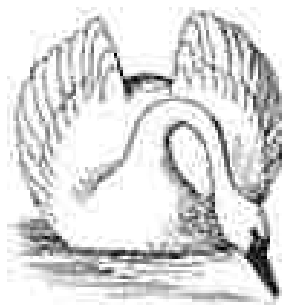


# Swan Gazette

A Newsletter for the Swan Sampler Guild

July/Aug/Sept 2009

[www.swansamplerguild.org](http://www.swansamplerguild.org)



## Swan Calendar 2009

**July 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday** - Christmas In July! 10:00am, Salt Lake County Complex. Suzanne Miller will teach her Christmas ornament and all Swans (both near and far) will have their names put in a hat and drawn for presents! Make sure your membership is current to participate in the drawing.

**August 20-23 Thursday-Sunday** - Shakespeare Get-a-Way in Cedar City with a mystery sampler by Amy Mitten.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday** -New Stitch Along--"Church On The Hill Sampler". Taught by Gerri Bradford. 10:00am at the Salt Lake County Complex.

**October 16-17 Friday-Saturday** - Cherished Stitches Class--Louise Henderson. Away swans will be able to purchase this class-only piece. Location TBA. **We will be sending out info on this project soon.**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday** - Class on antique needlework tools taught by Carolyn Webb. 10:00am, Salt Lake County Complex.

## Membership

Cost is \$25. Membership runs from July 2009 through July 2010 and we have many wonderful projects and educational opportunities in store for our membership. Join us for another great year and continue to help us spread the word and work of Samplers. **Don't forget that dues need to be current to participate in Christmas in July.**

## From the President

### President's message

I just returned from a week on Cape Cod and had the most wonderful time, of course! I wanted to mention that I met with Madelyn Shaw, Vice President for Collections and Exhibitions for the New Bedford Whaling Museum. She was our key contact when the Swan Sampler Guild gave funds for the preservation of 2 embroideries. She was a delightful person and even spent more than an hour taking us on a guided tour. She pulled out a Balch School sampler from the archives that they had just received so we could study it. It was so wonderful to see one of these up close. Indeed it was faded a bit---but beautiful nonetheless. What a great experience!

Madelyn thanked us again for our contribution and said she would keep her eye open for other needs in other museums in the area. If you get a chance to visit the Whaling Museum, take the opportunity. They have wonderful exhibits, including the whale skeletons, paintings, and beautiful scrimshaw needlework tools. I'm a knitter and was delighted to see several bone swifts! Amazing.

This gives me another opportunity to thank you for the support of Swan projects which raise the money for preservation!

Enjoy the newsletter!  
Sandra

# *Shakespeare Get-A-Way Retreat*

**August 20-22, 2009**

August is coming and we are getting more and more excited about the Shakespeare Retreat with Amy Mitten. We have twenty ladies signed up for the Retreat and even more who can't join us but want to stitch Amy's Shakespeare Mystery Sampler. You are all in for a special treat!!

Amy has finished designing her Shakespeare Sampler and writing the mystery play that will accompany the sampler. The play has seven main characters and two minor characters. Amy is hoping we will have those brave enough to take these parts at our Retreat. Do you think that will be a problem? I don't. I think we'll have ladies fighting for the chance. I'm sure we have several hidden actresses in our group.

The Sampler is being offered on either 32 or 40 count linen. Amy says "there are some beads, gilt, metallics threads and a ton of silk. It's

densely stitched." She has used many stitches: tent, brick, detached buttonhole, free detached buttonhole, patterned detached buttonhole, needlelace, french knot, satin trellis, hedebo, double running, backstitch, queen, faggot, belgian cross and couching. There are over 50 pages of instructions. This is going to be a masterpiece. I can hardly wait to see how it has all come together!

If there is anyone who would still like to get the sampler you're not too late. The cost is \$220 plus \$9 for shipping. Send your check and linen count to Kathy Lind, 2718 Edgewood, Provo, UT 84604 before July 15th.

All of you who are attending the Retreat practice up on your Early English. We are going to have a wonderful time together!!



The Iron Gate Inn

# *Church on the Hill*

## *Stitch-A-Long*



I am excited and a little nervous to lead the Stitch-a-Long. I have never led a group such as this. I chose the "Church on the Hill" by the Sampler Company because it was a little different than I have stitched before, it is fairly small and it is so lovely and it is different from the previous stitch along pieces. I hope that you will enjoy stitching it with me. I really enjoy small and not so small pieces with lots of detail or stitched over one. I have narrowed my fabric choice down to two: Lakeside Linen 32 ct. Autumn Gold-Vintage and Lakeside Linen 32 ct. Vintage Lentil. I also chose to do it in Needlepoint silk threads instead of the called for DMC. Here is my conversion:

| <u>DMC</u> | <u>NPI Silks</u>           |
|------------|----------------------------|
| 413        | 967 Dark Grey              |
| 3774       | 704 Flesh                  |
| 501        | 155 Light Antique Blue     |
| 918        | 208 or 207 Rust            |
| 407        | 123 Pink Brown             |
| Blanc      | 991 White                  |
| 500        | 158 Dark blue/green        |
| 730        | 242 or 245 Dark Sage       |
| 371        | 333 Light Green/Brown      |
| 3371       | 587 Darkest Brown          |
| 3726       | 143 Mid Lilac/Pink         |
| 677        | 472 or 471 Cream/Beige     |
| 829        | 913 Mid Brown              |
| 738        | 693 or 692 Yellow Beige    |
| 775        | 811 Pale Blue              |
| 434        | 902 or 904 Warm Brown      |
| 642        | 341 Light Grey Brown       |
| 407        | 123 Pale Pink              |
| 3012       | 332 or 333 Mid Green Brown |
| 434        | 903 or 904 Warm Brown      |

On the original DMC color choices both chose 434/904 for two different symbols as they did 3012 and 371/333 I have chosen to go with the slight variation in color. I don't believe it will make a large difference so please make your own choice.

The cost for the NPI Silk runs about \$80.00 and the Lakeside Linen about \$20.00. Total cost for project with NPI Silk \$120.00. The chart number is 678088 by The Sampler Company, cost about \$20.00. The stitch count is 245 by 161.

If you want to start shopping for the chart, fabric and threads, please do so and share with the others what you may have changed. It will be interesting to see how our individual taste and preferences make the piece uniquely "ours". We'll start in September. I hope you have a great summer!

Gerri Bradford  
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# San Bernardino Museum Donation Update

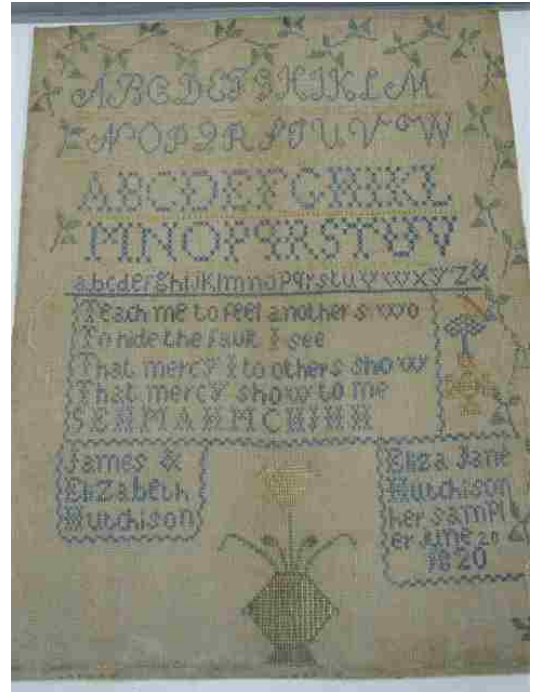
Michele Neilsen recently wrote with an update on the samplers that are going to be preserved. The conservator met with her and looked at all the samplers to decide which ones needed work the most. They are going to conserve the following three samplers:

Elizabeth Bottomley sampler created in 1843 needs to be removed from the detrimental fabric backing that was degrading the textile. It needs to be wet cleaned, dried by hand, and then a new mount created, and the sampler stitched to it.



Eliza Felter (1815) Michelle commented, “Eliza Felter's sampler is such a neat one! Very old of course, and damaged on the edges from being nailed to a wooden board. It is very, very delicate and already has several damaged spots, so we felt stabilization was really important at this point in time, before any more damage occurs. The good thing is, in the case of the two samplers to be cleaned, they each were stable enough to be water cleaned. It was fascinating to watch Cara conduct tests for colorfastness, and to determine the reaction to cleaning agents. All of this is done in a way that does no harm to the sampler. Truly amazing!!”

Eliza Jane Hutchison (1820) - Animal glue was used to adhere her sampler to the board. “The glue is a type insects love to eat, and while we maintain a pest free environment through our pest management policy, the presence of that glue is always a danger.”



When the samplers are done Michelle will send us pictures. As an added feature, San Bernardino Museum will be eventually posting all their samplers on line—won't that be wonderful!



## Swan Sampler Guild Board

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## Internet Info- Please Read

We have a Yahoo! Discussion list that you can join (if you are not already signed up). Names can no longer be added so we will send an **invitation** to you.

Contact one of the following email address, [swanstitchers@yahoo.com](mailto:swanstitchers@yahoo.com) or [cat.lloyd@comcast.net](mailto:cat.lloyd@comcast.net), to be invited to the lists. You can also go directly to the URLs

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swansampler> for the discussion list and to

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swanstitchers> for the newsletter and asked to join. That way we can admit you without a problem. Just put in message area that you are a current Swan. You must sign up with BOTH the above groups to receive information about the Swans in a timely manner. It is not a requirement, however, and you can choose not to join the lists. **We encourage you to take the time to register with Yahoo.** It will save you time and aggravation in the long run. You can set your messages to arrive individually or as a digest and change your own e-mail address if need be.

## Directions to Meetings

**Salt Lake County Complex** - 2100 So. & State Street in the Salt Lake County Complex North Building Room N3005 (monthly meetings).

**Village III Condos, 1525 East 6100 South (Vine).** Vine Street is between 1300 East and Van Winkle Expressway. Village III is on the north side of the street and the Clubhouse is just inside complex entrance.

## Swan Supporter Links



**Shepherd's Bush** [www.shepherdsbush.net](http://www.shepherdsbush.net)



**Elegant Stitch** [www.elegantstitch.com](http://www.elegantstitch.com)



**Olde Willow Stitchery** [www.oldewillowstitchery.com](http://www.oldewillowstitchery.com)



**Craft Center** [www.craftcenterstitchery.com](http://www.craftcenterstitchery.com)



**Attic Needlework** [www.atticneedlework.com](http://www.atticneedlework.com)



**HollieStitch Needlecraft** [www.holliestitch.com](http://www.holliestitch.com)



**Wasatch Needlecraft** [www.wasatchneedlecraft.com](http://www.wasatchneedlecraft.com)



**Giulia Punti Antichi** [www.puntiantichi.com](http://www.puntiantichi.com)



**Kelmscott Designs** [www.kelmscottdesigns.com](http://www.kelmscottdesigns.com)



**Carolina House Designs** [carolynstandingwebb.com](http://carolynstandingwebb.com)

## Coupons for Upcoming Swan Projects

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### *Swan Needle Minder*

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 each

Shipping US \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Canada \$9.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Int'l \$11.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**No Deadline**

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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Yearly Membership from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 **\$25.00** \_\_\_\_\_

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