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## Dorothy Brown Wins Star Stitcher Award

As a member of The National Needlework Association (TNNA) Skein Lane, owned by Carolyn Pugh, formerly of Stratton, has joined TNNA as it embarks on a new campaign. TNNA's Jubilee Campaign is a major national outreach program designed to raise awareness and support for breast cancer research and education, while increasing appreciation and involvement in the needle arts. TNNA is partnering with \*WIN Against Breast Cancer in efforts to engage our audience in the Needlearts and inspire them to fight breast cancer with their own two hands.

In conjunction with TNNA's Jubilee Campaign, Start Stitchers were nominated by needle arts shops around the country this spring. Retail shops were asked to nominate those stitchers who were outstanding in their contributions to the needle arts and the community. Shops could nominate as many Star Stitchers as they wished, and Skein Lane had many outstanding stitchers who deserved recognition.

Skein Lane nominated three Star Stitchers, who were all representative of this stitching community, and two of those nominees, Jane Cavalli and Dorothy Smith Brown were among the five who won the awards across the country.

Dorothy Smith Brown, Carolyn's high school Home Economics teacher, who at 92, continues to make many contributions to her community in Eastern Colorado. Dorothy was instrumental in forming the foundation of stitching knowledge that Carolyn continues to draw on today.

Voting was done by the membership of the TNNA, retail shops from around the country. The Start Stitchers were announced Wednesday, June 2, 2004. Dorothy was selected as TNNA's 2004 Start Stitchers from a large group of very accomplished and deserving stitchers, needlepointers, knitters and crocheters.

Winners will receive a gift certificate from Skein Lane for

merchandise and will be honored at an awards ceremony at the TNNA Spring/Summer tradeshow in Long Beach, CA. They will receive an all-expense paid trip to the show for themselves and a guest.

TNNA, established in 1975, is an international trade organization representing retailers, manufacturers, distributors, professional designers, manufacturing reps, publishers and wholesalers of upscale needleart products and supplies. TNNA's mission is to advance its community of professional businesses by encouraging the passion for needlearts through professional and consumer education, industry, knowledge exchange and a strong marketplace. The organization holds a summer and winter tradeshow each year where retailers can take classes, learn the latest industry information and purchase new products for their shops. Skein Lane is an active member of the TNNA and attends the tradeshows twice each year.