

Stitcher's Hideaway 2018 Winter Escape Fun Report



WOW! This was the largest Stitcher's Hideaway Winter Escape yet! There were 60 of us!! We came from CT, FL, MA, ME, NJ, NY, and RI. Attendees signed up for 2-5 days, with many staying the entire 5 days! What a BLAST!! Many of us wait all year for this annual get-together! It's in the middle of our New England winter and takes place right when cabin fever strikes – how wonderful to see everyone and stitch, shop, stitch, eat, stitch and laugh the days and nights away!

While Jen and I set up the room and Randi from [The World in Stitches](#) set up her shop, we could hear all the excited chatter going on outside! What fun for us to finally open the door to let everyone in!

Upon arrival each stitcher received a Fun Pack of wonderful donated goodies from [Amy Bruecken Designs](#), [Elizabeth's Designs](#), [Kreinik](#), [Morning Glory Needleworks](#), [Rosewood Manor](#), Samplers & Such, [Stitchers Hideaway](#), [Tempting Tangles](#), [Udder Cream](#), [Victoria Sampler](#) and [Weeks Dye Works](#)!

[The World in Stitches](#) set up shop for us all 5 days of the retreat -- right there in our stitching room! It was awesome! Thank you, Randi!

We also had designer/teacher Dawn Fisher there with her [Morning Glory Needleworks](#) trunk show! WOO-HOO! And now we want to take a bunch of her classes!



It wasn't long before we were happily stitching away and seeing great progress! There were some very exciting moments when people had finishes!



Linda from Maine is a long-time alum. She comes to retreats with every possible tool and supply you can imagine – and she's always willing to help others learn a new technique. Here she's helping Jess. You're awesome, Linda!

Door prizes! Door prizes! Wow!! They came from [123Stitch](#), [Amy Bruecken Designs](#), [Brightneedle](#), [Kreinek](#), [Morning Glory Needleworks](#), [Rosewood Manor](#), [Stitchers Hideaway](#), [The World in Stitches](#), [Victoria Sampler](#), and [With My Needle](#) as well as generous gifts from anonymous donors. We saw many new designs from these donors!



Amy with a door prize from Morning Glory Needleworks



Cynthia with a door prize from With My Needle



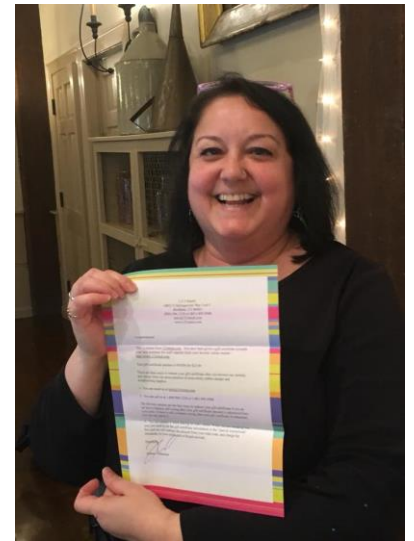
Helen with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Linda E. with a super magnifier from The World in Stitches



Christine with a door prize from 123Stitch



Christine with a \$25 Gift Certificate from 123Stitch



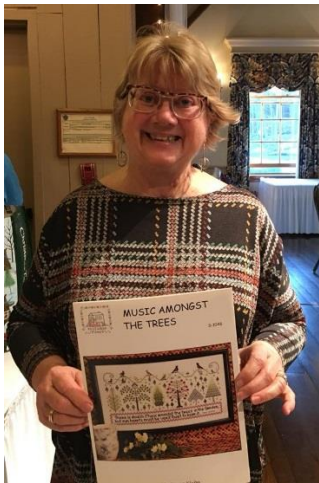
Deb with a door prize from Brightneedle



Janet with a door prize from With My Needle



Marilyn with a door prize from Kreinik



Barbara with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Dawn with a door prize from With My Needle



Hildie with a door prize from Victoria Sampler



Janice with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



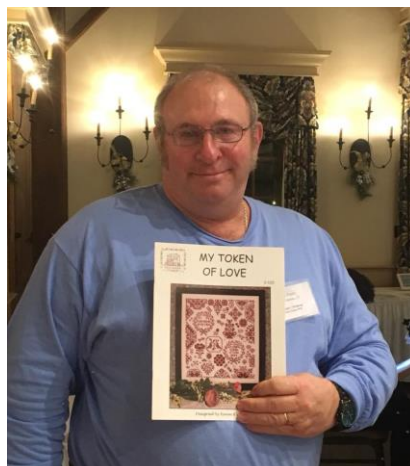
Connie with a door prize from an Anonymous Donor



Ada with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Sue with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Bob with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Emma with a door prize from Stitches Hideaway



Stitching the days and nights away!





This sampler had us laughing! Among the alphabets are the words "Coffee saves lives"



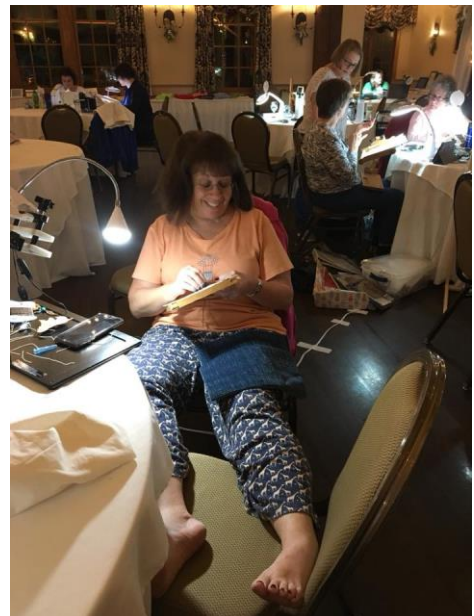
Randi Nelson from [The World in Stitches](#) brought wonderful trunk shows for us along with her fabulous shop!

The trunk shows were from JBW, Heartstring Samplery and LaDDa





Pat



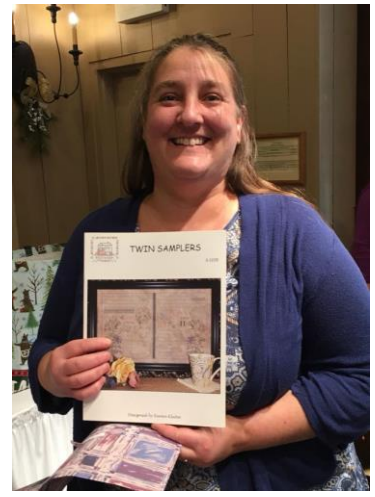
Hildie



Cynthia with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Kate with a door prize from Victoria Sampler



Melissa with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Joyce with a door prize from 123Stitch



Jill with a door prize from The World in Stitches



Donna with a door prize from With My Needle



Di with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs




Emily with a door prize from an Anonymous Donor



Gayle with a door prize from Brightneedle

Morning Glory Needleworks

DAWN FISHER
DESIGNER / INSTRUCTOR



Dawn Fisher started cross stitching in 1980. She took her first sampler class a few years later and was hooked! Becoming intrigued with the history surrounding samplers, Dawn started purchasing antique samplers, researching the history behind them and finally designing original pieces. Thus Morning Glory Needleworks was born!

When the first computer program was offered for designing cross stitch, Dawn ordered it and shortly thereafter, started selling designs under the name Morning Glory Needleworks. She was kept busy designing, teaching and selling original and reproduction samplers at EGA seminars, local shops, and by mail order.

When Dawn moved to Florida in 1989, she decided to retire her company while settling into her new life. After many changes, such as divorce, going back to college, and getting a degree at age 50, she renewed her interest in designing and teaching. Thus Morning Glory Needleworks was reborn!

Besides designing original pieces, Dawn is continually collecting antique samplers and is always in the process of reproducing them. She is a member of CyberStitcher, an online chapter of Embroiderers' Guild of America. Her teaching experience includes teaching at EGA workshops, needlework shops, needlework retreats such as Stitcher's Hideaway, and sampler guilds including the Northwest Sampler Guild and Suncoast Sampler Guild. Dawn was also asked to design a sampler to teach at local museum during a sampler exhibit. She has attended many seminars on needlework and its history, including symposiums at Colonial Williamsburg and Charleston, SC. Dawn's love of the history behind samplers means that each sampler design is well researched and often tells a story. During class, students not only learn new stitches they also learn the story and meaning behind the selection of each design element. Sharing these stories has become an important part of the design of Dawn's teaching pieces.

The name Morning Glory Needleworks comes from memories of her Grandparents farm and Grandma's lovely garden with the beautiful Morning Glories that always grew by the side porch.

Dawn currently lives in Ft. Petersburg, Florida and loves to teach at seminars and retreats around the country. For more information on her classes or design, visit her website at www.MorningGloryNeedleworks.com. Dawn may be contacted at Dawn@MorningGloryNeedleworks.com.

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Dawn Fisher from Morning Glory Needleworks set up a wonderful trunk show of her designs and also displayed models of her teaching pieces.





We had Show 'n Tell sessions several times and it was just wonderful to see what everyone accomplished!



Linda finished this beautiful piece at the Winter Escape! Many of us saw her working on this at last year's Winter Escape.



And Emily had a sweet finish at the retreat, too!!



Bob enjoys working on large needlepoint projects.



Joyce



Barbara





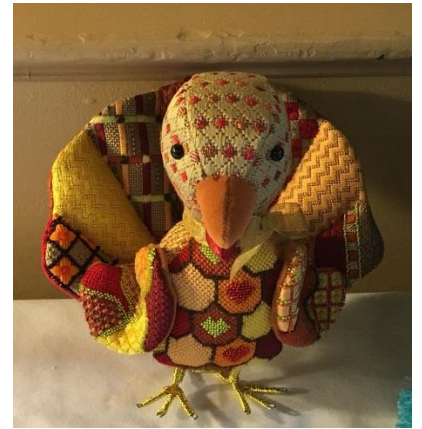
Liz



Deb



Sue





Pat, Jill, and Cynthia each completed the same needlepoint design but in different colorways!



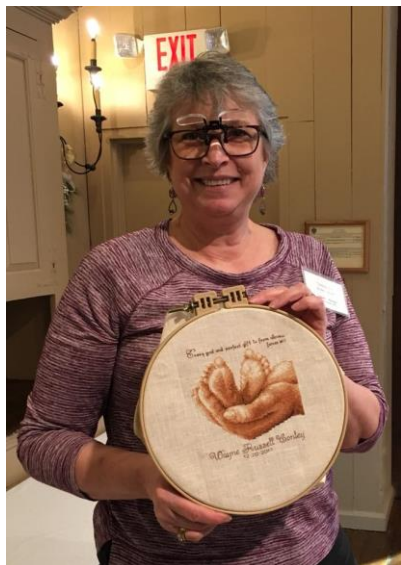
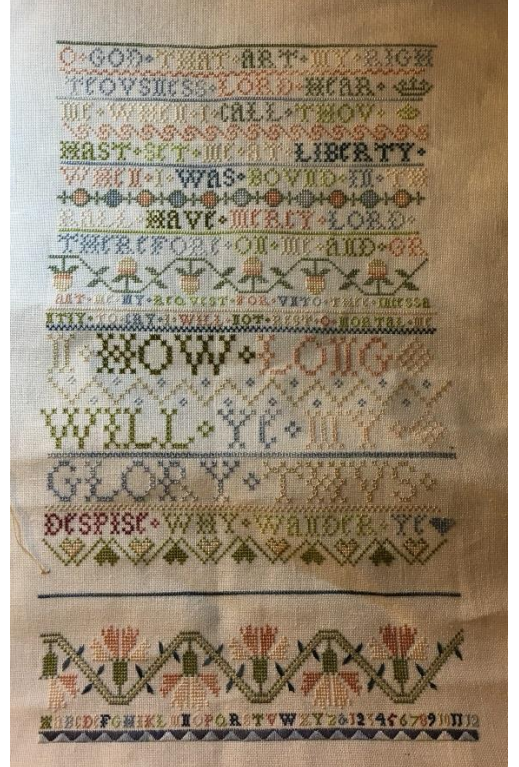
Linda



Hildie



Maria



Teresa



Stephanie



Anita



WE ARE AWESOME STITCHERS!!!!!!

Oh, wait! Did I mention that there were DOOR PRIZES?!?



Jacqueline with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Jamie with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Chris with a door prize from Brightneedle



Barbara with a door prize from an Anonymous Donor



Deb with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Jeannette with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Maggie with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Jess with a door prize from Brightneedle



Marie with a door prize from 123Stitch



Jess G. with a door prize from Brightneedle



Maureen with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



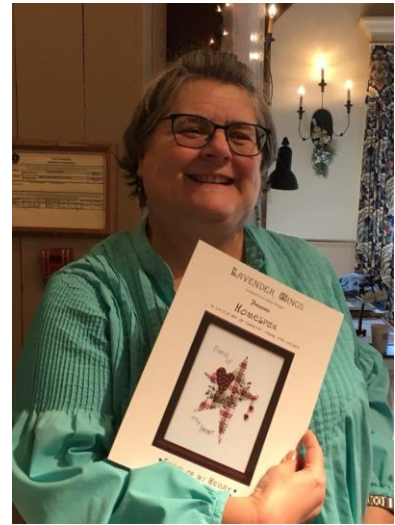
Janet with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Pat with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Sharron with a door prize from an Anonymous Donor



Rosie with a door prize from Stitches Hideaway



Maria with a door prize from Rosewood Manor



Teresa with a door prize from Brightneedle



Stephanie with a door prize from Stitches Hideaway



Sue C. with a \$25 Gift Certificate from 123Stitch



Sue H. with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Susan R. with a door prize from With My Needle



Liz with a door prize from Amy Bruecken Designs



Linda with a door prize from With My Needle



Pat with a door prize from With My Needle



Every attendee received a kit to make this Winter Escape keepsake fob.



I worked some more on my Red Menace – but still have a ways to go! ~ Sue



We had three sets of mothers and daughters at this retreat!
Jess & Helen, Emily & Liz, and Jess & Maggie!

“Dear Sue & Jen,

I can't believe “Winter Escape” has come and gone! What a great time it was – so nice to relax, stitch, “enhance my stash”, and catch up with friends both long-time and new! Thank you both for all you do to make these special gatherings possible.

Thank you, too, for my door prize – “Labours of Love”. It is greatly appreciated and perfect for me as I spent over 25 years working in history museums. I love historic textiles and their stories!” Best, Stephanie

“Dear Sue & Jen

A short note to express my most sincere thanks for an amazing time at the Stitcher's Hideaway Winter Escape. From the beginning registration process to the meals, fun events at the retreat, stitching with others, everything was excellent.

It is quite evident you have a passion for what you do. I will be having major abdominal surgery on 3/5 and my hospital medicine will be stitching all the smalls in our goodie bag and the smalls I purchased while at the retreat.

Thank you for offering such a wonderful getaway. See you very soon at another retreat.
Most sincerely, Andrea

“Just wanted to thank you and Jen once again for a great Escape. It’s always so much fun. One of these escapes I might actually get some stitching done. I usually end up “frogging” all my stitches because I’m too distracted by the fun and the food!! I got to remember to bring only elastic-waist pants. Happy Stitching! Janice”

“Sue & Jen,

You are so diligent in providing Thank Yous for the vendors at Stitcher’s Hideaway, I thought I would send the same to you.

I had so much fun at this year’s Winter Escape. Each retreat gets better and better. The Publick House is wonderful, the food delectable, and best of all, the camaraderie of special friends who share our passion for needlework. It just doesn’t get any better!

Thank you for all your hard work to make these retreats so special for all of us. And enjoy your “semi-retirement” Sue.

Till next time, Linda E.”



Look at all the Maine-iacs! Their numbers increase each year!

It’s been a lot of fun looking at all these pictures and remembering Winter Escape 2018. We can’t wait for 2019!!

See you at a retreat!

Sue & Jen

