

Friday, July 15, 2016

First a piece of housekeeping: for those attending our Pilot Class with Betsy Morgan in September – the pre-stitching kits have been sent. Please be aware that you might need more Antique Black silk for the blackwork. Betsy is out of the country until the middle of August and so I have ordered more Antique Black from Gloriana. If you do need another length to complete your pre-work – just drop me a note at elgnstch@pacbell.net and I will get it in the mail to you pronto – Thanks!!! And that is the beauty of pilot classes – it’s all about the learning – both for the student and the teacher!!

Now...on to other things

We are awash in kits all over the place here...

The new breast cancer piece is almost ready to go...it’s very pink as you can see and we are very excited. Am waiting for the tiny stork scissors from Kelmscott to be delivered and then I can take the “formal portrait” picture shots with the little storkies...but I can show you the pile of kitting materials as well as a little sneak peek of the front and back!!!



It’s pretty sweet - the inside is lined with silk dupioni with a pocket to store the little scissors, has a little pink wool felt needle page and the twisted cord you see slides thru hedebo rings to keep your book closed. Everything is included in the kits – Betsy named it “flowers for lois” and it will be ready before September

1st. We have kitted 100 kits and the price is \$35.00 and we have a reservation list already in place so if you are interested...the monies collected will support Team Twinkle Toes team donations for our 3-day event in Dallas in November of 2016.

Next thing on the list is a wonderful surprise kit that is coming from another wonderful designer – and I don't have any pictures yet – I am still stitching one piece because the first one I stitched befell a dreadful fate that shall not be discussed – the rest of the pieces have been stitched by a very dear friend and sent back to the designer – it involves a 7" hexi box, 32 count platinum linen, moda cotton for finishing, pin cushions and scissor fobs, a custom made waxer and the little waxer storage bag...it's just beautiful – the colors are wonderful and we are very excited...

Lastly – I have a dear friend in Kansas who has slaved her little fingers to the bone – she asked, and I sent a huge box of quilting fabric/christmas fabric strips...and I got the first box back yesterday – we are making "hug" quilts (backed with thimbleberry flannel) for domestic violence kids and hospital kids...now we have to machine quilt they together and bind them...I have yards and yards and yards of binding...and this is going to be one of those "mass production" kind of things because we have lots to do and I've heard on good authority that there is another box of quilt tops coming very soon.



I can barely swing a cat in this place, Hoffman Distributing's website has been bungled up for a week, I had somebody in Egypt threaten my Lady Dot business name on Facebook on Monday and start quoting "international copyright law" blah blah blah at which I started to giggle – oh if it was only that easy – ask any designer you know...he apparently thought he had copyright ownership of the word "Dot" until I informed him otherwise...seriously...it amazes me what kind of bullies are out there and how much they think they can get away with.

The Harvest Hop is coming up in September and we are excited about that...November in Dallas is coming faster than I can even imagine, Ebay is going insane and we are just holding on for dear life because I don't want to fall off this 700 rpm merry-go-round I'm strapped to.

And lastly, we are piddling around with a new computer system here – this poor old beastie is very tired and needs to be put out to pasture...and the website is being pointed somewhere else and I need to learn a new editing program...in my spare time.

Doggers are all good,,,we are still providing day care for the Augie Dogger who had his very first appointment at the beauty parlor on Wednesday, Nicky goes on Monday for toofers cleaning and our poor skinny Tasha who I saved with 1.5 days to go before she was euthanized had a beauty appoint last Wednesday and went from less than 10 pounds the first part of March to 16 plus pounds and a true beauty by last week – it's all about the chicken and rice – isn't it Lily???



So...that's it this week...nothing new has come out much at all - and poor Hoffman - they will right the ship eventually - I know how frustrating web sites can be...speaking of which - I have to go update this and then send an email to my tech guy and hope he tells me what the new secret squirrel editing program is - the learning curve is getting VERY steep around here - and the old dog...new tricks story is starting to SUCK big time.

Be gentle and kind to those around you - as we have been given yet another lesson in the past week - and even as recently as yesterday - life is fleeting and we need to be kind to one another - and to ourselves.

Have a great weekend.