



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

With nearly 100 degree heat today, it does my psyche good to talk about Christmas. I'm more of a cold (cooler?) weather person than a hot weather person, that's for sure.

Temperature aside, it's time to start thinking and planning for the holidays if you hope to stitch something without burning the midnight oil those last few days. (I bet you've never done that though. ☺) Often it's just the lack of ideas that keep us from getting started.

We're here to help!

See the Christmas in July classes (make-it and take it) to get your creative juices going on some "quicker" project ideas. Plus, you'll find an array of other classes that need just a bit longer than 2 hours to complete.

Of course you'll also be seeing a lot of new designs being added for whatever your stitching niche is.

This isn't the best economy we've seen in Cedar Rapids; it may be about the same where you're at. So we're also doing our part to help you with your "stitching therapy" by featuring specific designers or themes each week, with discounts on those charts/kits. The schedule of designers appears later in this newsletter.

Is stitching **really** therapy? It is for me! Whether it's cross stitching, canvaswork, knitting, crocheting ... whatever ... needlework can help us relax and enjoy ourselves. If you're in the area, you could even drop by for some conversation as well as stitching. The coffee pot's on!

Always in Stitches,

## WEBSITE UPDATES

Have you noticed that there haven't been many updates to the website lately? We're keeping it current on existing items ... ex., out of stock, available, etc. But "new" things? Not so much.

We're experiencing some trouble getting pictures loaded to the website. Rose Mary opt'd to hold website additions until that problem was resolved. But, the problem still exists ... SO, effective now, new things will be added to the website even if the pictures can't be added at this time.

Thanks for your patience!

## TIPS ON WASHING GLORIANA SILK

The following tips were provided by the folks at Gloriana. We thought you'd be interested.

"Gloriana silks are washable in cold water; washing instructions are on our new labels. In case the label doesn't have washing information, it is as follows:

- Wash quickly with mild soap (such as Orvus), rinse thoroughly, and blot out all excess moisture immediately.
- Be sure that the rinse water runs clear before drying.
- Iron the piece dry using a warm, dry iron (do not use steam) placing the embroidery right side down on a clean, dry terry cloth towel and covering the wrong side with a pressing cloth.

If, as you iron, you see any sign of color bleeding rinse the piece immediately and start the drying process over again. Do not leave the piece to dry overnight since it would mean you won't be around if any last moisture escaping causes color bleeding."

## JULY'S FEATURED DESIGNERS & THEMES

You'll find discounts up to 25% on charts by these designers.

- Week of July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Victoria Sampler  
**Week of July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Dutch Treat's Tabletoppers  
**Week of July 20<sup>th</sup>:** Drawn Thread  
**Week of July 27<sup>th</sup>:** Sweetheart Tree!

## RESERVE YOUR COPY

Yes, it's that time of year again. We're already taking reservations!

**Just Cross Stitch:** Just Cross Stitch magazine's Ornament issue (anticipated delivery in September.)

**Prairie Schooler:** Prairie Schooler's 2009 Santa design.

Give us a call ... or drop us a note ... today if you'd like to reserve your copy.

## STITCH'N PITCH EVENT A SUCCESS

Friday, June 19 found us looking out the shop windows late afternoon wondering if Mother Nature was going to cooperate. She did! While game time for the Cedar Rapids Kernels and the Clinton Lumberkings was delayed because of the thunderstorm, the first pitch was thrown under clear blue skies and a temperature in the mid-70s ... perfect!

And, of course, it was a little more perfect because the Kernels won ... winning a spot in the league playoffs.

## COMING EVENTS TO NOTE:

Mark your calendar with these local events..

- **Mississippi River Valley Chapter of EGA Needlework Show**  
Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 4pm  
Moline Public Library, Moline Illinois
- **Especially for You ... Walk for a Cure**  
Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Join Village Needlework's Team of Walkers!



## MILLIE'S MUSINGS ...

I've GOT to get a new picture. Looking at this sweater makes me hot!

Poor Millie – we need to fix that.



## REBECCA SAYS ...

Knit and and spin in this weather? You bet! That's what air conditioning is for...and small projects like socks!

I was happy that the weather was so nice at the Kernels' game. I had a great time spinning purple wool and silk for my latest shawl.

R. Rabbit's has a bunch of new classes for this summer. We have flyers in the shop and Rose Mary has the classes listed on her website. We have project classes, a new lace knit-a-long, short technique classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday evenings, and a few more advanced classes as well. And as always, we have the knitting table on Tuesdays and Thursdays where you can get help on your projects or start a new one. If you don't find the class you are interested in, we can create a new class or do one-on-one teaching.

Classes are taught by Rebecca, Chris Thomson and Mary Jo Wolf. Joan Roberts also teaches classes at the shop. She is doing the Christmas in July classes.

And if you need inspiration for a new project, R. Rabbit will have Fiber Trends patterns 20% off and back Issues of Interweave magazines at 25% off (that's dates before 2009).



Bella is thankful for the hose this week!