

Merry Cox Workshops August 23, 24, 25, and 26, 2006

Mark your calendars for the return of Merry Cox to the Atlanta area August 23 – 26, 2006! Merry's visit will be co-sponsored by The Sampler Guild of Georgia and The Magnolia Sampler Guild. Each guild will sponsor two workshops and members will be eligible to take any or all of the workshops offered. Fees will be submitted to the guild sponsoring the particular class. Following are Merry's descriptions of her classes, the date of the class, and the sponsoring organization.

NOTE: Registration begins for all classes on Oct. 15, 2005 and ends on Jan. 15, 2006.

Treasures of Thy Life So Dear - August 23, 2006 (Sponsored by The Magnolia Sampler Guild)



Merry has designed a wonderful sewing purse just the perfect size to house special needlework tools or a current sewing project. Taking its shape from an antique purse of Merry's, the sewing purse flap features a basket stitched in eyelets and filled with an array of softly shaded mauve flowers. Merry has written a special verse for the front of this piece which is tent stitch over one. Under the flap is an alphabet. On the back you will create your own family record to be stitched in cross stitch over one. Tucked inside an interior stitched pocket is a pocket watch that flips open to reveal a stitched watch sampler that lines the watch cover. The sewing purse is complete with a needle book. It is recommended that you complete pre-stitching before class so that you can concentrate on finishing in class.

Kit includes 32 count linen, silk threads, silk lining, all finishing materials and a new covered face pocket watch.

Total Class Cost for Active Magnolia Members: \$125.00 Total Class Cost for Associate Members and TSGG members: \$145.00

(This cost may be split into 3 payments of \$75.00, \$25.00 and \$25.00 for Active Members or \$85.00, \$30.00 and \$30.00 for Associate Members and TSGG Members.)

“Flowers From Thy Garden”: A Working Sampler – August 24, 2006 (Sponsored by The Magnolia Sampler Guild)



Wouldn't it be fun to go to class, take your sampler from its carrying case, unroll it, place it in front of you and now everything needed is at your fingertips...a ruler pocket, a needle book with vintage linen pages, a pocket for a thread stick, a lovely pin cushion, and many alphabets within the sampler for reference. While on a trip to England, Merry found a sampler stitched on two pieces of linen and then sewn together. The antique pieces each have red bands woven into the linen with several alphabets. Merry reproduced the alphabets from the 1860's sampler, stitched the red bands to replicate the woven ones and then designed "her garden". The sampler is hemstitched and then lined separately. Ribbon is tacked to each corner of the lining piece and then pulled through each corner of the hemstitched sampler, through mother of pearl buttons and tied in a bow. This allows the lining to be removed for washing and also allows more stitching to be added later on. The sampler is folded in half, wrapped around the pincushion and stored in its case. Stitches include Rococo, Closed Herringbone, Cross over one and over two, Tent over one, Half Cross and Nun. There is no pre-stitching on this piece.

The kit includes 35 count linen, all silk fibers, silk ribbon, finishing materials for sampler and carrying case. Optional items are scrimshaw ruler, petite scissors and thread stick.

Total Class cost for Active Magnolia Members: \$80.00 Total Class Cost for Associate Members and TSGG Members: \$100.00

(This cost may be split into 3 payments of \$40.00, \$20.00 and \$20.00 for Active Members or \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$25.00 for Associate Members and TSGG Members.)

“her necessaire” – August 25, 2006 (Sponsored by The Sampler Guild of Georgia)



This lovely drawstring bag has a matching fabric covered box inside which allows the bag to stand. The case which holds all the necessary stitching tools – scissors, pins, needles, pencil and aide memoire – folds in half, ties with silk ribbons and slides inside the box inside the bag. The aide memoire is a notebook with a stitched cover and pages which fan out for writing special notes. Stitches include ‘over one’ Tent and Cross, Satin and Nun. It is recommended that you complete pre-stitching before class so that you can concentrate on finishing in class.

Kit includes 32 count linen, silk threads, silk ribbons and all finishing materials. Scissors and pencil are not included.

Kit cost: \$90.00 Teaching Fee: \$30.00 Total Cost: \$120.00
(This cost may be split into 3 payments of \$70.00, \$25.00, and \$25.00)

A Diminutive Sewing Set – August 26, 2006 (Sponsored by The Sampler Guild of Georgia) **Maximum number of Participants – 50**



A handmade rectangular carrier found in an antique shop inspired this brand new project of Merry's. This small carrier, measuring 7" x 4" at the base, is reproduced in beautiful cherrywood. A silk "mattress" lies at the bottom, with small compartments at each end of the carrier. One compartment houses a stitched pincushion and the other is perfect for a thimble and emery. A petite silk mending bag (3" x 2" base, 3" high) and a roll-up sampler complement the set. The mending bag, inspired by a friend's antique bag, has pockets inside; the bottom is a needle book with pins neatly stored around the base. The roll-up sampler is intended to showcase favorite alphabets, motifs, and stitches. It is lined with matching silk and tied with silk ribbons. This lovely set evokes antique Shaker pieces and will surely become a family heirloom. The class kit includes the cherrywood carrier and all stitching and finishing materials.

Since this is a brand new piece, this kit may not be available until June 6th. Merry has assured us that 2 months will be plenty of time to finish our pre-stitching. Merry has not finalized the exact cost for the kit; however, she has given us an approximate price of \$130.00. We should have a final price after the first of the year.

Kit Cost: \$130** See Above Explanation Teaching Fee: \$30.00
(This cost may be split into 3 payments of \$100.00, \$30.00, and \$30.00)