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# Summer 2007

Be a good craftsman;  
it won't stop you from being a genius!  
**Pierre-Auguste Renoir**

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## Shop Hours

**Mondays:**

Closed

**Tuesdays:**

Closed

**Wednesdays:**

10-5

**Thursdays:**

12-8

*Join us for*

*Needles and Noshes!*

**Fridays:**

11-5

## New Weekend Hours!

**Saturdays:**

10-4

**Sundays:**

11-4

## MICHELLE'S MUSINGS

Hello, Fellow Stitchers and Friends!

Where has the time gone? Last year, we were tearing our hair out transforming **Come to the Point!** from an empty storefront to a working shop. Now we're approaching our **First Anniversary! WOW!**

As always, I thank you for your support. It is a joy to work, stitch, and laugh with all the great friends I've made through our shared love of needle artistry. Come join us Thursdays for *Needles & Noshes* and share in the fun.

Congratulations to shop regulars **Sandy Backer** and **Liesbeth Matthieu** on winning multiple ribbons at the **Marin County Fair**. I had the opportunity to attend the fair and see the Craft Exhibition. All pieces were stun-

ning. Special Congratulations to **Kathryn Beebe** who won the shop gift certificate! Your Halloween House and Figurine Set is breathtaking!

In celebration of our First Anniversary, we'll be hosting our own non-juried **Art Show** during the month of August. Come on in and see what your fellow stitchers have been up to! Everyone is invited to enter.

Since space is limited, priority will be given to those pieces that have components purchased from the shop. I ask that items be brought in no earlier than **Wednesday, 25 July**. Please let me know if you're intending to participate.

We have lots of new classes, gadgets, and gizmos for your stitching enjoyment. Read on for more in-

formation! I'm having a ball coming up with new items. Did you see the buzz on the **ANG List** last month for the **3-In-1 Color Tool**? I can't keep these in stock! Let me know if you want me to put one aside for you. If I don't have one to hand, the company's in Concord, so I'll have it within a week. It's a must-have for anybody who works with color. Cost: \$16.95

Out and about running errands? Need a break? Come on in and relax! You're always welcome at

## Come to the Point!

I wish every one a restful Summer. See you soon,

Michelle

## Exhibitors' Special!

**15% OFF**

ALL IN-STOCK FULL-PRICED NEEDLEWORK ITEMS

Minimum Purchase \$100

Coupon Valid 1 August-31 August 2007



Does  
**Cross Stitch**  
have you  
in its crosshairs?

If so, check out:

Presencia Floss

Presencia Perle Cottons  
(Sizes 8, 12, and 16)

Soy Luster  
(you are going to  
LOVE this stuff!)

Elegance #8 Silk Perle

Mandarin Floss  
(100% Bamboo!)

Splendor Silk Floss

Kreinik #8 Metallic



In an effort to manage expenses, I'd like to e-mail future newsletters. Unfortunately, I don't have everyone's e-mail. Please take a moment and shoot me a "hello." I promise I'll make it worth your while.

**Merci!**

## JANET'S JOURNAL

**Janet M. Perry of Napa Needlepoint** has graciously sent the following tips for your consideration. All these great tips and many more can be found in her **Needlepoint Trade Secrets**. This workbasket-sized book is packed with information and ideas for every aspect of needlepoint from color to threads, arranged by topic. The revised and updated edition of the book will be available this Fall. Reserve your copy today.

### *Needlepoint in the Car*

Car trips are great times for doing needlepoint! The needlepoint you pick should either be worked "in hand" or small.

Make sure you pack in your project bag scissors, a zipper bag to clean up your orts, threads, instructions, and many extra needles. I can't tell you how many projects got delayed because I lost my only needle.

### *Needlepoint on Airplanes*

It's OK to take needlepoint on board planes, although the regulations about scissors and cutters change often. In 2007, scissors are OK, but round cutters are not. The safest bet is to have a pair of blunt-tipped child's scissors you use just for traveling.

Put your name and address in any project bag you have. If you lose it, this might bring it back to you.

## NEEDLES & NOSHES

**Come to the Point's** Thursday night stitch-in is in full swing. My regulars and I have a ball, even though nobody gets as much work done in our time together as we'd like. Even so, we all agree we'd move Heaven and Earth to show up!

A few years ago, I took a class from **Margaret Bendig**. I have to agree with her remark that needlepoint is, in essence, a solitary endeavor. I get the most work done when I'm ensconced in my favorite chair, with either the DVD or CD player whirring away.

### *Please come join us!*

The evening's festivities start about 6:00, and run until 9:00. If you're able to give me 24 hours notice that you're coming, I'd be delighted to include you in our dinner plans.

## JOIN US FOR BASKETWEAVE BLITZ!

In teaching my popular **Practical Sampler** seminar, it has become apparent that there is a need for something geared for those interested in learning needlepoint, but who lack the basic skills needed to comfortably participate in what I now realize is a *Basic Intermediate* series of courses.

**On Saturday, 4 August**, I will be debuting **Basketweave Blitz!** This one-hour course is geared to the absolute beginner. The **American Needlepoint Guild** defines a "Basic stitcher" as one who can:

Thread a needle  
Begin and end threads correctly (**no knots allowed!**)

Work the tent stitch (Basketweave & Continental)  
Read and work from stitch diagrams and charts

Sounds like a lot? Trust me, it's not. Class will be offered again on the following Saturdays: **Oct. 6, Dec. 1**. Other times possible by appointment.. All-Inclusive cost: \$50.

## FROM CAMERA TO CANVAS

### *Come to the Point's New Service!*

Do you have a beloved photograph, drawing, or other treasured image you'd love to render in needlepoint, but cringe at the cost of having a canvas custom-painted?

### *We Have the Solution!*

Bring your artwork to us!

Your design will be stunningly rendered onto canvas by the talented teams at

### **Night Owl Needlepoint and In Good Company.**

Reasonable rates!

Reasonable turn-around!

### *Stunning results!*

Love the photo, but hate the red eye? *No problem!*

Minor touch-ups possible; ask for an estimate.

Come on in and see the gorgeous canvas I'm working on of our beloved **Remy**, who we lost unexpectedly on 20 April.

The *Camera to Canvas* seminar is scheduled for **Saturday, 8 September**, from 10:30-3:30.

The featured technique will be *Shadow Stitching*, an easier-than-it-looks method that showcases the design, rather than your stitching. *Interested?* Stop in for details soon,; there is canvas preparation and pre-work involved.

*Make someone you love a true one-of-a-kind gift this Holiday.*

**Imagination  
is more important  
than knowledge.**

*Einstein*

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**Punch Needle**  
knock your socks off?

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Designer's Dream

JL Walsh Silk/Wool

## THREAD CLUBS AND THREAD SETS

You've heard me talk about our **Watercolours Wishes** thread club. We have others in the works as well for **Mandarin Floss, Silk & Ivory**, and **Splendor**.

Visit the website for more information.

I also have sets of **Rainbow Gallery's** newest threads.

These would make terrific additions to your stash, at a savings of 25% off retail price. Color lists are online.

Released in January:  
Flair 5-Color Set \$9.50

Mandarin Floss 10-Color Set: \$15 (lots of blues!)

Splendor 8-Color Set: \$20

Released in June:

Flair 4-Color Set \$7.50

*The new Ivory is gorgeous!*

Mandarin Floss 10-Color set: \$15

I also offer a complete 11-color set of Water N Ice for \$25.

## GIZMOS AND GADGETS

Here are three of the many stitching accessories you'll find in the shop.

### **Thread Heaven**

If you've ever bought silk threads from me, I've probably recommended running them over a damp sponge. *I've found something better!*

**Thread Heaven** is a small container of a solid conditioner that makes your smooth threads behave. I won't be without it when I use bamboo, cotton, rayon, or silk. Not recommended for metallics or wools. The container may be small, but it'll see you through a passel of projects. Cost: \$3.50.

### **Stitcher's Lotion**

I've never liked hand lotion, but was intrigued by the promise of a "non-greasy hydrating cream." This stuff delivers! Once it dries, your hands are ready for stitching. Come give it a try. It's \$8 for a 4-oz. unscented tube. The 2-oz "airplane-safe" size will be in shortly.

## Come to the Point!

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*Keep a needle and thread in your hands,  
and you'll keep out of trouble!*



Color of the Month!

This 15% off sale is so popular, we'll run it every month! No other discounts apply.

July:

**Blue**

August:

**Purple**

September:

**Brown**

Be sure to visit the website often. There may be other items on sale!

## 2007 CLASS SCHEDULE

### **EXTRA! EXTRA!**

**Bargello Basics** with Janet Perry returns **Saturday, 15 September!** Those of you who missed her first visit are in for a stitching treat. Limit 6.

All dates are the **second Saturday** of the month.

Check the website for additional information, or call me at 485-4942.

**11 August Harry Potter Pillow Extravaganza**

**8 September From Camera to Canvas Shadow Stitching Seminar**

**13 October FAS-Stitch Jewelry Seminar Stitch one (or more) gifts IN A DAY!**

**10 November Diamante Mini-Sock**

**8 December Kumihimo**

Never heard of Kumihimo? Neither had I until a few months ago. It's a glorious, fast, easy, and *portable* Japanese Braiding Technique. You'll learn on a foam rubber disc. The braids make fabulous, one-of-a-kind chains. Need the *perfect* cording for that special pillow in your UFO stash? Join us; we'll show you how to create your own. ***Fabulous thread stash buster!***

*Call for Art Show Entries*

See Page One for details on how to enter the **Art Show** *Come to the Point!* is hosting, in honor of our **First Anniversary!**