

Stitchers Hidzaway!

Alumni Winter Escape 2013 Fun Report!

Oh, how I look forward to each Alumni Retreat! It's so much fun to see everyone again, to catch up with each other's lives, and to see each other's WIPs (Works In Progress) and completed projects! Sometimes our Show 'n Tell goes on the entire retreat!



This Alumni Retreat was held in Mystic, CT, our old haunt. There were 33 attendees that came from CO, CT, DE, MA, ME, NJ, NY, RI and Ontario. There were several first-timers that joined us and they were great additions!

At the Alumni Retreat each person brings whatever they'd like to work on. The variety of designs is just amazing to see! We do a lot of stitching, but there is a lot of gabbing and giggling going on. Every so often we heard of a "finish" and we all cheered and admired it.



Hildie & Sharron with their WIPs.



Jamie



Lauren



Barbara and Linda



Terre and Barbara



Virginia and Deb



Sharron finished! Ta-da!!



Louise and Janice



Linda

We had generous donations for our Fun Packs and doorprizes! They came from [A Sweet Stitch](#), Calico Crossroads, [Celebration of Needlework](#), Chris's Collection, [Elizabeth's Designs](#), [Giulia Puntì Antichi](#), [Jeannette Douglas Designs](#), [Kreinik](#), [Morning Glory Needleworks](#), [Nordic Needle](#), [Praiseworthy Stitches](#), [Rosewood Manor](#), [Tempting Tangles](#), [The Prairie Schooler](#), [ThreadworX](#), [Victoria Sampler](#), [With My Needle](#), and Karen Capello, a friend of Stitcher's Hideaway!



Cynthia with a door prize from [Jeannette Douglas Designs](#)



Diane with a door prize from [With My Needle](#)



Elsie with a door prize from Karen Capello



Hildie with a door prize from [Praiseworthy Stitches](#)



Peggy with a door prize from Morning Glory Needleworks



Janice with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Donna with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Darlene with a door prize from Morning Glory Needleworks

At this retreat we had an optional stitching exchange. All participants stitched up something to do with Spring and finished the stitching in some way -- framed, ornament, etc. The variety of objects was awesome!



It was very difficult to choose from among such pretty packages!



Diane



Donna



Elsie



Melissa



Janice



Jamie



Liz M.



Liz L.



Peggy



Darlene



Ellen

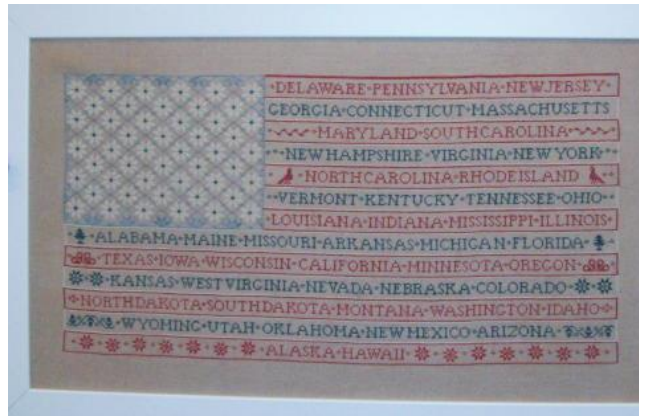


I was given a lovely gift of winter accessories. Who knew I'd look like such a hot babe in braids? I just *know* that you're all jealous! Probably GREEN with ENVY! Bwah-ha-ha-ha-ha!

Show 'n Tell was great!!! What a variety!











Gayle & Melissa hung out in the lobby at times to watch over the newest addition to their family -- Savannah Rose!



Stitching Buddies - Hildie & Sharron



Linda demonstrated the many accessories she could attach to her magnetic needle minder when attached to her ear!



Deb with doorprize from [Morning Glory Needleworks](#)



Karen with doorprize from [Jeannette Douglas Designs](#)



Ellen with doorprize from Karen Capello



Joanne with doorprize from [With My Needle](#)



Kathy with doorprize from [Morning Glory Needleworks](#)



Virginia with doorprize from [Praiseworthy Stitches](#)



Sharron with doorprize from [Jeannette Douglas Designs](#)



Roberta with doorprize from [With My Needle](#)



What a fun time we had! For a stitcher it's just the best -- spending 2 full days and nights with other addicts, admiring each other's work, and furthering our own addiction! LOL!! And now I'm looking forward to the 2014 Alumni Events!!

Happy Stitching!
Sue

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