



# Vaune's February Newsletter

## Happy Valentine's Day!

I know many of you are digging your way out of snow - can you send some this way? We had a week of rain (So Cal's version of winter) and now it is sunny and 83° here and I have to tell you it just doesn't seem like winter. I think one of the things I miss most by living here is the change of seasons. We have almost summer, summer, and just past summer. I need winter! I am a homebody at heart, and would love to be snow bound for a week or so. Just give me a full cupboard (fabric, threads and laces), and I am happy as a clam to stay at home inside where it is warm and cozy! I visited Mackinac Island in upper Michigan and most people leave the island in the winter, but all I could think of was how much stitching and sewing I would get done if I spent a winter there!

Puyallup is a week away - please look me up if you are going to the Sewing and Stitchery Expo. I am in booth 632.

Saga Convention brochure will be posted at [www.smocking.org](http://www.smocking.org) in the next couple of weeks. Norfolk, VA is the location this year for the national convention. Registration starts May 1, so drool over the classes and be ready to register!

Check out my new pattern, Beverly Sheldrick's new book and DVD, and new scissors from DOVO! If you want to place an order, please email. I will not get this on my website until after I get back from Puyallup. I will start shipping after Puyallup (beginning of March) also, and will try to keep up with my emails while I am away!

Happy Stitching! *Vaune*

### Piping

In my opinion piping is a necessary detail! It may take more time, it adds a finishing touch that gives your garment a designer look. Some things to keep in mind:

- On children's garments, use smaller cording or petite piping to keep the piping in perspective.
- Be creative with your piping - use coordinating fabrics, double layers of piping, etc. to add pizzazz.
- Use *BIAS* for your piping. Bias has more give and will let you shape and curve the bias. This is important around collars and necklines.
- It is easiest to apply when the seam allowance of the piping matches the seam allowance of your garment. Ex: If your collar has a 1/4" seam allowance, trim your piping seam allowance down to 1/4" before you apply.
- A 5 groove pin tuck foot is perfect for applying petite piping in a straight line, a clear applique' foot is useful for curved piping.
- Don't snug the needle up to the piping until your final stitch line.



*Princess* is my new pattern that will be ready next week. it is featured in the new issue of Sew Beautiful - a gold and white striped silk dress with a gold jacket. This sample is made from 100% cotton pique' - pink with dark pink, brown, and green flowers. The dress is accented with 100% cotton brown pique' collar, cuffs and belt. a 100% cotton mini-check is used for the piping. The smocking design is included int he pattern and is smocked with #605 pink and # 801 brown floche. The jacket is made from 100% cotton brown pique with a 100% cotton brown mini-check ruffle, white piping and brown pique' bias. Sizes 2-6 are included int he pattern. Kits are available, s well as the fabric.

**Princess pattern \$12.00**



Inspirtaions # 65 is out now. It has some beautiful embroidered boxes, as well as embroidered paper weights, a Rag Doll, an interesting article on historic samplers and an Emery Scissor Fob, as well as some back-ground info on the history of emeries.

**\$18.00**



DOVO has introduced a new 3 1/2 inch embroidery scissor with a super fine point! Re-quested by hardanger stitchers, DOVO has taken their regular embroidery scissor and ground the tip to half the original width! Great for cutting single threads (think drawn thread or clipping fine fabrics). Reg. \$51, Feb.

**Special \$45.00**

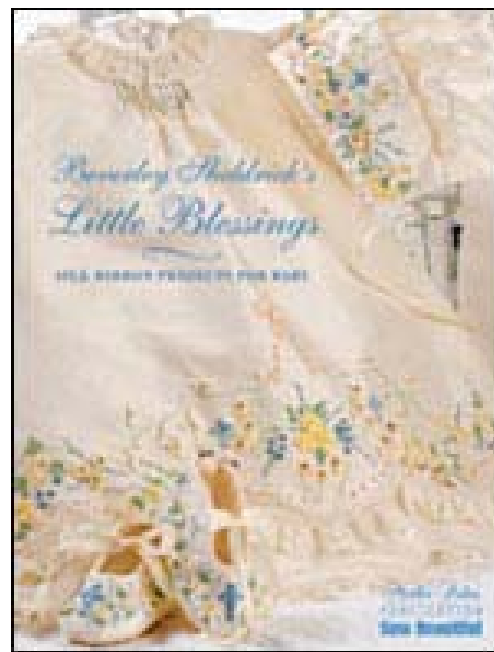
## Wooden Press

I don't have a picture of this, but it is in the shape of a big fat squared wooden pencil (with no lead). One end has a 45° angle, which you rub over seams to press them open without going to the ironing board. I keep mine at my sewing machine for quick seam presses before I go to the ironing board. Once you start using it, you'll wonder what you ever did without it!

**\$4.00**

## Sewing Machine Tip!

We all know to use compressed air to clean away dust bunnies, but save some \$\$ and buy the multi-pack at Costco or your local big box store - it is usually 1/2 the price!



*Beverley Sheldrick*.....if you have had the opportunity to see Beverley's work, you know that she is a creative stitcher and she has beautiful designs and wonderful kits! We were very fortunate to have her here in California to teach for our guild last June! She is back in New Zealand for now and does not currently have any trips scheduled to the US, but there are 2 new DVD's and a book that have just been released, so you can stitch with Beverley in your own home! Descriptions are below, and see the sale price for all 3 volumes!

**Silk Ribbon  
Embroidery by Hand 1**  
**\$39.00**

Come sit beside Beverley as she teaches the basics of silk ribbon embroidery. Beginning with basic stitches, you will learn to create bouquets of flowers.

**Silk Ribbon  
Embroidery by Hand 2**  
**\$39.00**

You will be amazed as Beverley demonstrates her easy steps for creating flowers and tiny creatures.

**Little Blessings**  
**\$24.95**  
Includes 2 dresses, 2 slip variations, 5 bonnets, 3 pair of booties and one quilt. Step-by-step instructions and the pull-out section contains patterns and templates in sizes PM through 24M for the dresses and bonnets and sizes 0 through 3 for the booties. Includes illustrated technique section and stitch library. Soft-cover, 142 pages.

The total for all 3 of Beverley's library is \$102.95. For my February newsletter special,

I am offering the set of *ALL 3 for only \$75.00*

Please email me (vaune@vaune.com) to order - I will start shipping the first week of March, as soon as I get back from Puyallup. Hopefully the A-Z of Heirloom will be in around then too! Hope to see you soon!

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