

Blog #12 - Soup & Bun Day

Tuesday, 2 September 2014 -

A lot of days in August were taken up with further notifications to different organisations of the passing of my mum, the daily reading of cards and letters and Emails that arrived, several meetings with the Solicitor re Mum's estate, etc.

Also, I was desperately trying to finish the instructions, stitch diagrams and chart for Part 5 of the 'Favoured Shades Sampler' that should have been sent to all participants on the first of the month but had not due to my not having had the time to do them in July. And then I had to do the same for Part 6 so that it could be finished and therefore ready to be sent out on the first of September.

I also had to finish the stitching of Part Six of the sampler that I was re-doing in the burgundy shades.



Part Five and Part Six of the Favoured Shades Sampler pictured.

Original 2006 sampler - greens : 2014 sampler colours - burgundys



I didn't begin any of the packing up of Mum's home this month apart from sorting out those specific items that were noted in the Will for certain persons.

Consequently, inside her villa looked quite a mess. Definitely NOT what it would have been like had she been alive - those of you who knew her will remember how fastidious she used to be!



The most significant happening in this month was the 'Soup and Bun Day' at Otane.

This is an awesome yearly event organised by the Otane Patchworkers & Embroidery Group in support of the Cancer Society.

It is a day when all patchwork groups in the area are invited to stitch and chat together, 'Show and Tell' their latest patchwork projects and enjoy morning and afternoon teas and a lunch of soup (vege or pumpkin) with a bread roll - all of which have been catered for by the Otane ladies group.

\$10.00 is the cost and there are at least three fabulous raffles of all sorts of goodies.

All ladies are encouraged to wear something pink and there is a prize for the most innovative.

Some girls have amazing imaginations and wear the most incredible outfits!

In addition to the companionship of like-minded persons, a representative of the NZ Cancer Society always speaks of their work plus there is always another guest speaker.

This year it was the lady from Birdwoods Gallery situated in Havelock North and she related the horrifying events of how she and her family were treated and had to leave their farm in Rhodesia and everything they had when carloads of crazed nationals came to evict them and take over their property and then how they had to pick up the pieces of their lives and begin again.

I don't know how I would cope in such a situation.



Over 80 ladies attended and over \$2,000.00 was raised. AWESOME!

My part in this lovely day is I set up a 'mini' display of needlework pieces and have needlework products for sale. I do enjoy this day but it is a lot of work and the older I'm getting - the harder it is as it involves deciding what to take and packing it up on the Saturday, travelling to Otane on the Sunday afternoon and setting it up which takes about three hours, then it's the day on the Monday and after the event the packing up of everything and then Tuesday is taken up with replacing all the needlework pieces and products back into the Gallery.

Some of the many needlework pieces I had on display are pictured. All of these designs are available for purchase. Please contact me if you like one or two sent to you -



*Cherry Blossoms Fob
by 'The Sweetheart Tree'*

Code: SWT:T 082

*Design (including embellishment):
\$25.00*



*La Fleur
by 'The Sweetheart Tree'*

Code: SWT:T 151

*Design (including embellishment):
\$25.00*

*Thread: Simply Shaker Sampler Thread - Dungarees
by 'The Gentle Art'
\$5.50 per skein*



*Catnip Kitty Fob
by 'The Sweetheart Tree'*

Code: SWT:T 095

*Design (including embellishment):
\$25.00*

Cat Scissors by 'Kelmscott Designs'

*Code: KELM:CAT
\$29.50*



*Tiny Quaker Potted Flower & Fob
by 'The Sweetheart Tree'*

Code: SWT:T 152

*Design (including embellishment):
\$25.00*

*Thread: Sampler Thread - Currant
by 'The Gentle Art'
\$5.50 per skein*

The same design as above but stitched with a different thread type and colour -



*Tiny Quaker Potted Flower & Fob
by 'The Sweetheart Tree'*

Code: SWT:T 152

*Design (including embellishment):
\$25.00*

*Thread: Silken Pearl #10 - Sweet Peas
by 'The Thread Gatherer'
\$12.00 per skein*

*Note: This colour has been discontinued
but lots of other lovely overdyed colours available*



*Garnet Sampler
by 'Periwinkle Promises'*

Code: PPGARNET

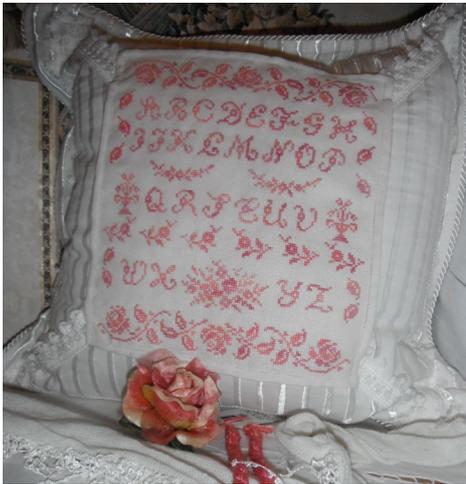
Design: \$39.50



Grape Delight
by 'Periwinkle Promises'

Code: PPGRAPE

Design: \$39.50



Rose Motif Sampler
by 'JBW Designs'

Code: JBW 257

Design: \$13.00

Thread: Silk 'n Colors - Sophie's Strawberry
by 'The Thread Gatherer'
\$13.50 per skein



The Rabbit Sampler
by 'JBW Designs'

Code: JBW 252

Design: \$13.00

Thread: Sampler Thread - Cameo Pink
by 'The Gentle Art'
\$5.50 per skein



*A Floral Bouquet
by 'JBW Designs'*

Code: JBW 096

Design: \$10.00

*Threads: Your choice of DMC Stranded
or Sampler Threads*

DMC Stranded Cotton: \$1.80 per skein

Sampler Threads: \$5.50 per skein

Model stitched with DMC

The next design has been stitched in two different colourways and also stitched over one thread and over two threads



*French Country ~ Armour
by 'JBW Designs'*

Code: JBW 179

Design: \$10.00

Thread: Simply Shaker Sampler Thread - Tea Rose

by 'The Gentle Art'

\$5.50 per skein



*French Country ~ Armour
by 'JBW Designs'*

Code: JBW 179

Design: \$10.00

Thread: Simply Shaker Sampler Thread - Pomegranate

by 'The Gentle Art'

\$5.50 per skein

*However, despite all the work, I do enjoy the 'Soup and Bun Day'
and consider it a privilege to be part of this lovely day.*

That's all for the moment.

