

Blog #38 - Sampler Gathering : Taupo

Saturday - 13 June 2015

In this blog I was going to continue with news of the 'Favoured Shades' Sampler Exhibition, but I will write about that in my next blog as I now have details of the NZ Sampler Gathering weekend that is to be held over the weekend of the last day of July and the first few days of August.



These details and photos of the class projects can be seen on the next two pages.

I haven't added any more stitches to my "Of Female Arts" sampler over this past month but have stitched a small sampler inspired design by Judy of JBW Designs. As per usual, this design is available for purchase from Heirlooms -



Design Title: Monogrammed Tulips

Code: JBW 307

Design: \$18.50

*Threads & fabric used
(different to those as pictured in the original model) -*

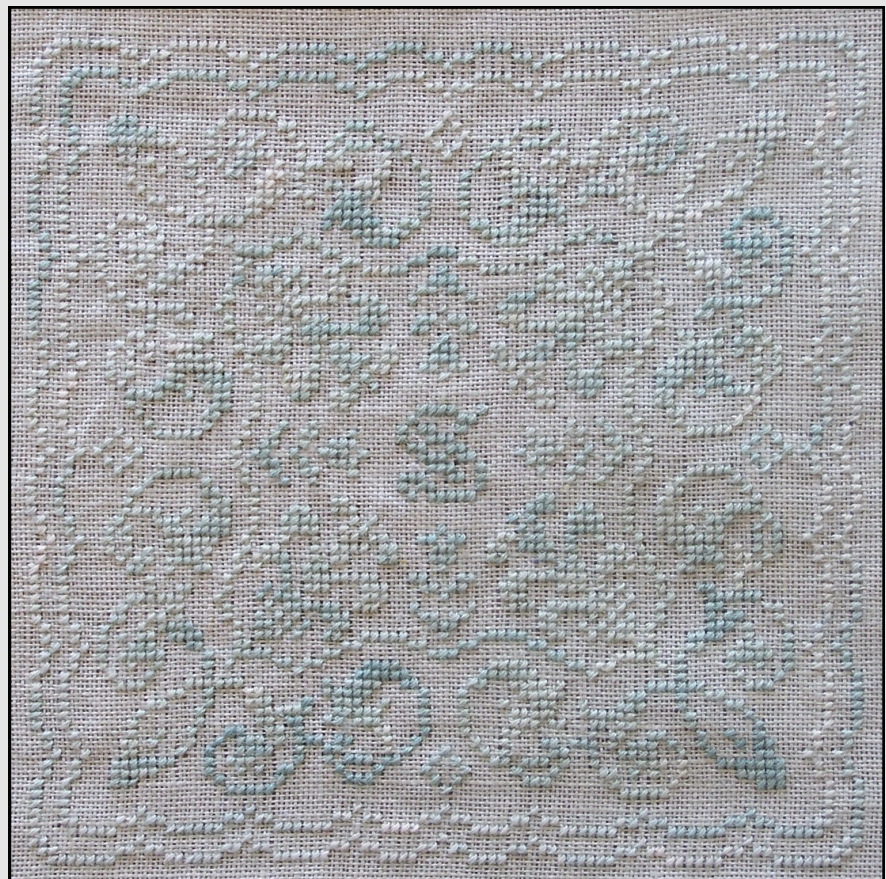
Fabric: Permin Linen (32 count) - Waterlily

Thread: Sampler Thread - Sea Spray

*I am more than a little disappointed
with my choice of thread colour
as it does not show
the delicate pattern
that Judy has designed.*

*The thread colour
is too close to the fabric colour.*

*My sincere apologies, Judy
for not doing justice
to your lovely design.*



I am in the process of finishing the piece as a little pillow.

When completed I will have a photo of it in another blog.

My next blog will be about the other displays during the exhibition held over Queen's Birthday weekend.



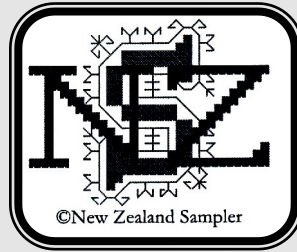
I sincerely hope you had an enjoyable long weekend off - and that you were able to spend some time with a needle in your hand.



P.S. Don't forget to look at the details of the Sampler Gathering weekend on the next two pages. A GREAT weekend. A few places are still available in all classes. I do hope you can join us!

And here is a pic to tempt you





New Zealand Sampler Gathering

2015 ~ FIFTH SAMPLER GATHERING ~ 2015

DATE: 31st July - 2nd August 2015

Registration opens at 4pm : Meet for pre-dinner drinks at 6pm : Evening lecture: 8pm

VENUE: Millennium Manuels Resort, 243 Lake Terrace, Taupo

PROGRAMME: Embroidery Classes ~

Choice of one class from three embroidery classes *

Tutors - Olywn Horwood, Elizabeth Darrah & Ann Brocas

** Your place in class is confirmed once your registration and full payment have been received.*

Places are limited and will be reserved in the order they are received.

A list of class requirements will be sent once your registration is complete.

Class requirements are to be brought with you and are therefore an additional cost.

Classes will be held on the Saturday and reflect the Sampler Gathering's interest in counted thread work and samplers.

Evening Speakers ~

Vivien Caughley - New Zealand's foremost sampler researcher

Priscilla Lowry - educator & author specialising in silk

Show And Tell ~

An opportunity to view and discuss hidden treasures from attics & collections

CONFERENCE COST: \$150.00

This includes refreshments and lunches on Saturday & Sunday, plus all speakers and tuition fees.

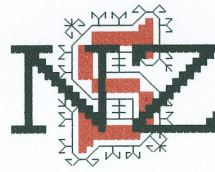
Note: Friday and Saturday night dinners are an optional extra and are to be pre-booked with registration.

These dinners are at Manuel's award-winning, Beach Brasserie.

ACCOMMODATION: Available at Manuel's or Oasis Motel

at their Conference rate (using their form attached)

Alternatively, those attending the conference may choose to stay elsewhere in Taupo



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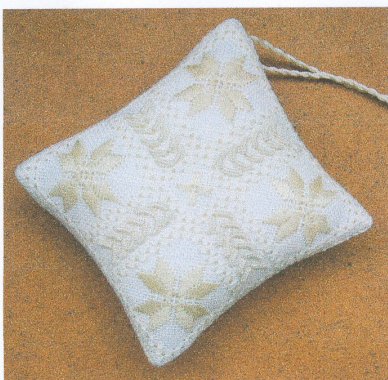
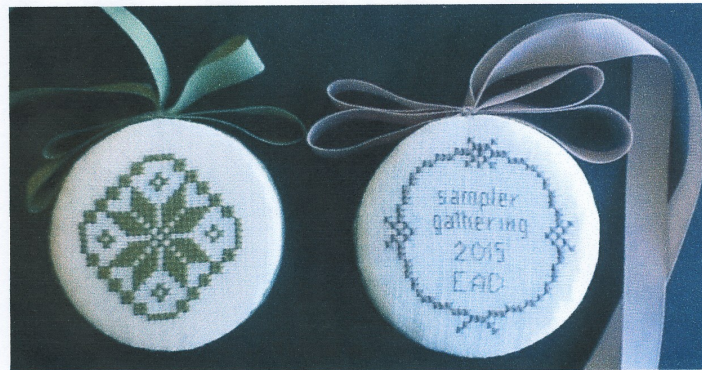
NZ SAMPLER GATHERING 2015 CLASSES



You may attend one class on Saturday 1 August and the cost is included in your registration. Please indicate your class preference on the registration form. The requirements list for your class, with instructions for any pre-class preparation will then be sent to you. Please note that each of these designs could be worked on a lower count fabric if you wish. Finishing options will be discussed in class. Other class charts may be available at the Gathering.

Ann Brocas says: Celebrating our NZ History. The designs for this class piece (left) are taken from an early NZ sampler. The original sampler will be at the Gathering and you will see where the designs came from. We will also discuss how to take designs from other sources to make your own samplers. Suitable for all levels

Elizabeth Darrah's pretty pinball (right) is a Quaker inspired design. You will be shown how to construct this traditional piece. Colour of thread and fabric is your own choice, and co-ordinated with the Petersham ribbon trim. Suitable for all levels of expertise.



Memento

This year I have stitched a design using buttonhole bars says **Olwyn Horwood**. This is a small diamond shape with your choice of linen and threads. Thread may be either self colour or contrast. For embroiderers with some expertise or confident beginners. Pictures show front and back of the design

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