

# Connecting Threads

October 2005

*Special points of interest:*

- Wonderful, new fiber line to stitch a witch's broom.
- Our 'good read' book spans 1902 in Japan to an internment camp of 1942.
- I am stitching a Birds of A Feather Canvas, using our ribbon and other fibers. See the stitching in progress!

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## Word Images of October & Halloweens past -

October Skies  
darken early. . .  
County Fairs. . .  
A Harvest moon. . .  
Pumpkins ripen. . .  
Geese in Flight. . .  
Black Cats hiss. . .  
The rustling of  
leaves underfoot. .  
Carmel Apples. . .  
Frost on the vine  
Spooky Stories . . .  
Night after night,  
black as ink . . .  
Candle light and  
toothless grins . . .  
Trick-or-treaters  
at my door . . .  
Cobblestone  
Paths . . .  
Porch swings & old  
quilts . . . .  
Jack Frosts first  
visit. . .



Trick or  
Treat

## Just Threads. . .

We have added a few new colors:

In SP5 or SP10

Lilac Arbor— #120

Blue Seas—#50

Soft Apricot—#31

Pearled Blues—#48

A new orange—Orange Grove in SNC-SR4-SR7— and Sanibel.

This is a lighter version of our

Phoenix Rising so this is a perfect Autumn, Halloween color.



Rings of Threads. . .

*“The Legend of Fire Horse Woman is a legend of mothers, sisters and daughters. . . a testament to women who overcame all odds, teaching those who follow how to find peace amidst chaos, and love amidst hate.”*

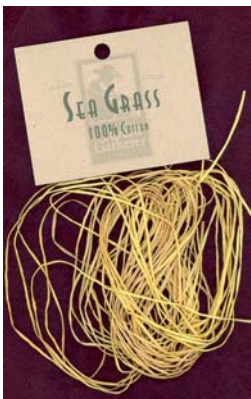
## A Good Read

Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston is the author of The Legend of Fire Horse Woman. From the back cover of the book I quote: *“In Hiroshima, Japan 1902, a woman born under the portentous Fire Horse Sign is married by proxy into the wealthy Matsubara family and sent to join her new husband in a new world—America. In California, 1942, this same woman—facing*

*the sunset of her life rather than the dawn—is sent to a Japanese internment camp with her daughter and granddaughter. This is her story. From one beginning to another. . . .”*

It is an intimate, epic story that you will never forget and will find returning to your thoughts often. The part of the story set in 1942 is a vivid recounting of

a time in our history that we should remember and learn from so that such mistakes are never repeated. Treat yourself to this book and settle in for a ‘good read’.



## Stitching A Witch’s Broom

Sea Grass is a new product line that we will be showing at the trade shows in early 2006. We have available now the color we will call ‘Straw’. This product makes (stitches) the perfect witch’s broom, or straw etc.. This new product line is 100% cotton and is hand-dyed like

our other lines of ribbons and threads. We will be offering an array of beautiful colors in this line.

**October gave a party;  
The leaves by hundreds came.  
The Chestnuts, Oaks, and  
Maples,  
And leaves of every name.  
The Sunshine spread a carpet,  
And everything was grand.  
Miss Weather led the dancing,  
Professor Wind the band.  
George Cooper**

## From October's Garden



The flower above is from a canvas by Birds of A Feather. We are stitching this canvas using our 4mm ribbon for the French knots and our 7mm ribbon for the flower petals. We padded the flower petals with our Shepherd's Silk (as described in the special effects to the right).

### Special Effects using Silken Ribbons for Needlepoint & Embellishment

The 4mm ribbon shades itself as you fill an area with French knots. Add beads here and there for added interest.

Flower petals are best padded first using our Shepherd's Silk and a satin stitch. Then lay the ribbon using the Japanese Ribbon Stitch to form the individual petals.

Simply outlining a flower with 7mm 'loops' of ribbon gives a ruffled effect.

Rusch or gather the ribbon and surface tack down to outline an object or area.

Fill in an area with the rice stitch or other specialty stitch using 4mm ribbon.

Ribbons give the 'finishing touch' to sachets, needle rolls or in tassels.

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*Reminders of Gentler Times in  
Hand-dyed Threads & Ribbons*

*Halloweens of Past so dear.  
Pictures keep them ever  
near.  
Ghosts & Goblins,  
Pumpkins, cats.  
Witch's broomstick,  
A cauldron black.  
Spells of merriment are cast  
On the child of Halloween  
Past.*

*-Ceelia Stricklin*



Sophia



# W

itch Box was hand-painted by Frank Bielec of Mosey 'n Me.



Madeline



Nathan