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## Hello JJs Crafts February 2010 letter...

Welcome to the New Year, already 1 month gone. At JJ's Crafts it has been a busy month, I am preparing for my Blocks of the Month Quilts, the Christmas Club projects as well as stitching new embroideries. I have even found time to keep my garden in order.

### Stop Press News....

Shinichi Kawahara from Clover Distributors will be in store on Monday 22 Feb from 10.30 to 11.30. He will be demonstrating various Clover products. Please feel free to call and see his demonstration and ask him any questions regarding his Product. There will be a door prize of a Clover Iron valued at \$109.00. Also all who come into my shop during the demonstration will also receive a clover gift.



On to new happenings at JJ's. I have 3 new Blocks of the Month just starting or due next month. Baltimore Bunnies started in January, there are still spaces left for this 12 month project, view this on my web site. The monthly cost is \$33.50.

The quilt I am finishing now is The Queen and Her Court. I have obtained the same fabrics as the pattern picture, they are beautiful. This will be a 13 month project the cost per month \$42.50. This is a sampler quilt finished with appliqué. For the first time I have machined my appliqué. Please register early for this fabulous quilt.

My 3rd BOM I am working on at present is Robyn Pandolf's Bespoke Blooms. This is predominantly appliqué. I have needle turned all mine. Robyns fabrics are delightful, each square features flowers and greenery. The final border is a rambling appliqué bower. If you love appliqué, then this is a must. This will be a 13 month project the cost per month \$43.50. This project has started so join up now.



*The Monthly Christmas Project has started with a little sweetie bag . this month \$24.00. There are plenty of spaces left so e mail now. Watch my web site as I will be posting each months project. Those who enrol in this project receive their Block at a discounted price.*

### *Wandering Willie Quilt in a Weekend*

*March 6th and 7th \$60.00 class fee enrol to receive a needs list. This is a beautiful quilt measuring 72" x 72". 9.30 to 3.00pm morning and afternoon tea supplied. Bring your own sewing machine and tools.*

*You can choose any colour fabric, as long as the background is a good contrast. Register now.*

*Do you remember Jennifer Pudney and her quirky little needlepoint designs, well I now have her Gardners Bottom in fabric. This is a fun range \$23.50*

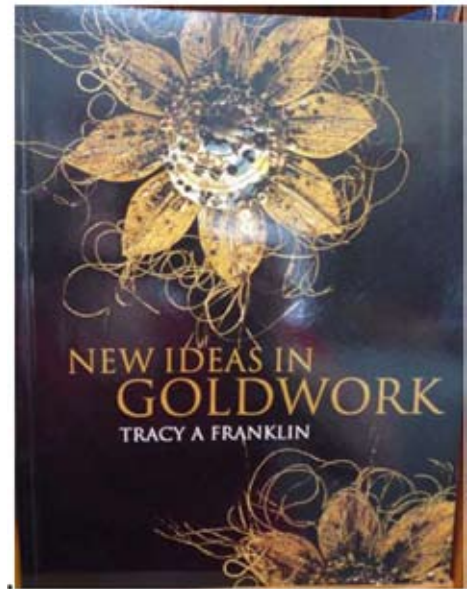


*Remember Collette my Jewellery beading tutor from England. She has been teaching here again for the*

*past few weeks. The necklaces that have been made are stunning. Her next class is Tuesday 16th. Class fee \$25.00 9.30 to 2.30. Again phone on 8440680, or come into the shop to see what the ladies are making. We have classes every fortnight, for the next 8 weeks.*

*New books that are on the shelves, Contemporary White Work by Tracy Franklin a & Nicola Jarvis, Traditional Techniques with a contemporary twist, with easy to follow diagrams \$41.00. New Ideas in Goldwork , by Tracy Franklin. Discovering new ways of working and creating your own individual embroidery.\$35.90 Tracy is coming to New Zealand later this year and will*

be tutoring at the New Zealand Embroiderers Conference at Hamilton. A fabulous book *The Beginners Guide to Goldwork*, By Ruth Chamberlin. This is an inspirational, and lavishly illustrated, step by step guide, using both embroidery and goldwork techniques. \$36.50. The last Book I will review is Jane Nicholas *Stumpwork Medieval Form*. The embroideries in this beautiful illustrated book have been inspired by decorative panels and borders in the illuminated *Book of Hours*, created in the early sixteenth century. There are excellent instructions and requirements given. \$74.80.



I have at long last received an amazing assortment of *The Sweetheart Tree* patterns and kits. There has been an amazing interest in Biscornu designs. These patterns are ideal. Ranging from \$17,00 for the pattern only with charms, up to \$31.00 for kits. These are reasonably quick patterns to produce, most of the pattern only designs can be made into a Biscornu pincushion. Have you made one yet. I am nearly finished my first, but I have attempted something that has been extremely challenging, I will send you all a picture next time. These are a selection of the patterns in stock.

Finally I haven't forgotten about the Knitters amongst us. Yes it is still summer, but there is a lot of knitting wool zooming

out the door. My new seasons yarns have started to arrive, most of them are due next month. I will wait until my next newsletter to send out photos. We have excellent stocks of wool for knitting, especially the baby and children's yarn. Don't forget we do have a mail order service. Happy cutting sewing stitching and knitting

**From us all at JJ's Crafts**

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