

Blog #40 - Favoured Shades Sampler : Viewer's Choice

Monday - 22 June 2015

A change of date for our usual stitching get-together due to most of the girls in our group having another commitment on the last Sunday of this month. The winner of the 'Viewer's Choice' was announced this day.

Although almost seventy ladies participated in the Favoured Shades mystery sampler project, only sixteen samplers were on display over the Queen's Birthday weekend, but despite there not being too many, it was amazing to see the differences between each one due to the needleworker each making their sampler "their own". And to see the colours that they chose.

Viewer's Choice - the "blues" have it!

First, second, third, fourth & fifth choices were all samplers stitched with varying shades of blue.

And, unbelievably, there was only one or two votes between each placing.

The winner was : **Maryann Kingston** from Waipawa.

CONGRATULATIONS MARYANN !

And here she is -



My apologies, Maryann
for the bad photography.

I must have moved the camera just as I took the photo as it is not focused properly.



The blues in Maryann's sampler
are what I refer to as
"Sampler Blues"

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Details of her thread colours used are as follows -

Variegated Thread:

Cottage Garden Threads - Colour #416

DMC Stranded Cotton:

775 : 930 : 931 : 932 : 939 : 3750 : 3752

DMC Perle Coton #8 & #12:

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Fabric:

Brittney - 28 count - Ecrú/Ivory

Second: Linda Graham - Christchurch : Ice Blues)

Third Equal: Robyn Phillips - Hastings - Shades of Teal)

Third Equal: Sharon Gordon - Napier - Indigo Blues & Violet)

Fifth: Joy Hurford - Havelock North - Brethren Blues)

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for photos of the samplers

The other sampler winners -



*Linda Graham
Ice Blues*



*Robyn Phillips
Shades of Teal*



*Sharon Gordon
Indigo Blues & Violet*



*Joy Hurford
Brethren Blues*

As it was such a lovely day - crisp, but fine - took a couple of photos of the "girls" with their samplers. And here they are -



*Standing - Annette
Seated - Pam, Robyn, Glennis, Ruth
Standing - Joy, Maryann & Sharon*

An AWESOME group of friends



One of the wonderful aspects of life is that one can always be learning from and be inspired and be encouraged by another.

You may recall that on her 2013 mystery sampler that Elisabeth Beachen wrote on to the back of her sampler, and therefore recorded, the details of her sampler.

And she has done the same on her Favoured Shades sampler.

To the right is a photo of what she wrote -

What a wonderful idea!

In years to come, one will not have to wonder how, when, or why, or with what fabric and thread this piece was stitched.

Consequently, as I believe in keeping a pictorial record of our needlework with written information beside each picture, this too I now believe is equally as important and so I have worked a similar record for the back of my sampler, although I have stitched my record.

My record can also be seen to the right of Elisabeth's.

Have you begun a record of your needlework journey?

Time will come when we will no longer be here to answer questions from our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As always, I do hope this little note from me has inspired and encouraged you.

Till next time

