

**New Beginnings:** There are a couple of *sayings* that have been around for many years. These are - "Use It or Lose It" and "Out With The Old, In With The New".

Firstly - USE IT OR LOSE IT: For the past ten years Christmas has been celebrated at our home with displays of stitched Christmas designs and Christmas products for sale (Santas, tree decorations, ornaments, angels, Nativity scenes, etc.), expanding from one room to almost every room in the house. Hundreds and hundreds of personal invitations have been sent by mail each year and many, many cups of tea and coffee and many pieces of Christmas cake have been shared over that time. One year over 500 visitors wandered throughout our home. Despite all the hard work and time involved to set up the displays, I have loved this event - BUT - this last Christmas only a few ladies came to visit and so the heart-breaking decision has been made that Christmas can no longer continue to be celebrated at *Heirlooms*. Thank you, thank you, to the few faithful friends and customers who have been diligent in their support over these many years. I truly have appreciated your loyalty. So too, thank you for all the hugs, kind words, love and words of encouragement received when you learnt of my heartache.

Secondly - OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW: At the onset of a new year many folk make a 'New Year's Resolution', but for me, this new year of 2014 is to be one of new beginnings as *Out With the Old, In With the New*. However, at this moment, I do not know what the "new" will be. After travelling to the States almost every year for the past twenty years to attend the needlework trade shows - originally organised by the International Needlework Retailers Guild (at Charlotte, NC) and which was taken over by TNNA (The National Needlearts Association) that organised the Nashville needlework show in Tennessee - this awesome event is to be no more. As per the above saying, "Use It or Lose It", it too has been lost due to it not being used. When I first began attending these shows, thousands of retailers would attend to purchase the latest needlework designs and items from hundreds of designers and distributors. Last year at Nashville, just on 200 exhibitors displayed their designs and products to less than 200 retailers. And so the decision has been made that this event is not able to continue in 2015. This has been another heart-break for me as it has been so much a part of my life and I have loved it! I have always looked on it as a reward for all my hard work. It has also been heart-breaking news for so many designers, as this is where they showcase their amazing gift. Most designers do not sell directly to the public (& they do not wish to do so as this takes such a lot of work and time to do this and their passion is designing, not retailing) and so we are seeing the demise of needlework designers which will in time affect our needlework shops as they will not have new designs to sell in their shops. This in turn could possibly affect me, as what content will I have to write about in this 'What's New' newsletter?

And so, my world as I have known it for so long has been shattered and I have to confess to having been very upset over the above happenings - BUT - as one of my lovely customers said, "Look at it as a new beginning" and so this is what I am doing. I wonder what the "new" will be.

Thank you again to all of you who have given me hugs as I have begun walking along this journey. Not at my destination yet, but on the way.

May this new year of 2014 be a wonderful year of new beginnings for you too.

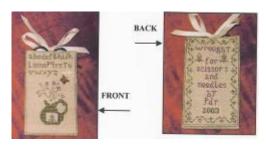
#### Please Note:

The Needlework Gallery will be closed - Friday, 14th of March

due to this day being the day that Ellen Chester of  ${\it With My Needle}$ 

will be teaching her beautiful needlework piece Fruit of the Vine Sampler Huswif
at Mission Estate Winery

**Kits:** Restocked on some of the lovely designs by *Olde Colonial Designs*. These designs are only available as kits but are so beautifully presented as all kits have the prettiest of printed cotton finishing fabrics and usually have other lovely finishing items such as buttons, ribbon, etc.



OCD : KIT - SK Scissor Keep : \$52.00



OCD : KIT - PP
Pyn Purse Cushion : \$ 71.50



OCD : KIT - BP
Basting Thread Pocket & Measure
\$ 50.00

Another kit on hand is one that is unable to be photographed due to the design being pasted to the perspex packaging/box. It is a fob for your scissors - the flower motif being inspired by an old sampler. Stitches used in this design are Cross Stitch (over one thread), Smyrna Cross, Lazy Daisy & Backstitch. Threads are over dyed (*The Gentle Art*) & the charm is a bee.

OCD:KIT-MY - My Scissors \$36.50

You may recall seeing a stitched model of the first design in A Needlework Garden series at the Gallery.

Accessories have been added to the series.

They are -



OCD:KIT -**NGR** 

Needlework Garden Ruler Pocket

\$ 56.50



OCD:KIT - NGSP

A Needlework Garden Fob & Scissor Case

\$ 71.50

The newest kit to arrive at the Gallery is -

OCD:KIT-LAV: Lavender Sachet And/Or Potpourri Box \$ 50.00

A lovely kit that has been reordered but not yet arrived at the Gallery is -

OCD:KIT-MEND - Mending Box \$165.00

This kit has a fabulous wooden decorative box included with all the fabric & threads. Note: The price quoted above may change due to the currency rate at the time it is shipped / received.



#### Stitched Model

OCD:KIT - NG

Α Needlework Garden

\$ 46.50



OCD:KIT - NGTP

A Needlework Garden Thread Palette

\$ 66.00



OCD:KIT - LAV

Lavender Sachet



OCD:KIT - MEND Mending Box

In addition to the lovely kits just featured, Olde Colonial Designs supply some of the range of beautiful Nantucket baskets available and make the most fabulous boxes & frames. Some of their extensive range is in stock and these are featured below.

#### Nantucket Baskets:



Other baskets currently in stock but not pictured round with a handle but no lid

OCD:B-RH5: Round Basket - 5" \$ 79.50 \$ 96.50 OCD:B-RH6: Round Basket - 6"

Note: Many designs by Ellen Chester use these round Nantucket baskets.

#### OCD:B-PIN: Pincushion \$ 39.50 OCD:B-WASTE: Waste Knot Basket \$ 127.50 OCD:NEED: Needlework Basket \$ 165.00



Pincushion



OCD:B - WASTE

Waste Knot Basket



OCD: NEED

Needlework Basket

(required for the design -A Needlework Garden)

#### **Dowry Boxes:**



OCD: DOWRY2.5

Tiny Trinket Box / Treasure Box

2.5" x 2.5"

\$ 120.00



OCD: DOWRY4

FO 6002 Box

4" x 5"

\$ 140.00



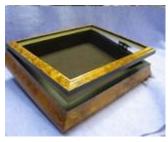
Although no images for all, the following boxes listed are exactly the same in appearance as the one pictured - the only difference is their size.

 OCD:ACORN 6002 Acorn Dowry Box - 6.25" x 8.25"
 \$ 247.50

 OCD:PENBOX Pencil Box (4001) - 5" x 10.5"
 \$ 152.50

 OCD:JD-BOX JD Box - 9" x 12"
 \$ 349.50

Note: This last box was especially created for Jeannette Douglas' design - My Stitching Treasures



OCD:JD-BOX JD

Box



JDD 028

My Stitching Treasures

Design: \$ 46.50

Thread Pack \$63.00

Embellishment Pack \$ 83.50

#### Frames:

The special frames that are made by *Olde Colonial Designs* have been made especially for your tiny designs that have been stitched over one thread or on silk gauze. Easel backings for all of the single frames have to be purchased separately.

Note: The sizings given are those for the frame "opening" - not their overall size.



OCD : FRAME - MINI 3" x 3" : \$23.50 Easel Back - OCD:EASE - M \$9.50



OCD:FRAME - PETITE
2" x 2" : \$ 22.00

Easel Back - OCD:EASE - X
\$ 7.50



OCD: FRAME - TINY 1.5" x 2.3" : \$ 21.00 Easel Back - OCD:EASE - T \$ 7.00



My Stitching Freasures

OCD : FRAME - XTINY 1.5" x 1.5" : \$ 19.00 Easel Back - OCD:EASE - X \$ 7.50



OCD: FRAME - FOUR

Four openings: 2" x 2" each

\$ 52.00

Note: Easel Back included with frame

#### Favoured Shades Sampler

As discussed & decided by those ladies gathering to stitch at our Sunday Get-togethers each month - a new project for 2014. The first few bands of this sampler will be available at the end of February and other bands will be given over the following months of this year.

This sampler is to be created with seven tones of your favourite colour on your favourite coloured fabric.

You are welcome to participate. More details in next months newsletter.



... than to stitch with a friend

#### NATTER

Needle And Thread Together Equal Relaxation

Our next get-together is -

WHEN: Sunday DATE: 23 February Time: 11am - 4pm \*

(\* Visit at a time convenient for you: i.e. come when you can: leave when you must. No reservation required)

WHAT TO BRING: Your Needlework project: Your lunch: Your smile

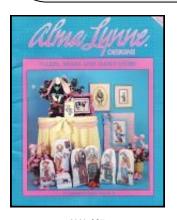
Everyone who is able to come (even if only for a part of the time) is welcome. I do hope you can join us.

### Needlework Designs

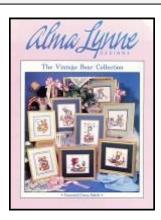
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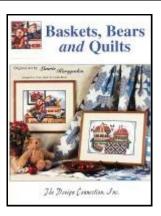
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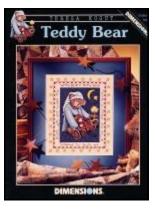
ALX 087 Hares, Bears and Dairy-Heirs \$ 13.50



ALX 095 The Vintage Bear Collection \$ 13.50



DC 052 Baskets, Bears and Quilts \$ 22.50



DI 346 Teddy Bear \$ 14.50



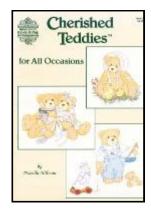
DI 1218 Garden Bears \$ 14.50



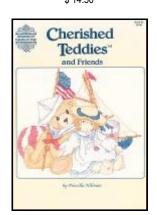
DMP 5088 Teddies \$ 18.50



GPB 056 Rag Tag Teddies \$ 19.50



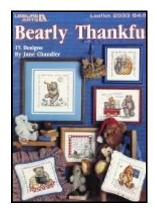
GPB 081
Cherished Teddies for All Occasions \$ 23.00



GPB 085 Cherished Teddies and Friends \$ 24.50



LA 2319 Apple of His Eye \$ 10.00



LA 2333 Bearly Thankful \$ 13.50



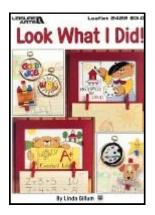
LA 2338 The Cross Stitchers \$ 10.00

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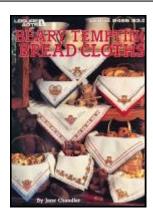
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LA 2422 Look What I Did! \$ 13.50



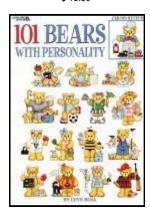
LA 2455
Beary Tempting Bread Cloths
\$ 9.50



LA 2600 Sunshine Garden \$ 15.00



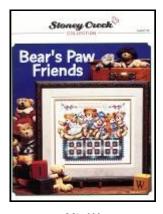
LA 2757 Funny-Side Up \$ 13.50



LA 3103 101 Bears With Personality \$ 19.50



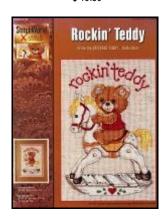
LA 3335 Teddy Tribute In Cross Stitch \$ 21.50



SCL 096 Bear's Paw Friends \$ 20.00



SUD 654 Shaker Sewing Bears \$ 16.50



SW 03104 Rockin' Teddy \$ 8.50



GPB 066 Priscilla's Precious Bears \$ 21.00



HS : William William in the Window \$ 40.00



JL 118
I Love Hugs & Teddy Bears
\$ 14.50