

## **BOOKMARK CONTEST GUIDELINES**

X's & Oh's and A NEEDLE PULLING THREAD are proud to sponsor a contest that promotes both literacy and needlework creativity! Please read the following guidelines closely, as entries not meeting all the requirements listed here may be disqualified.

- A. All entries must be completely original and copyright free.
- B. All entries must be received BEFORE November 30th, 2009.
- C. Designs must be graphed, stitched, and finished as per the DESIGN GUIDELINES on the next page.
- D. Each submission must be accompanied by a graphed pattern (this does not need to be computer generated – graph paper is fine), along with a color key and instructions for any specialty stitches used.
- E. All submissions become the property of X's & Oh's, and a signed permission slip must accompany each (see the PERMISSION FORM link below this one on the website). Also note that there is a tag (on the bottom of the Permission Form), which must also be completed. This tag accompanies the stitched bookmark to its donation destination. Failure to fill out all the requested information may result in disqualification of your design.
- F. The first ONE HUNDRED (100) entrants will receive the September issue of A NEEDLE PULLING THREAD displaying the winning entries.
- G. Up to six (6) designs will be selected to win a \$50 gift certificate from X's & Oh's, as well as a 1 year subscription from A NEEDLE PULLING THREAD needlework magazine. In addition, the winning entries will be published in a leaflet, and the designer of each winning entry will receive a FREE copy of the leaflet.
- H. A percentage of the profits from the sale of the bookmark leaflet (created with the winning designs) will go to a literacy program. The winning designers will receive only the remuneration indicated above, along with printed credit in the leaflet, as creators of each design, and are not eligible to receive any further monies from the sales of the leaflet.
- I. Multiple entries will be accepted, as long as each is accompanied by individual paperwork.
- J. The permission slip and donation tag (see the PERMISSION FORM link below this one on the website) must accompany EACH stitched entry, along with all graphs and stitching instructions necessary to complete the entry.
- K. Entries should be submitted to X's & Oh's; R. R. 3; 76 Hungerford St.; Tweed, ON; K0K 3J0; allowing shipping time, so entries arrive BEFORE the November 30th, 2009 deadline.