



THE SCARLET LETTER



On Saturday, October 20th, The Scarlet Letter will host an Open House. Hours are from 11 am until 4 pm. The sampler gallery will be open, as well as the shop, the gardens and the historic ethnic farm buildings of Smoke Ham Farm with sixty acres of hiking trails. Complimentary cake and light snacks from the renowned Bon Ton Bakery (going on 101 years in business) will be available , as well as hot and cold beverages.



Finished sampler models, charts, books, sewing accessories and antique samplers will be available to view and purchase. Here's hoping for some gorgeous autumn color in the surrounding maple, oak and hickory woods, and lovely weather. There might be a few surprises to add to the event, to be announced.



Seventeenth century reproduction samplers in the gallery of The Scarlet Letter

Attendance is limited to fifty visitors due to space constraints, so a reservation is appreciated . The gallery and shop are not handicap accessible and be advised that there are a lot of steps.

Complete kits will not be available, unless they are pre-ordered before October 10th. You are not obligated to purchase them, but I need some time to assemble them and order the necessary materials.

Two new designs will be on display that day, as well as more works in progress. You are welcome to bring along your own WIPs to share with us. The dining room in the historic Wiipola house/barn will be open for you to relax, stitch, chat, share your designs, and snack.



Pocketbooks

Marsha



What's New



THIRTY DAYS HATH NOVEMBER



The depiction of a lazy shepherdess intrigued me when I first saw it in a blurry old illustration of an eighteenth century New England canvaswork picture. She lounges beneath a tree looking dazed, bored, oblivious to the fantastic scene unfolding around her.



Thirty days hath November

[More about Thirty Days Hath November](#)



ABIGAIL BACON 1798



This sampler could possibly have been made in Connecticut but the surname is quite common throughout New England. Abigail was ten years old when she made her sampler.

More about Abigail Bacon



Abigail Bacon



Mary Bathe



Elizabeth Harrison



Sarah Carefield



Belinda Kemp



Elizabeth Bond



Maria Tomlinson



Mary Hillyer

For more [antique samplers for sale](#), please visit the [Scarlet Letter Website](#).

OCTOBER QUIZ

Can you identify these two mushrooms, growing now beside the porch of The Scarlet Letter's shop? Both Latin and common names are required. The first to name them correctly gets a choice of any Scarlet Letter chart. (Those who have won in the past year are welcome to participate, but the prize will go to a new winner.)

Click on each picture for a larger image. The solution will be posted on the [puzzles page](#) after the prize is awarded. Send your answers to:

samplers@scarlet-letter.com



Mushroom 1



Mushroom 1



Mushroom 2



Mushroom 2



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