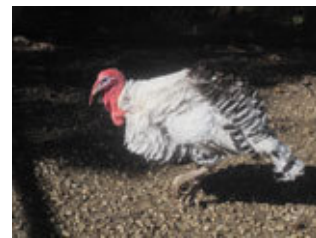




THE SCARLET LETTER



There is more than frost on the pumpkins here at Smoke Ham Farm, much too early in my opinion, but nonetheless it is time to give thanks for so many other things: a bountiful harvest (best vegetable garden ever), good health, three cords of firewood, and wonderful friends and customers like you. Here's wishing all of you a warm and happy holiday season.



Hansel

This month I'm featuring a new reproduction sampler made by [Ann Carbutt](#) in 1830, probably done in Yorkshire. It is the first sampler I've seen with a rainbow, alongside other celestial motifs, in a very unusual format. While it has the common features of floral borders, verses, and Adam and Eve, all of those elements are put together in a unique way. The floral borders are different on the north/south, and east/west sides; the verses are most poignant and unusual; and Adam and Eve look rather cartoonish with their long flowing manes of hair.

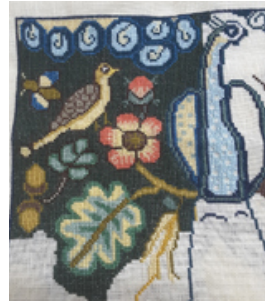


Ann Carbutt

Also featured is a segment of what will become another magnificent needlework picture in the style of the late seventeenth century. The working title is "Peacock and Unicorn", and we're hoping for a finish before Christmas.



Peacock and Unicorn



*Peacock and Unicorn
detail*

It's also been good hunting for antique samplers. Last month I found two in Italy-French samplers- and have since added a few more picked up here and there at auctions. See pictures of the "new" antiques at the end of this newsletter.

This month's quiz is not identifying flora or fauna, for a change. Instead, whoever is first to find the turkey hidden within a description of one of the samplers on my website and send an email to me with the name of the sampler will win his/her choice of any one of The Scarlet Letter's charts. As a bonus, if you click on the hiding turkey, you will find a large turkey charted from a mid nineteenth century American sampler so even if you're not the first to find it, you will be able to download the graph. Check the [Newsletters Puzzles page](#) to see if the turkey has been found.



*Hunt for this turkey drawing in
the Samplers section*

All the best from

Marsha and the animals

(who love it that I am vegetarian)



"NEW" ANTIQUES

Click on any picture below to learn more about the "new" antique on the Scarlet Letter website.



Elizabeth Masterton



Susanna Parker



Harriot Ringrose will be available as a chart/kit early in 2018



Harriot Ringrose bird



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