

May 2017

## Kathy Schenkel Trunk Show

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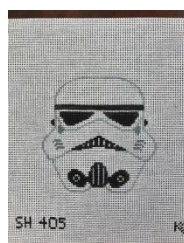
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#### Store Hours: (EST)

Monday: 10am to 4pm  
Tuesday: 10am to 7pm  
Wednesday: 10am to 4pm  
Thursday: 10am to 4pm  
Friday: 10am to 4pm  
Saturday: 10am to 4pm

**We are closed Monday, May 31.**

The Trunk Show we are featuring this month at Louise's Needlework is Kathy Schenkel. Kathy has so many designs to choose from! The majority of her designs are small and a large number of them come with stitch guides. The entire line is priced to sell and sell it does. These darling canvases are perfect stash busters which makes them even more affordable. All Trunk Show canvases are 20% off as are any Kathy Schenkel orders during the month of May. The show will be leaving May 31st so be sure to stop in and see these adorable canvases.



Check out some great finished models on page 5.

## Personalizing Your Canvas

### "Feed Me" – Vicky Mount Canvas

Renamed: "B.B. King"

Several months ago a very large (20 plus pound) black cat showed up on our driveway...hungry! No signs out in the neighborhood and no chip to trace his ownership. We took him to the vet for a checkup and were told to put him on a diet! Well with multiple cats in house and outdoors that was not an easy task...we just added him to the extended cat family and told him to make the best of it! We named him B.B. King because it was about the time the famous musician died and we seem to name our cats after celebrities. And soon, he became the master of our cat world and loved by everyone. The grandson wanted a needlepoint canvas depicting B.B. and searched the net, only to find this darling canvas which looked EXACTLY like B.B. King! So, now the task was to "personalize this canvas so that it meant something to the grandson. I realized that the canvas with large open areas allowed for stitching experimentation and creativity. So I began the task of making him a meaningful piece of art.



The real B.B. King

The large plain background allowed for some creative stitching. I put my grandson's name (Andrew), my name (Mimi), and the cat's name (B.B. King) in the background. I varied the sizes and styles of letters, placed them in different directions, used up scrap threads and made each letter a different color. I used the cross stitch on the letters so that they hopefully, would not recede behind the background stitch. I continued my thought process by adding three small hearts in the background to represent each of us. Then, I began the task to find a background stitch that would compensate well around the lettering and be eye appealing. I also wanted to try a new background and realized that I did not have enough of any one thread for the striped wallpaper effect. So, I went through my stash and found two coordinating threads to alternate each row. Oops! I put the first set of rows in wrong! Not willing to rip out a few hours of work, I just fiddled with the second set of rows and made it fit. We have all heard that statement "It is what it is". Apply that phrase here!

I needed to practice my long and short stitching and thought that this very large black cat body allowed for that exercise. I went back to the stash boxes and combined some black Impressions with some black Whisper thread and started the long and short process. I did not want B.B. fuzzy because he is not "fuzzy", so no scruffing up his fur. I added a white patch on his chest with Angora thread...just like B.B. is marked!

I personalized the white "Feed Me" sign with an orange, shiny fish for added color and pizzazz. Although they were not originally painted on the canvas, I added twisted whiskers to his face.

I can't say that the B.B. King canvas is the most creative or difficult canvas I have ever stitched. But, it is probably one of the most memorable to date. I thoroughly enjoyed the simplicity and ease of stitching, the idea of combining the various names within the work to make it personal for my grandson, the excitement of using up stash (removes a lot of guilt of too much thread), and just an overall feeling of accomplishment on many levels. I wish everyone the same kind of stitching experience!





## ***Stitch-Bit for May***

Most needlepoint projects are stitched with a tapestry needle. This needle has an elongated eye to hold multiple strands of thread or thick threads. It also has a blunt point that allows ease in slipping through the canvas holes without catching or splitting the mesh canvas threads. See the chart below for the needle sizes that correspond to canvas mesh.

| Canvas Mesh | Tapestry needle size |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 8 - 10      | 16                   |
| 10 - 12     | 18                   |
| 12 - 14     | 20                   |
| 14 - 18     | 22                   |
| 22 - 24     | 24 to 26             |

The higher the tapestry number, the finer the needle.

## ***Classes***

Kelly Clark Kitchen Rooster September 22 -23, 2017

Join us for this fabulous 2 day class with Kelly Clark. Learn stumpwork techniques as well as silk ribbon techniques on this beautiful canvas. Breakfast and lunch are included along with many other surprises. Call the shop for details. 614-436-3905. The total class cost is \$600, with a deposit of \$200.





## Our Most Recent Arrivals!



**Baby Fox and Butterfly \$184**  
Patti Mann Designs Handpainted on 18 mesh. Total canvas size 14 x 16



**Bicycle with Birds \$105**  
Love You More Designs. Handpainted canvas on 18 mesh. Total canvas size is 9 x 13.



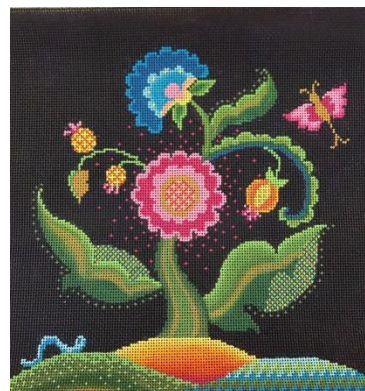
**Hydrangea Girl \$96**  
Love You More Designs. Handpainted on 18 mesh. Total canvas size is 11 x 13.



**Green Birdhouse \$48**  
JP Needlepoint Designs Handpainted on 18 mesh canvas.  
Total canvas size 10 x 10



**ELF Letters \$176**  
Cheryl Schaeffer and Annie Lee designs  
Handpainted on 18 mesh canvas. Total canvas sizes 9 x 11, 9 x 12, 9 x 12. Stand up cardboard letters included.



**Jacobean Midnight \$55**  
Canvas hand painted on 16 mesh by Abigail Cecile for Fleur de Paris. Total canvas size 14 x 14.



**Mum Cup \$78**  
Melissa Shirley Designs. Handpainted on 18 mesh. Total canvas size 9 x 9.



**"No Evil" Cardinals \$111**  
HSN designs Handpainted on 18 mesh canvas  
Total canvas size 11 x 15



**Tis the Season Sleigh \$85**  
Brenda Stofft design. Handpainted on 18 mesh canvas. Total canvas size 9 x 10

## May Calendar

### Closures

We will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

**Stitch In** - Our next monthly **Stitch In** will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This is a special Stitch In tea party to honor the mothers (non-mothers, grandmothers, etc.) in our group. While there is still no instruction or fees, we do ask that you call and make a reservation so we can plan. Don't forget to bring your stitching - we'll still have a fun time with other great stitchers.

**Threads, Stitches and More** - every Monday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm - an informal canvas embellishment class with Karen Chrissinger. Classes are \$11 for two hours and \$15 for three hours. There will be no class Monday, May 31.

**Sip and Stitch** - every Tuesday, 7:00 to 9:00 pm - an informal canvas embellishment class, with Jill Elia - and wine. Classes are \$11.

**Thursdays with Karen** - every Thursday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm - an informal canvas embellishment class. Classes are \$11 for two hours and \$15 for three hours.

**Private Classes** - One-on-one sessions are also available. These sessions are \$25/hour and require advance arrangements.

## May Birthday Bucks



Louise's Needlework

**20% OFF Your Total Purchase**

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During the month of May, bring this coupon and proof of your May birth date. One coupon per year per newsletter subscriber. May not be combined with other coupons and may not be used for the purchase of gift certificate or trunk show canvases. To use this coupon for special orders, coupon must be present and payment received at the time special orders are placed.

Expires May 31, 2017



*Happy Stitching!*