



THE SCARLET LETTER



Thirty days hath November...and before we know it we will have made another revolution around the sun. Speaking of sun, there hasn't been much of it around here lately. The sheep and alpacas are exceptionally woolly this autumn which hopefully doesn't presage too onerous a winter. Yet the barn is full of fresh hay, the root cellar is packed with squash, onions, and bottled tomatoes: life is good. I wish everyone a beautiful holiday season and a spectacular new year.



Marsha



COMING SOON



Jane Walker, an early 19th century Scottish sampler, available in December 2018. Stitched with silks on loosely woven linen, this classic Scottish sampler features eight lines of alphabets including one with elaborately illuminated letters, surrounded by a four sided honeysuckle border.

[More about Jane Walker](#)



Jane Walker

Jane Howell, a finely worked English sampler, as stitched by Sigrid Eckel and available in 2019.



Jane Howell



Jane Howell



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

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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.



Abigail Bacon

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Elizabeth Parker



Jane Walker



Mary Bathe



Elizabeth Harrison



Sarah Carefield



Belinda Kemp



Elizabeth Bond

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

SALE

All of these items are in very limited supply (some are one of a kind). Click on any of the pictures below for a larger image.

HAND CARVED BONE NEEDLE CASES Approximately three inches tall with hinged lids. \$30.00 each.

[More about the needle cases](#)



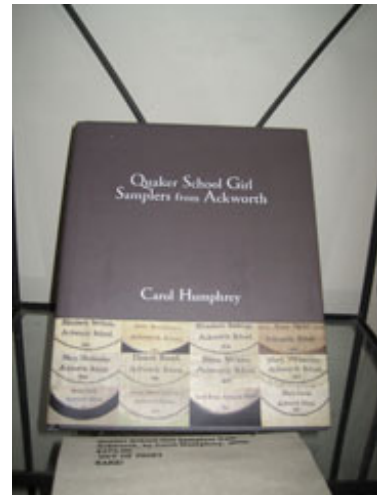
Needle Cases



Needle Case Tops

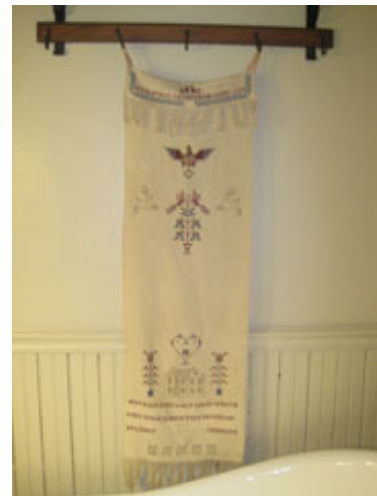
QUAKER SCHOOL GIRL SAMPLERS FROM ACKWORTH, original first edition by Carol Humphrey, very good condition, \$375.

[More about the book](#)



PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN SHOW TOWEL, a piece introduced by TSL in 1991, this consists of one hand woven flax linen towel with natural fringes (made by Kate Smith from the Marshfield School of Weaving in Vermont) measuring approximately 13"x40", and instructions for stitching the towel. My finished towel hangs in the studio here. The thread count is around 35. A slight variation in the weave toward the bottom creates an interesting pattern, and is shown interspersed with a verse in German translated as:

Whoever is skilled is considered worthy
No one appreciates the unskilled.
ONE OF A KIND. \$150



[More about the towel](#)



NOVEMBER QUIZ

Can you identify this sampler? It will be available in 2019. No more hints! The first person to name it gets their choice of any Scarlet Letter graph.

Those who have won in the past year are welcome to participate, but the prize will go to a new winner. Click on the 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



Mystery Sampler



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