

Wednesday, 30 April 2014 ~

**Welcome Ellen Chester**

What an awesome time we had when Ellen Chester of **With My Needle** and her husband, Tom came to stay for several days in March.

Ellen's wish before arriving was that she wanted to see the local attractions and see what the locals did.



Consequently we spent several days going here, there and everywhere -

**Te Mata Peak** - to overlook the Heretaunga Plains, Cape Kidnappers & the cities of Hastings and Napier. The hills were VERY dry & brown due to having had no rain for weeks!

**Bluff Hill** - to overlook part of the Marine Parade of the city of Napier and the Napier Port. Unfortunately no cruise ships were in port that day.

**Vineyards** - drove past a few of the many vineyards throughout the Hawkes Bay : Te Mata, Black Barn, Elephant Hill (to name a few). The vines were laden with plump delicious grapes.

**Orchards & Cropping Ground** - drove past SO many. Orchards of fig, kiwi fruit, apple, peach, pear, nectarine, apricot & citrus (orange, mandarin, lemon, lime) and land producing yummy things such as strawberries, boysenberries, raspberries, blueberries, etc. and crops of vegetable necessities such as potatoes, sweetcorn, tomatoes, onions, beetroot, etc.

**Some of the places of interest that we visited & things that we did -**



Participated in the Art Deco Tour of Napier township and watched the video of the 1931 earthquake and the subsequent devastation which caused the rebuild of the city in this particular style

An interesting business .....



Silky Oak Chocolate Factory, Museum & Cafe

Some more business enterprises .....



Some "yummy" places for food and drink .....



Missionview  
Gardens

Taradale

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*A wonderful  
garden centre and cafe  
(note the fabulously tempting  
delicacies  
in the dessert cabinet)*



Rose & Shamrock  
Irish Pub

Havelock North

*Read more of our happenings in my next blog.*

*To read what Ellen had to say about the Art Deco Tour & Opossum World*

*visit her blog - [www.withmyneedle-ellen.blogspot.com](http://www.withmyneedle-ellen.blogspot.com)*

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*Bye for now,  
Sherelyn*