

**Blog #10 - June : Lots of Happenings ...**

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Each week of this month there was something happening.

On the Thursday of the first week several ladies from the Dannevirke Probus Embroidery Group were due to come to visit the Needlework Gallery to wander through the house, enjoy some morning tea and to have a look at all the new items that had arrived at the gallery and see all the newly finished needlework pieces that I had done since their previous visit.

However, this did not happen due to an Auntie suddenly passing away and so we had to go to a family funeral in Upper Hutt.

This is a photo of Auntie Hannah (Dad's youngest sister) reciting a poem she had written for Mum & Dad's 60th anniversary.



One day of the second week little Tabitha had to go to the vet for her little operation. She was a bit subdued for a day or so but was soon back to her mischievous self.

My little kitten feeling sorry for herself -

For four days of the third week a friend came to stay. Wendy is about eight years older than myself and she used to live next door to our family when I was growing up in Upper Hutt. She always called me 'pee-wee' and I looked on her as a big sister and she looked on my mum as her second mum.



One of the reasons she came to stay was so that she could visit with my mum at the Summerset Nursing Home every day. These were lovely days spent together but very different for me as we were 'out and about' each day whereas I normally am a 'home-body'.

One day this week Keith and I attended a meeting at which the Israeli Ambassador to NZ was the guest speaker. Very interesting. A thorough gentleman and very approachable and friendly. Quite a privilege to meet him.

On the third Saturday of this month Keith and I travelled to Auckland to spend some time with another childhood friend - Julie - as she was to be celebrating her 65th birthday.

Julie and I were friends all through our primary and secondary school years. She used to bike to our home every morning and then we would bike to college together.

A photo of Julie and I in 1964 - our 4th Form year at Heretaunga College. I had just turned 14 and this was Julie's 15th birthday and her last day at school! In fact she didn't even stay until lunchtime. As soon as she had her leaving paper signed by the Principal - she left / was gone. She couldn't get away from school quick enough!



*Julie and I at her home in Auckland.  
She was just about to cut a birthday cake  
given to her by another friend.*



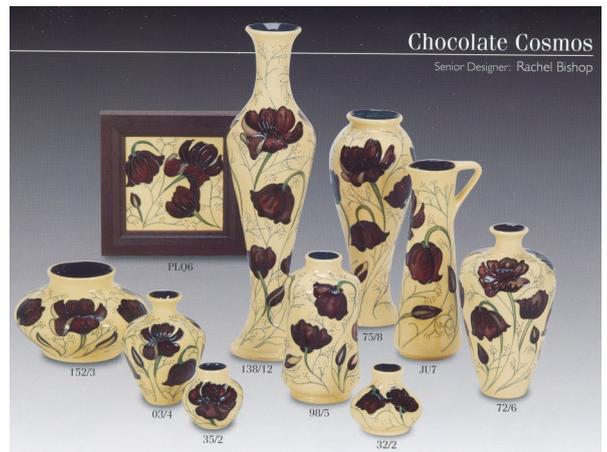
*I think she was almost 20 when she married and  
not long after that she and Dan moved to Australia.  
Dan was the pastor of several churches there and  
back here in New Zealand until he passed away  
about four years ago.*

*Before returning to Napier Keith and I visited the 'Recollections' shop  
in Auckland - a store that specialises in new but old-style fixtures  
and fittings suitable for old villas.  
Bought some lovely items for the ensuite that is in the process  
of being added to our home - a vanity unit, towel rails, etc.*



*The fourth week I attended an evening at which  
representatives of 'Moorcroft', England spoke of their work  
and involvement with the company.*

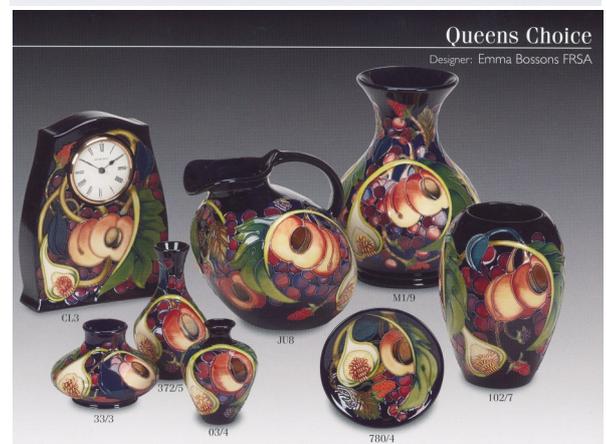
*One was Elsie, the secretary of the Collectors' Club  
and the other was Vicky Lovatt, one of the many artists and  
extremely talented designers  
Of course I **had** to purchase a piece for my mantelpiece .....  
in the Chocolate Cosmos series - piece number 138/12.*



*About six years ago I attended such an evening when the tube-liners  
and the painters demonstrated their skills after a design has been traced  
onto a piece of pottery. This was fascinating to watch.*

*Then just a few years ago it was the artistic designer, Emma Bossons  
who was visiting and demonstrating the process that is involved  
with placing a design onto a piece of pottery once an artists design has  
been chosen.*

*Once again I **had** to purchase a piece and I chose a piece  
with one of Emma's designs on it - Queen's Choice. (102/7)  
She personally signed this piece for me.*



*And so to the last Sunday of the month and another enjoyable  
'Get-together' day for stitching at our home.*

*And so another month passed.*

