

Stitcher's Hideaway 2019 Button Box Retreat Fun Report

This retreat was held at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA and featured Dawn Fisher's fabulous Button Box project! This project was inspired by her Grandma Dexter's button box.

Each kit had contained a different assortment of buttons, which made our finished boxes unique to us. Some of us added our own buttons, including family heirlooms.



Instructor Dawn Fisher of [Morning Glory Needleworks](#)



Button Box Top

One of the advantages of a two-day, instructor-led Stitchers Hideaway retreat is having plenty of class time and individualized help and interaction with the designer. We also had Randi Nelson from [The World in Stitches](#) and Stitcher's Hideaway set up shop for our stash enhancement pleasure!



Button Box Side



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Button Box Front

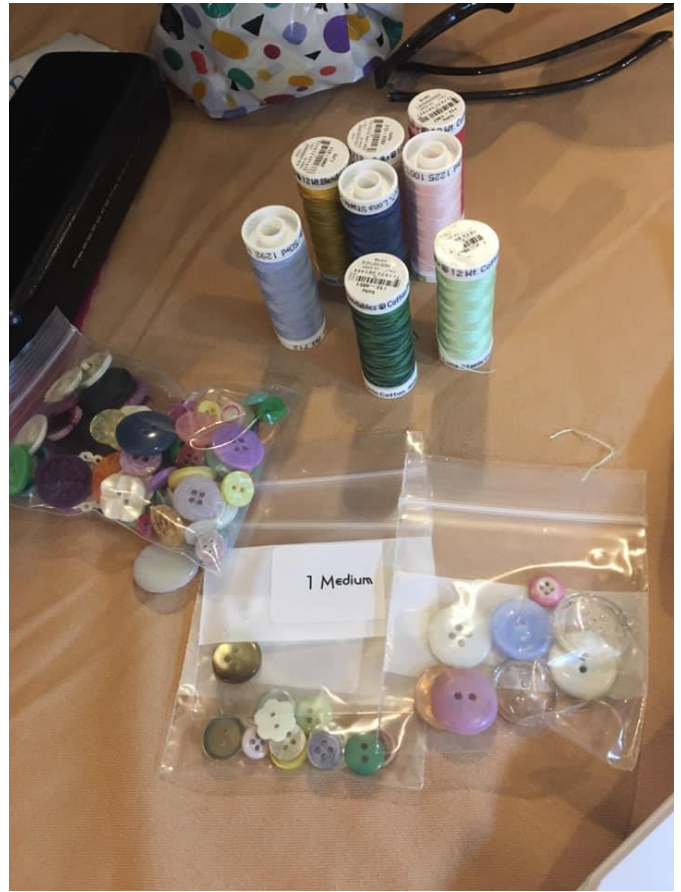


Button Box Back

The box that we used to create our Button Boxes was an empty Whitman's Chocolate Sampler box! We all managed to consume the contents prior to class so that we were all ready to make our Button Box!

Jen had a huge Whitman's Sampler Box to share at the retreat!



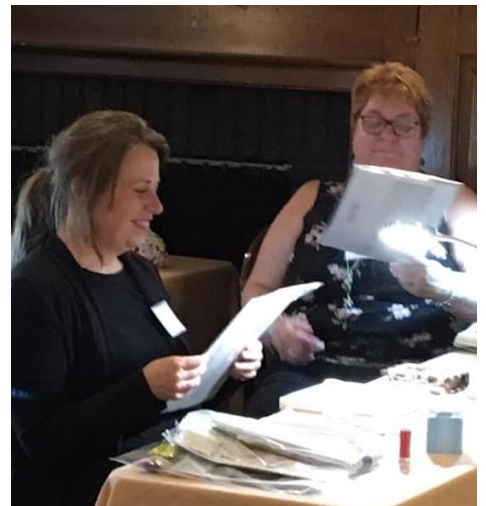


Dawn walked us through each step of the way, teaching us various stitches and finishing techniques.





We were amazed at how quickly our stitching came together!



Randi from [The World in Stitches](#) who set up shop for us.

We had generous door prizes and fun surprises in our Fun Packs from [123Stitch](#), [Amy Bruecken Designs](#), [Brightneedle](#), [Kreinik](#), [Morning Glory Needleworks](#), [Rosewood Manor](#), [Stitchers Hideaway](#), [Tempting Tangles](#), [The World in Stitches](#), [Victoria Sampler](#), [Weeks Dye Works](#), and [With My Needle](#) as well as generous gifts from anonymous donors.



Jen having fun giving out door prizes



Carolyn received a door prize from [Rosewood Manor](#)



Darlene with a door prize from [Rosewood Manor](#)



Barbara with a door prize from [123Stitch](#)



Kathy with a door prize from [Victoria Sampler](#)



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Susan with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Stephanie with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Carolyn with a door prize from 123Stitch



Carolyn with door prize from Victoria Sampler



Barbara with door prize from Rosewood Manor



Nancy



Stephanie with door prize from Rosewood Manor



Stephanie shows Carolyn her treasure!



Susan with door prize from Victoria Sampler

We had a stitching exchange, too!



Sue Donnelly, the originator of Stitcher's Hideaway, created two designs as gifts to the stitchers.

Sue designed "Little Hands" to include buttons passed down from family to her sister-in-law and then gave it as a gift to her.



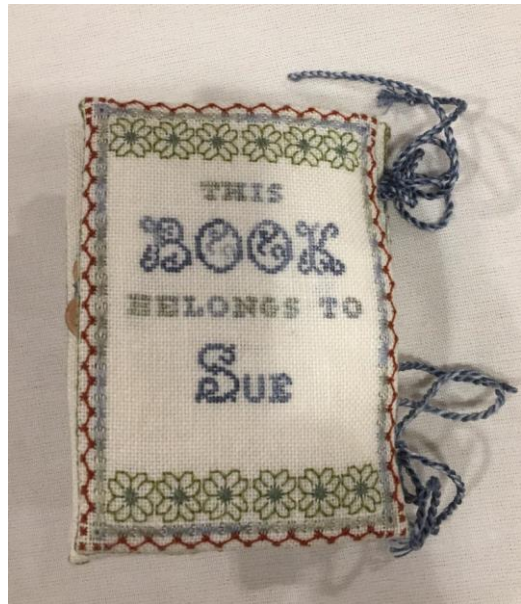


This retreat was held in the summer and the weather was perfect!



The Public House grounds are always beautiful, no matter the season







As a part of this retreat, we took a field trip to [The Keep Homestead Museum](http://www.keephomesteadmuseum.org) in Monson, MA where they have one of the largest collections of antique and vintage buttons on display in the U.S. We saw THOUSANDS of buttons!

The previous owner of this home and the vast collection of buttons was Myra Keep Lovell Moulton, who died in 1988. She willed her property, its contents and an endowment fund to the Town of Monson with two stipulations: It must be opened to the public on one day during the first year after acceptance of the property, and it must be named the Keep Homestead Museum. Interesting events are also held at the Museum.

As always, no one wanted the retreat to end – but we returned to our homes happily filled with wonderful memories.

See you at a retreat soon!
Jen