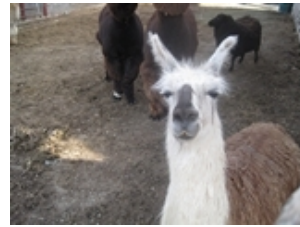
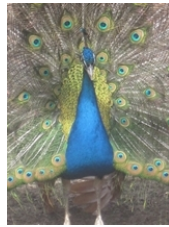




# THE SCARLET LETTER

## SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER



The songbirds and sand hill cranes have returned and the spring flowers are blooming after a mild winter here in Wisconsin. I've been busy designing many new samplers, even more than are shown here so please remember to check back in a few weeks for more treats.



*Fleece buyers wanted!*

If there are any fiber artists in this group, I will be shearing my alpacas and Shetland sheep in April. If you are interested in raw fleeces, let me know. I have a great variety of colors available and I sell the fleeces at below market prices

Happy Spring Equinox to all!

Marsha

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*Eliza Hall*

## **ELIZA HALL 1795**

### **Reproduction Kit and Chart**

These two small samplers, made by the same English girl, were made in Chipping Norton, a small market town in Oxfordshire. Each one was stitched with silk thread on linen, the edges bound with watered green silk ribbon. The pictorial sampler could depict Eliza's home or school (although blue buildings are rarely seen in the Cotswolds). Eliza's other sampler, dated 1795, requires only cross stitch.

**The kit/chart will be available April 1, 2016. Pre-orders are being taken now.**

[More about the Eliza Hall Reproduction Sampler Kit](#)

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## **ANTIQUÉ SPANISH SAMPLER**

**DATED 1826/27**

**BY DONA OLEDAD RODRIGUES**

This exquisite Spanish sampler consists of four vertical pattern bands stitched on one piece of fine linen using multicolored silks. The bands demonstrate an astonishing variety of stitches and techniques, all expertly executed, including Aztec, faggot, braid stitch, drawn thread, dove's eye, cross, double running, and counted satin, to name just a few. There are many more pictures including lots of details on the website. Click on the link below to view.

[More about the Dona Oledad Rodrigues antique sampler](#)



*Dona Oledad Rodrigues*



*Emily Jane Brook*

## **EMILY JANE BROOK**

### **Antique Sampler circa 1848**

This English sampler has been stitched on a linen canvas with wool threads, featuring naturalistic sprays of flowers, a large mansion house flanked by a farmer and his wife, a windmill on a hill, and two gorgeous enormous swans on either side of a miniature village scene.

[More about the Emily Jane Brook antique sampler](#)



*Eleanor Holmes*

## **ELEANOR HOLMES, Aged 12**

### **1817 Antique Sampler**

This antique sampler could be Welsh. It has been stitched on linen using silk and fine wool threads with a beautiful cut and drawn work outer border. It measures 21" x 12"

**ELEANOR HOLMES WILL BE AVAILABLE AS A CHART/KIT IN APRIL 2016**

[More about the Eleanor Holmes antique sampler](#)

## AN EARLY 17th CENTURY ENGLISH PATTERN BAND SAMPLER



*Early 17th Century English  
Pattern Band Sampler*

This unsigned, undated band sampler from the collection of Nicola Parkman was sewed circa 1630, and captures qualities I particularly associate with the earliest English band sampler: prudence and frugality. I assume this to be an "exemplar" to emulate one's life and work. I like to imagine that the thoughts of the women of the time, most of whom embroidered for their homes rather than for whimsy or professionally, are captured in these intensely stitched horizontal bands of stitches. Later, the more practical "marked" goods (bed linens, night shirts, table linens) they recorded and chose to embellish with these patterns were much admired in clothing and other household articles.

[More about the Early 17th Century English Pattern Band Sampler Kit/Chart](#)



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**Coming Soon!**



## **ROSE SHENAMON MITCHELL 1816**

This beautiful Scottish sampler is currently being cleaned and conserved, but will be available for sale in April 2016. Stay tuned!

**I have reproduced it, and the kit/chart should also be available in late April.**



## **BETSY ADAMS**

### **Reproduction Kit and Chart**

Betsy Adams will soon be available again. I have recharted this design originally published in 1982 using my wonderful booklet format, that I have used for nearly fifteen years. This is a Massachusetts sampler but I'm afraid the details have been lost over the decades.

**Kit/chart should be available in late April 2016.**



## **BLESSED ARE THE SONS OF PEACE**

### **Original Design - Kit and Chart**

This new design, currently being stitched by the incomparable Sigrid Eckel, should be available later this spring. We will post updates as her work progresses. Thank you so much for sharing your skills, Sigrid. You are a treasure.



## THE MILKMAID

### Original Design - Kit and Chart

This needlework picture was designed after a mid eighteenth century English work and features an amorous couple, a timber framed cottage with a cat sleeping on the steps, and an elderly milkmaid, milking her cow. It should be available in early May 2016.



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