



THE SCARLET LETTER



On Sunday, October 15th, with autumn in Wisconsin in full swing, I was thrilled to welcome this lovely group of people to enjoy the farm, the samplers, the animals, and a delicious carrot cake.



Entrance to the Scarlet Letter shop



Our lovely carrot cake---before



and after.

Three new designs should be ready before Christmas. Ann Carbutt is a very unusual hybrid sampler that captures elements from both Scottish and northern English schools. I have traced her to the North Riding of Yorkshire.



Ann Carbutt

The work in progress, pictured below, is tentatively titled "Peacock and Unicorn". The third new reproduction is Fanny Peachey. You can see the [original sampler](#) in my antiques section of the website.



Peacock and Unicorn (tentative title)



Fanny Peachey Antique

It's time once again for the mystery contest. Can you identify this rare breed of turkey? His name is Hansel, and he lives here at Smoke Ham Farm with three brides. The first person to correctly identify Hansel's breed wins their choice of any one of The Scarlet Letter's charts. Click on the photo for a larger image. Check the [Newsletters Puzzles page](#) to see if Hansel's breed has been identified yet.



What breed is Hansel?

Several unusual "new" antiques have been added to the website. There are some photos below. Please visit for more new additions to the website.

Hoping for a mild winter and little snow, since I live on a very high hill and heat my house with wood!



Two French Samplers

All my best,

Marsha



I love Italy!

"NEW" ANTIQUES

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



Two French Antique Samplers



French Fashion Plates



Hand Woven Cotton Sack



Dowry Bag



Linen Bed Sheet Initialed "E"



Linen Bed Sheet

OPEN HOUSE PHOTOS

Click on any photo to view a larger image.



My sister, Nada Moeller, demonstrating rug hooking at the October 15th Open House



A display of samplers in The Scarlet Letter's gallery



An overview of The Scarlet Letter's sampler gallery.



Kathy Weigand, my right hand woman for many years, in the shop ready to assist.



A glass case full of interesting odds and ends related to historic needlework



The Manifesto, formerly hung at Lynn's of Madison, has come home to roost



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