

MAY & JUNE CLOSURES

On Memorial Weekend we will be open Saturday, but closed Sunday & Monday (May 24th & 25th).

We will also be closed Sunday, June 14th.

HAED REWARD PROGRAM

Finish any chart from Heaven and Earth Designs (HAED) and they will give you a chart of equal or lesser value! This includes any design you started long ago or have already finished. Details can be found at www.heavenandearthdesigns.com or come in and we'll help you get your free chart. What a great incentive to finish a project!



MONROE COUNTY FAIR

If you live in Monroe Country or are an active member of a Monroe Country Extension Homemaker Club you can enter! This year the fair runs from July 25 - Aug. 1. Fair entries are due July 22. Start gathering/finishing your projects now! In Monroe County, all entries receive a ribbon and prize money. (\$1-blue, .50-red, .25-white) Fair books aren't out yet, so watch for more information in the next newsletter. Plus a special incentive to enter from Fancy Works!

If you are interested in helping at the fair, please give us a call. We can use help on July 22 from 2-8 and July 23rd from 9-3 (lunch included).



WOW

Can we really be in our fourth year?

Help us celebrate!

Starting May 1st we will have goodie bags for the first 25 customers who spend \$25. (offer good while supplies last)

May 1st - 10th all charts will be 25% off - special orders included!

STITCHING FOR LITERACY

The Bookmark Challenge continues!



This year Edgewood Junior High School and the Monroe County Public Library will be encouraging children to read with your donated

bookmarks! They will be available in the Children's Department at MCPL starting May 12th (National Children's Book Week) and through the BOOKSTORE at EJHS. Keep those bookmarks coming-we will collect them through May 10th.

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As postage rates rise yet again, you can help us keep our costs down. Please allow us to send your newsletter via email. We never sell it or pass it on to others. You also receive info on spur of the moment sales and events!! All you have to do is email us at stitch@fancy-works.com and tell us to add you to the email list.



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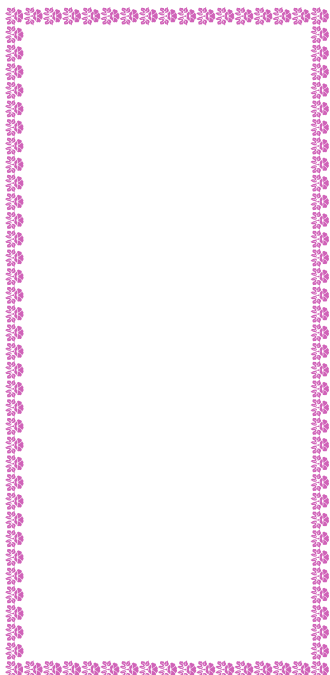
812.470.5031 toll free

M, T, W, F 10:00 - 6:00

Th 10 - 8, Sa 10 - 4, Sun 1 - 4

"I cannot count my day
complete 'til needle,
thread and fabric meet."

Author Unknown



NEW PRODUCTS

Come check out our new Fancy Works logo carryalls! These bright colored bags are perfect to keep all your project supplies together and transport your stitching anywhere!



Also be sure to see a new, locally made Fiber Friend. It's a needle threader with an attached piece to tuck in loose threads on the back of your stitching. This is a must have tool, AND not expensive!

Another handy tool is the Puffin. It's a great little tool that makes separating thread VERY easy and virtually knot-free. It is especially handy when separating long strands for punch needle!



Make it easy to find your scissors. Add a beautiful beaded fob to the handle! We have a variety of colors, some even with tips to protect your scissor points. All made at Fancy

Works! Ask about custom colors combinations.

Do your needles go flying when you have to frog? (When you have to rip out stitches it's called frogging - 'rippit, rippit, ribbit) Here is something that won't prevent having to frog, but it will make it easy to find the needle should it go flying! They can be made to match the scissor fobs.



OVERDYED FIBERS & FABRICS

New regulations have been imposed by the FDA on dye chemicals. The FDA, with the additional voice of the EPA, has removed many of the 'setting' ingredients (such as lead) in dyes. This means that NO overdyed or handdyed thread or fabric can be guaranteed 100% colorfast by specialty product manufacturers.

To help prevent the need to wash your stitching when finished, always wash your hands before stitching. If you use a lotion, make sure it is greaseless (like Gloves in a Bottle). Don't snack while you stitch. Store in a clean area when not stitching. If you must wash, some stitchers have suggested putting a dye catching sheet in with your piece when you wash it. (Woolite & Shout both have one) We have no first hand experience with this, but theoretically it should work.

The following is information we have received from two of our suppliers.

From Threadworx, an over-dyed fiber company:

"We (Threadworx) seldom have a problem with our colors running but we cannot guarantee complete colorfastness.

Specialty threads must be treated gently! The following is recommended for any piece that will require washing: The threads must first be unskined, put into a bathroom basin 1/2 filled with cold water with 2 tablespoons table salt and 2 tablespoons vinegar. Soak for 2-3 minutes, remove, blot with towel and let dry. **PLEASE NOTE:** Hot water and using a steam iron and/or a damp cloth when pressing the completed project will reactivate dyes and cause bleeding.
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If your work has been complete and the dyes have bled in washing then you must soak the piece in ICE WATER until the color starts to bleed out. Remove from the water and run an ice cube over the problem area and then place back in fresh ice water to soak again. Repeat this process until the problem area is clear of dye. This may take continued effort, possibly over a few days, but it does work!"

From Wichelt Imports:

"All Hand Dyed fabrics will vary slightly in color depending on the count and density of the fabric. Due to the 'antiquing' process and the dyes used, we do NOT recommend washing hand dyed fabrics. If any cleaning is necessary (such as in the case of wearables), we recommend dry cleaning. However, under NO circumstances do we recommend washing OR dry cleaning espresso and cappuccino dyed fabrics, because this will dramatically alter the color of the fabric.

Storage: Never store hand dyed fabrics in a zippered type plastic bag. A chemical reaction will take place with plastic and the dye products used and color changes will take place.

A 'Q-snap' frame or plastic hoops can be used but should not be left on the hand dyed fabric when not stitching. Again—the plastics in the frame can react with the dyes and change the colors or cause a 'framed' effect on the stitched piece"

MAGAZINES

Hot off the press is the summer issue of Sampler & Antique Needlework.

New issues of Just Cross Stitch and Anna are in! Anna includes all kinds of handwork, not just cross stitch.

May 2009

LS - Lunch Stich 10-3

SN - Stitch Nite 6-8

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SALE STARTS	2
3	4	5 LS*	6 BEG XST 1-3	7 SN*	8	9
10 SALE ENDS	11	12 LS* PUNCH 1-3	13	14 SN*	15	16
17	18	19 LS*	20 SWED. 1-3	21 SN*	22	23 BEG XST 10-12
24	25	26 LS*	27 SCIS-SOR CASE 1-3	28 SN*	29	30
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June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 BEG NDL 1-3	2 LS* VS HEART 6-8	3	4 SN*	5	6
7	8	9 LS* SWED. 6-8	10 PIN CUBE 1 6-8	11 SN*	12	13
14	15	16 LS*	17 PAMPER NITTE 6-?	18 SN*	19	20 PUNCH 10-12
CLOSED						
21	22 FLAT FOLD 6-8	23 LS*	24 PIN CUBE 2 6-9	25 SN*	26	27
28	29	30 LS*				

CLASSES

Sign up early for classes—some have limited space! All materials supplied. Bring your own scissors. Class participants receive 10% off purchases on class day.

**Starred classes: ask about a discount if you bring the listed supplies.

BEGINNING CROSS STITCH

May 6th 1-3 \$10

Class covers starting & stopping threads, reading a counted cross stitch chart and lots of stitching tips! Welcome warm weather with this simple spring design.

Sign up by May 3rd



PUNCH NEEDLE

May 12th 1-3 \$45**

Learn this ageless technique that is like coloring with thread. Your choice of colors.

** 3 strand punch needle & 6" hoop

Register by May 3rd



SWEDISH WEAVING

May 20th 1-3 \$18

Make a towel with this age-old technique from Sweden. The design is seen on the front only. No threads are seen on the back!

Register by May 10th



BEGINNING CROSS STITCH

May 23rd 10-12 \$10

Class covers starting & stopping threads, reading a counted cross stitch chart and lots of stitching tips! Welcome warm weather with this simple spring design.

Register by May 20th



BEADED RIBBON SCISSOR CASE NECKLACE & FOB

May 27th 1-3 \$33

A perfect way to keep track of your scissors - wear them! Both pieces are edged with beads.

Register by May 17th



BASIC NEEDLEPOINT

June 1 1-3 \$32**

Learn some basic needlepoint stitches to make this square suitable to make into a weight for future needlepoint projects. Your choice of colors.

**7" stretcher bars & tacks.

Register by May 26th



HARDANGER

June 2 6-8 \$20

This Floral Heart from Victoria Sampler introduces picots. Along with the dove's eyes, they add a lacy effect to the hardanger.

Register by May 22nd



SWEDISH WEAVING

June 9th 6-8 \$18

Make a towel with this age-old technique from Sweden. The design is seen on the front only. No threads are seen on the back!

Register May 28th



PIN CUBE

June 10th 6-8 \$40

First of a 2 part class. This adorable little cube is worked on 32ct linen. A perfect class for those ready to try 1 over 1 stitching. The first class is stitching the six sides.

Register by May 27th



PAMPER NITE

June 17th 6-?? \$10

It's party time! Join us for an evening of games, stitching, food & fun. Treat your hands to a paraffin bath! Surprises you won't want to miss!

Register by June 15th



PUNCH NEEDLE

June 20th 10-12 \$45**

Learn this popular technique that is like coloring with thread.

** 3 strand punch needle & 6" hoop

Register by June 4th



FLAT FOLD FINISHING

June 22nd 6-9 \$15

This is a great no-sew finish! Perfect for seasonal stitching because they fold flat for easy storage. For hands on, you will need a small (5x7 or smaller) stitched piece and coordinating fabric. This finishing technique can be used with any type of handwork!

Register by June 17th



PIN CUBE

June 24th 6-8 (included)

Second of a 2 part class. This class will assemble the pieces & cover pin placement.

Register by May 27th



Let us know if there is a class or technique you would like to see offered.

If a class is offered, but the time doesn't work with your schedule, call us, we can set up a time that works for you.