

Cross-stitch offers break from routine

Of all the crafters that obsess people from time to time, counted cross-stitch has got to be the neatest, most exacting one. Each tiny little "x" can create as much detail in the final piece as the most talented artist can do with the tip of his paint brush. The finished picture, beautifully matted and framed, can be a masterpiece. To those who love to cross-stitch, like Cordelia Purdie, a Hoke County resident, it is a

joyous, relaxing art. Cordelia, a Data Processing employee with Burlington Industries, has been cross-stitching since 1980 and will be one of the featured artists during the Turkey Festival to be held in Raeford in September. This summer, she has been busy selecting finished pictures and others to be matted and framed for exhibiting this fall. She has been so productive with

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her craft that finding pictures to show and sell won't be any problem.

Her pictures encompass a variety of subjects; birds, flowers, bobcats, horses and religious subjects and quotations. Cordelia especially enjoys selecting and stitching quotations. She often graphs out a particular saying or Biblical verse that is meaningful to her. One day, she says, she would like to get her collection of original drafts published. In spite of this devotion and love of craft, Cordelia is ready to acknowledge that her present hobby did not develop over night. "At first, I didn't like it - crossing all those little x's!" she says, with a laugh. However, soon after her sister showed her how to cross-stitch she became extremely interested in the craft. Now she admits that she often keeps at a particular graph until 11:00 at night. "I don't need peace and quite to cross-stitch. Some people do but I can sit and watch TV or talk, count and stitch at the same time," Cordelia explains. She works quickly and especially likes to work on 14-count cloth with two strands of thread. "The 14-count produces a larger picture with good detail and I like the detail to show," states Cordelia.



Relaxing hobby

Cordelia Purdie works on a counted cross-stitch pattern which will produce an artful cat.

Work at Burlington provides her with a pretty good market for her finished pieces, but she is hoping to broaden her territory by possible sales at the Turkey Festival.

Be sure to look for Cordelia and her creations at the Festival. She'll be that neat person, quietly stitching away, crossing every "x" and dotting every "i".

In Weeks To Come

MUSIC BOOSTER - Hoke Co. Music Booster Association meetings will be first Monday night of every month at Hoke High School band room at 7 p.m. Parents and friends of the music association are urged to attend.

DAV - Hoke Co. Chapter 17 of the Disabled American Veterans meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the New National Guard Armory at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call Gary Wieland at 875-3576.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY - The Hoke/Raeford Airport Authority will hold its regular meeting at the Raeford City Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:45 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION - American Legion Post 20 of Hoke County meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Edinborough Restaurant at 8 p.m. Those interested in joining are invited.

COUNTY COMMISSION - Members of the Hoke County Commission meet the first Monday of each month at 9 a.m. and the third Monday at 7:30 p.m. Pratt Building located at 227 N. Main St. in Raeford. The public is invited.

CITY COUNCIL - The Raeford City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL BOARD - The Hoke County Board of Education meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the board offices on Wooley Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

ALANON - Meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Library Conference Room.

JAYCEES - Raeford Jaycees meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month over Howell's Drug Company on Main Street. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Aug. 6 COVERED DISH - The Raeford Friendship Club will have a covered dish supper Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Raeford United Methodist Church.

Aug. 6, 7, 8 LAUBACH WORKSHOP - A Laubach Workshop has been scheduled for August 6, 7, 8 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in the Hoke Reading/Literacy Council office and there is no charge. To pre-register or for more information please telephone 875-2145.

Aug. 6 REDS TRYOUT - A tryout camp for baseball players will be conducted by the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday, August 6 originally scheduled Friday, July 26, postponed due to rain, at Laurinburg. The camp is open to boys from 16 to 22. High school sophomores and juniors are urged to attend. Reds Scouting Supervisor, Marty Daily, will oversee the tryout, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Legion Park.

CRAFT PARTICIPANTS - Cheraw's Annual Christmas Craft Show sponsored by the Cheraw High Band Booster Club. Date: November 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Place: Cheraw High Lunchroom & Gym. Rental - \$15 single, \$25 corner, and \$30 double. Over 100 curio booths. All crafts people are invited to participate. For more information and application please contact: Brenda M. Sullivan, P.O. Box 845, Cheraw, S.C. 29520; 803-537-2111.

Aug. 1, 2, 3 MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL - Again this August, dance teams, mountain fiddlers, banjo pickers, dulcimer sweepers, tune bow and mouth harp players will gather in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium of the Asheville Civic Center for the three-day festival. Show time begins at 7 p.m. nightly on Aug. 1, 2, and 3. For more information about the Mountain Dance and Folk Festival and accommodations call toll free 1-800-257-1300 in the East; 1-800-548-1300 inside North Carolina; or 1-704-258-3916 in all other areas.

thru August 7 BLACK ON WHITE - From Wednesday, July 31, through Wednesday, August 7 the Fayetteville Museum of Art will show an unusual group of photographs of blacks and whites together and separately, by Marie Hart of Greensboro. A reading from literature, folklore, and history by two published novelists, one black, and one white, will accompany the exhibition on Tuesday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m.



STRIKE AT THE WIND - Lee Wiggins, Michelle Martin and David Thaggard act out a scene in this year's performance of *Strike At The Wind*, which runs through September 7 every Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the grounds of the Riverside Country Club in the Red Banks Community. For ticket information call 521-2480 or 521-3112.

thru August 10 GUYS & DOLLS - "Guys and Dolls", Damon Runyon's Broadway Musical Comedy, at The Raleigh Inn Dinner Theatre, Raleigh Inn, Route 70 West. Show stars Don Johnston, Liz Jureka, Allison Lawrence-Smith and Jay Thompson and plays through August 10th. Theatre features hors d'oeuvres and Prime Rib or Shrimp Scampi seated dinner by Staley's. Doors open 6:15 p.m.; Dinner from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; show following dinner. Fridays \$18.95, Saturday \$19.95 per person plus tax and tip. Special Saturday matinee June 29 and Wednesday evening special added performance July 17 at reduced prices. For reservations and information call 781-3522, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Group discounts available through Robin Ingram.

Aug. 16, 17, 18 TENNIS TOURNAMENT - The Deer Track Invitational Doubles Tournament will be held at the Racquet Club on Aug. 16, 17, 18. Entry deadline is Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. Entry is \$8 per person. For more information call 875-4171 or 843-2581.

thru Sept. 2 USS NC - North Carolina's internationally recognized Sound and Light Spectacular, "The Immortal Showboat," opens its 1985 season Friday, June 7 at the USS NORTH CAROLINA Battleship Memorial in Wilmington. The outdoor drama will continue nightly at 9 p.m. through Labor Day, September 2. Admission to the outdoor drama is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 6 through 11 and free for those 5 and under.

thru August 3 SUMMER CINEMA - The North Carolina Museum of Art will present a summer-long series of feature films each Friday evening in June, July and August. "Summer Cinema" showings will be at 7 and 9:15 p.m. in the museum auditorium. "Summer Cinema" tickets are \$17 for all 13 films; \$6 each for the June or July series; \$8 for the August series; or \$2 at the door. For information, call the museum education department at 833-1935, ext. 144.

thru Aug. 3 "I DO, I DO" - "I Do, I Do, the long-running Broadway Hit Musical Comedy at Mannie's Dinner Theatre in Southern Pines will play Fridays and Saturdays for five weekends through August 3, and will be limited to those dates. "I Do, I Do" stars Jeanne Adams and Ken Koonce formerly of Raeford, and seen recently at Mannie's in "The King and I" and "Baby." Many famous couples have starred in the show since Robert Preston and Mary Martin premiered the Broadway run, including Robert Goulet and Carol Lawrence who headed the first national tour. The most familiar Tom Jones song from the score is "My Cup Runneth Over" made famous by the Ames Brothers record hit. For reservations and information call Mannie's Dinner Theatre at 692-8400 in Southern Pines.

Monday August 5

AUDITIONS - The Raleigh Inn Dinner Theatre announces auditions for all parts in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" on Sunday, August 4th at 4 p.m. and Monday, August 5th at 7 p.m. Candidates for the Von Trapp children will be heard at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday only. The show opens on October 11 and plays through December 21. All parts are open and compensated. All candidates should prepare a song and bring their own music. An accompanist will be provided.

Tuesday August 6

RUNAWAY - The youth choir of Prospect United Methodist Church in Maxton will present the musical drama "Runaway" in Reeves Auditorium on the Methodist College campus in Fayetteville on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. during the North Carolina Conference Summer School of the United Methodist Church. The play is open to the public.

This Weekend

August 2, 3 PLATE SALE - St. Matthew's Church of God will be having a fish and chicken plate sale on Fri. and Sat., August 2 and 3, 11 a.m. until each day on the 401 Bypass at caution light at end of Main Street in Raeford. Plates are \$3.50. Call 875-3091 for orders.

August 3 SPECIAL SINGING - A special singing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Living Faith Ministries at 7 p.m. The program will feature Pamela Furr, a singing artist from Vass, Tim Nickens from Cameron and the Living Faith Trio, as well as other local singers. The public is invited.

August 3, 4 BRAVES TRIP - We'd like to "take you out to the ballgame" in Atlanta on August 3rd and 4th. Scotland County Parks & Recreation is lining up a group trip to see the Braves play the San Francisco Giants. Those interested in going must pay a \$25 deposit by July 3rd. Total cost per person is \$72.50 single; \$65.00 double; \$61.00 triple; and \$59.00 quad. The price covers transportation by chartered bus, one night's lodging and admission tickets for two games. For further information and to pay your deposit, contact Parks & Recreation, 276-0412, located in the John Blue House, West Blvd. Ext.

August 3 CONCERT - The St. Matthew Church of God on Hwy. 211 West, Raeford, will present in concert, the Robeson County Youth Improvement Choir of Lumberton. The program is scheduled for Saturday night, August 3, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

August 3 CRAFTSMEN GUILD - Carolina Designer Craftsmen Guild will hold their fall jurving on August 3. Five slides of your work completed in the last 2 years are required for the jury. For more information write Carolina Designer Craftsmen, P.O. Box 5974, Raleigh, N.C. 27650 or call (919) 481-1437.

August 4 SINGING PROGRAM - There will be a Singing Program at Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church (Wagram) Sunday, Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. This program is being sponsored by the Senior Missionaries of the Church.

Johnson appointed to Board of Agriculture

Four new members to the North Carolina Board of Agriculture were sworn into office today. Bruce D. Cuddy of Marshville, Jesse J. Danieley of Burlington, House of Raeford President, Marvin E. Johnson of Rose Hill and Sherry Staton Thompson of Hendersonville were recently appointed to the board by Governor James G. Martin to serve six year terms. The board members were sworn in by Supreme Court Justice

Burley Mitchell during ceremonies in the board room at the Department of Agriculture. "We are looking forward to working with the new board members. They each bring expertise to the board which will be used to enhance and promote our state's agricultural interests," said North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham. "These new board members will add to the strong farm leadership already serving."

Cuddy and Johnson will represent poultry and marketing interests. Danieley will represent general farming and agriculture and Thompson will represent fruit-truck farming. Other board members include: Sam McLawhorn of Grifton, John L. Parker, Jr. of Colerain, Calvin L. Ross of Greensboro, Wiley W. Shore of Yadkinville, James L. Sutherland of Laurinburg and Larry B. Wooten of Currie.

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