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The Thread Gatherer

Connecting Threads

Special points of interest:

- ?? A few favorite Chinese Proverbs.
- ?? New Tints, Tones & Shades
- ?? Beautiful Boxes to stitch & finish
- ?? Lung Fever Salve - an old Amish recipe.
- ?? Our new email address

In 2004, we celebrated our own personal...

YEAR OF THE THREAD

We hope some of your local shops used some of the ideas that we shared at the markets throughout the year, such as a fortune cookie discount.

I enjoyed the theme so much that I purchased a 2005 calendar of 'Chinese Proverbs'. Each month has a proverb collected by Ruthanne Lum McCunn and the illustrations are by Hu Yong Yi. If you would like a copy you can contact Cedco Publishing at

www.cedco.com for a retailer near you.

A few of my favorite proverbs from this calendar are:

“A good friend shields you from the storm.”

“A good bee never takes pollen from a fallen flower.”

“Beware the person with a Buddha’s mouth and a snake’s heart.”

“Do not climb a tree to look for fish.”

“One foot cannot stand on

two boats.”

“Spilt water cannot be retrieved”.

The illustrations are beautiful that accompany each proverb!

We have a new theme planned for this year. We'll introduce it in our February newsletter.

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New Email Address for The Thread Gatherer

We are changing our email address. Please email us at: thethreadgatherer@msn.com

Tints, Tones & Shades

Shades & Tints of
Shades—just what
every needle artist
Needs to complete
a stitching palette

We are adding a new selection of colors in the Silk 'n Colors that we are calling, 'Tints, Tones & Shades'. Each hue (color) comes in four depths of shade—from very pastel to very dark. What makes these colors so beautiful and useful in stitching is that each hue has a percentage of the color formula made up of black, a toner, or the compliment of the color. This adds a richness and quality in shading and stitching that is difficult to

achieve with just the original color formula. With color names such as Wine & Roses, Camelot's Lady, England's Rose, and Shell Stone you can picture in your mind from dark to light this dusky rose color! We have two variations of greens also available now. Wart Frog, Newt Green, Wisp of Willow and Coastal Sand and in a slightly more 'olive' hue Tuscan Olive, Rye Grass, Winter Moss and Colonial Tint. We are also add-

ing these colors to our Shepherd's Silk, Sheep's Silk, Sanibel, Oriental Linen lines. Selected colors will also be available in Silken Pearl, Silken Chenille and Savoir Faire. More colors are in the Dye Pot!



Hallowitch Box by Sofia

New Boxes—To 'Dye' For!

Judy Odell from JUST A THOUGHT has published a new book Designing Ladies' "Stitcher's Treasure Box" which walks you through the assembly process for finishing the designs of several talented designers. You purchase the designs separately from the designers. See Judy's website (to purchase the book) at www.justathought.net.

There you can see all the boxes and read more about her finishing book. My Italian friend & designer, Giulia and her daughter, Sofia, as well as my French friend and designer Virginie used Threadgatherer threads and ribbons and Wild Hairs in their designs. Sofia's box is called 'Hallowitch Sewing Box' and appeals to those who love Hallow-

een—no matter what your age! Giulia's Italian Renaissance Box is an exquisite use of color and design. The picture also shows the inside of Giulia's box. Virginie's box depicts her love of color and garden. Garden Fairies, Roses and Bee Skeps. . . what more could a garden want?



Fairy Rose Garden by Virginie Menzildjian



Italian Renaissance Box - by Giulia Manfredini

Year of the Thread Colors

We will be keeping a few of the Year of the Thread Colors.

These include:

SNC 300 Yellow Crane

SNC 301 Pagoda Red

SNC 302 Mandarin Duck

SNC 306 Japanese Sea

SNC 307 Samuari Star

SNC 308 Ming Dynasty

SNC 309 Wasabi

SNC 310 Asian Plum

We are discontinuing the following colors:

SNC 303 Green Dragon

SNC 304 Kimono Kraze

SNC 305 Lotus Flower

We have limited supply of these colors and they will be sold on a first come/first serve basis.



**YEAR
OF THE
THREAD
COLORS**

Homemade Salves & Remedies

It is flu and cold season in Idaho! Everyone seems to have a miserable cold in our valley here. I make up a salve called "Lung Fever Salve" each year. It is an old Amish Remedy that was used often when pneumonia seemed to be 'winning' the battle and the Doctor would say "I've done all I can do" and the mothers would use this salve.

Quite often it was the turning point to recovery. I've shared the salve over the years and everyone says it works. Recently my little 2 yr old granddaughter has had viral pneumonia and again we used the salve. If you are interested contact:

Roose Drug Store
PO Box 96

Middlefield, Ohio 44062
Phone (216) 632-5201. They sell a kit with the liquid and dry ingredients to make this salve.

Another good book is:

Plain & Happy Living
Published by Goosefoot Acres Press in Cleveland, Ohio
ISBN: 1-879863-71-5

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If your local shop does not carry our products, or you wish to purchase the patterns and threads/ribbons for the Stitcher's Treasure Boxes we have shown we can assist you in locating a shop for mailorder. Please email or write to us.

A Good Read

Lalu, known as Polly Bemis, died in Idaho in 1933. Born in China, she was called her father's treasure, his 'thousand pieces of gold', yet when famine struck in 1871 he was forced to sell her. Thousand Pieces of Gold is her story. A story of

struggle and survival as a woman, a slave in china and the American West. You will never forget her. . . ever. . . once you read her story. This book is written by Ruthanne Lum McCunn.