys of creating with needles and thread. One of our TSV members hosted a Valentine’s Day exchange in the social area. These are being mailed (yes, I participated) and pictures will be posted soon. It was great fun to come up with the “little extras” that will be sent along with the stitched piece.

As the social area member participation grows, so do the number of birthdays being celebrated each month. I have been sending gifts from the gift shop of the social module each day for those with birthdays, but have decided to make it a once a month event. All members who have birthdays each month will be put into a drawing for a special birthday gift.

Thank you to all of those who participate in TSV and make the Village a great place to be.

Patty Hurwitz
The Stitches’ Village

Questions or comments? Email to pattytstv@gmail.com

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It's Your Birthday!



Did you know that when you register to participate in the social area of TSV you can share your birth date? This allows for your stitching friends to wish you a "Happy Birthday".

Starting January 2012, TSV will now enter all those members who have a birthday in the current month into a drawing. The January 2012 member who will receive the birthday surprise is

Jessica H. from Portland, OR.

To kick off this new birthday recognition, Jessica will be receiving one each of the thirty colors of Weeks Dye Works 2-strand threads on spools.

The social area has brought TSV to a new level of community and is an amazing place for sharing!



FEBRUARY DRAWING

Register to win a set of Weeks Dye Works 2-strand spooled thread (that's 30 colors) in the February drawing. Simply send an email to pattytsv@gmail.com with "thread" as the subject. All names will be entered into a random drawing to be held on February 29

Good Luck!



Nashville TNNA Wholesale Market

I will be attending the market in Nashville later this month. I hope to have the opportunity to report back from designers and companies represented there. I look forward to bringing home some exciting drawing and game prizes!!

**The Stitchers Village
Joins the 2012 Bookmark Challenge
April 6 – May 4**

Celebrate reading and stitching! Join The Stitchers Village members and stitch a bookmark that will be donated to a library or school during Children's Book Week to reward reading accomplishments.

Children's Book Week is May 7-12, 2012 www.bookweekonline.com

It's a snap.

Step 1: Stitch a bookmark (or two, or three...). Any hand-stitched bookmark counts:

- any pattern (one you purchase or one you make up)
- on any ground (perforated paper, aida, linen, canvas, etc.)
- with any fibers (cotton, silk, metallics, beads, etc.)
- using any needlework technique (cross stitch, blackwork, hardanger, etc.)

Step 2: Mail your bookmark to:

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by April 20. I will let you know as soon as we have a partnership with a library.

Want to do more?

- Participate in Needle and Thread: Stitching for Literacy events at your local needlework shop and/or library.
- Teach someone how to stitch a bookmark.
- Start a Read-and-Stitch Club.
- Spread the word about the program to your friends and family, on your blog, and in your newsletter.
- Participate on the Needle and Thread: Stitching for Literacy blog.
- Read! And tell us on the blog what you're reading.

The bookmarks were donated to a local school library last year and were greatly appreciated. When I delivered the bookmarks to the librarian, she brought in some students to pose for pictures with them. One young man was so impressed with the bookmark that he was holding, he asked if he could buy it!



The Stitchers' Village Calendar

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Bookmark Stitch Along Month</i>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>BINGO in Chat</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>TNNA NASHVILLE WHOLESALE MARKET</i>
26	27	28	29 <i>"It's Your Birthday" Drawing</i>		<i>Have you stitched a section for The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project?</i>	
<p><i>GAMES are varied and you will want to read in the Events listing in the social area to see if there is a corresponding topic in the Forum to give instructions for the game being played</i></p> <p><i>HOSTED CHAT details under Events on the social area.</i></p> <p><i>Be sure you check the time which is listed Central Time to convert for your time zone</i></p>						

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



SHOP #6
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.pineglendesigns.com



WAREHOUSE #31
www.nordencrafts.com

The Stitchers' Village Sampler Project

VIEW THE
SECTIONS

<http://www.otwd.net/Samplerproject.htm>

The Stitchers' 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.

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

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(The information sheet is included as the last page of this newsletter)

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. There will not be a deadline for the project as we wish new members to participate in the future. Please send your section as soon as possible, please, to have a good showing.

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

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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.