

## **Blog #68 - Holiday Stitching & Letters of the Alphabet Exhibition**

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

As per usual, I was extremely tired after returning from Italy and had heaps of emails, mail, telephone calls, accounts to pay, etc. It took me several weeks to catch up on everything that needed urgent attention.

Earlier in the year Keith and I had taken advantage of a holiday to Puka Park on the Coromandel Coast and as we still had unused "holiday points" we travelled to The Village Resort - a Time-share property situated at Taupo, just across the road from the lake - in the middle of the month of October to stay there for a week in one of the resort holiday homes.

So peaceful and quiet.

I spent the days computer charting some more of the alphabet letters and "finishing" those letters that I had stitched whilst away overseas. As mentioned previously in another blog, decided to finish each of the letters as an ornamental so that they will be easily transported when I have to exhibit them overseas. On one side is the ornate coloured letter and on the other side, the letter is worked with Ecu coloured thread.

Here is one of the letters about to have the edges surrounded by a twisted cord and a twisted cord added for hanging.

Whoops !! Can you notice my mistake?

Yes - I missed stitching the little flower buds on one of the flower sprigs.

It was a bit tricky to add them at this stage - but I managed it.

And here is a pic of all the currently finished alphabet letters -



E = Excellence  
B = Blessed  
S = Sincerity  
J = Joyful  
F = Faithful  
R = Respectful

Other letters almost finished:  
G = Gentleness  
H = Honesty

Once back home, Keith had a smashing experience!

As you know, we live in an old villa - built in 1896 - that we rescued and moved on to our property at the end of 1999.

It was a total wreck and over the last 17 years Keith has been restoring it. It's taken a lot longer than we had hoped - but good things take time.

He was lining the under side of the verandah and a piece of timber accidentally fell from the scaffolding and crashed through one of the panes of glass in the door to the Needlework Gallery.



*As for myself, once back home I spent days spring cleaning all the rooms of the house in readiness for setting up a needlework exhibition and setting up the exhibition -*

## **Letters of the Alphabet Sampler Exhibition**

*The exhibition opened on Saturday, the 11th of November for three weekends, the proceeds being donated to the Hamlin Fistula Hospitals Trust.*

*The hospital is located in Ethiopia.*

*This amazing hospital performs reconstructive surgery for women with fistula problems caused by prolonged childbirth labour or an obstructed labour.*

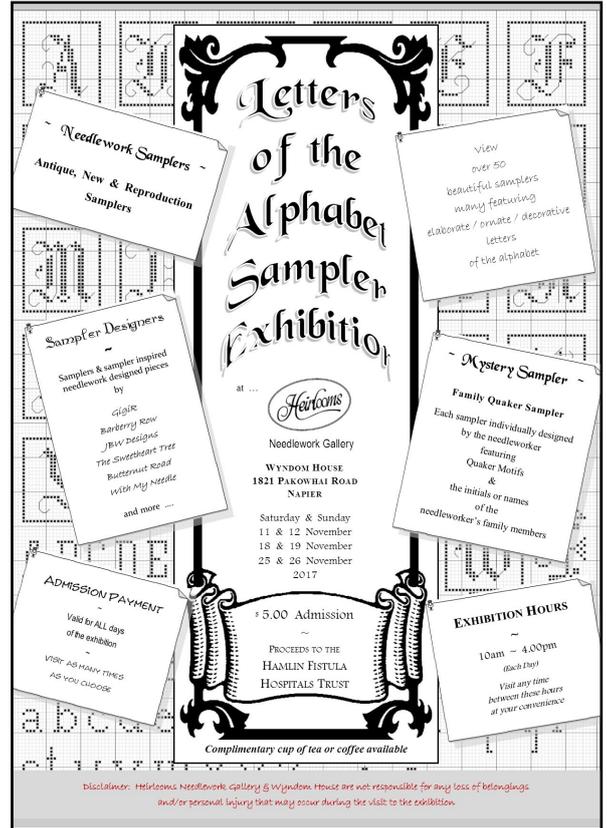
*Reginald Hamlin - a Napier man - and his Australian wife pioneered this surgery and established the hospital many years ago.*

*Their wonderful work has cured and therefore rescued thousands of poor women from a life-time of misery.*

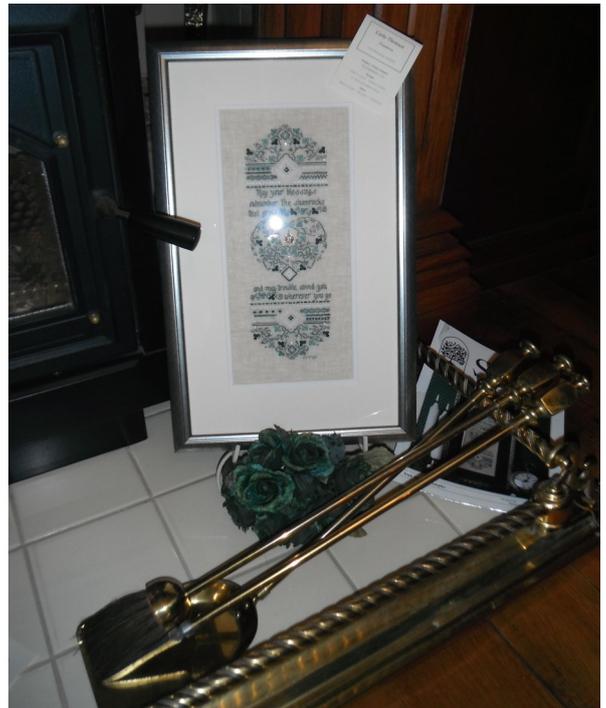
*Doctors from all over the world have travelled to learn this surgical technique from them too.*

*To follow are photos of some of the beautiful pieces of needlework loaned to me for the exhibition, but as so many pieces were loaned, more photos will be in my next blog.*

*I am so grateful to everyone who allowed me to show their precious work. Without you, an exhibition would not be possible.*



Leta Hunter - Pukerua Bay, Wellington  
Leta's own design



Cathy Thomsen - Waipukurau  
Shamrock Sampler  
by The Sweetheart Tree



Linda Graham

-  
Christchurch

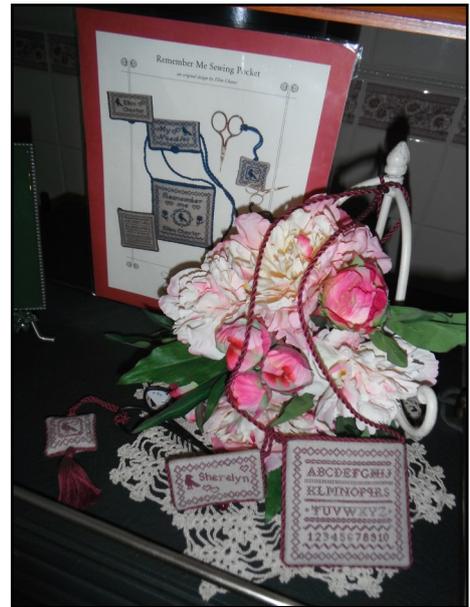
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Pictured to the left:  
*Trip Around the World*  
by  
Rosewood Manor

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Pictured to the right:  
*Calico Sampler*  
by  
Summer House  
Stitcher Workes



Glenys Cox - Waipukurau

*Floral Alphabet*  
by JBW Designs



*Remember Me Sewing Pocket*  
by With My Needle



*Sweet Adeline 1873*  
by GigiR



Sharon Gordon  
-  
Napier  
-  
*Sweet Adeline 1873*  
by GigiR

(worked over  
one fabric thread  
&  
finished as an ornamental)



Pictured above:

Joy Hurford

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Havelock North

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Simple Gifts - JOY

by Praiseworthy Stitches

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Pictured beneath:

Maryann Kingston

-

Waipawa

-

Simple Gifts - LOVE

by Praiseworthy Stitches



Robyn Holt - Napier

English Cottage

by Teresa Wentzler



Susie

Pierce

1880

-

by

GigiR



Birds

&

Berries

Antique

Alphabet

-

by

JBW Designs

Reproduction of an antique sampler : The Orford Sampler



Annette Webb

-

Hastings

-

The Orford Sampler

by

Barberry Row

(stitched  
for her  
granddaughters)



More photos of needlework pieces that were on display during the 'Letters of the Alphabet' exhibition in my next blog.

Bye for now ....

