

Blog #61 - Snug As A Bug In A Rug

Saturday, 29 July 2017

Three years ago this month my mum passed away.

Our family had previously planned a weeks holiday together but this had to be cancelled due to a funeral and my being responsible for sorting out the family estate. Somehow the family vacation never was rescheduled and Keith and I also had not taken a holiday together. We finally made arrangements for a weeks vacation this month at Puka Park - a secluded retreat amongst the bush at Pauanui Beach on the Coromandel Coast.

The resort restaurant, guests lounge, library, etc. is pictured to the right.



The day before we were due to leave for our holiday bad weather affected the whole country - snow, wind and rain.

Woke on the day we were due to travel to the Napier/Taupo highway still being closed with snow, so too, the Desert Road with snow and there had been a slip on the Gisborne/Whakatane highway that closed that road. All three quickest routes from the Hawkes Bay to our destination impassable and no possibility of any of the routes being opened later in the day and possibly not the next day either. Late in the afternoon we decided to go the long way to our destination and so travelled to Wanganui for a night and the next day travelled from Wanganui, to New Plymouth, to Te Kuiti, to Hamilton, and then across to the Coromandel Coast.

A very LONG trip, finally arriving late afternoon.

But what a beautiful and peaceful location!



Our double chalet was nestled into the bush and therefore very private and was very cosy. When sitting in the lounge there was a view out to the beach/inlet.

Keith had a much needed rest - reading, sleeping and taking long walks

and I spent the days occasionally computer charting more alphabet letters but mostly stitching.

We rearranged the furniture to accommodate me and my passion.

Here are a few pics of us - me snuggled up in a blanket and doing what I love and Keith resting.



I was tired of stitching alphabet letters and so the piece I was working on was one of Gigi's samplers. A sampler reproduction.

Design Title: Susie Pierce 1889

Designer: GigiR

Design Code: GR:SP

Design Price: \$ 32.50



One of the days Keith and I travelled to Whitianga for the day to the home of Margaret - president of the local Embroidery Guild. Margaret had arranged a special stitch day and luncheon for myself and other ladies from Whitianga and Coromandel. A lovely day. Unfortunately I forgot to take photos.

It is a small world though.

Nearly 50 years earlier Margaret and I were bridesmaids together.

My lovely cousin, Kevin,

married Margaret's equally lovely sister, Merrill.

Where have those years gone?!

Bride: Merrill

Groom: Kevin Pepperell

Bridesmaids: Margaret Dawson & myself

Best Man: Howard Martin

Groomsman: Ken Stephenson

Junior Bridesmaid: Sandra Dulieu

Flowergirl: Gillian Dulieu

Sandra & Gillian - sisters

and cousins to Kevin and myself.

Pepperell is a well-known

Upper Hutt name.

Kevin is the son of Cliff & Vi -

Cliff Pepperell Ltd

(menswear store & later womens too),

*Sandra & Gillian's parents owned
and operated a sports shop,*

and due to my Dad's war injuries

my Dad couldn't build houses

as he wanted to do, he and my Mum & Dad owned and operated a taxi.

My mum was one of the first female taxi drivers in New Zealand.

I was seven years of age when she began driving. Before this she used to do all the clothing alterations for Uncle Cliff's shop.

Today - Kevin & Merrill own and operate a fabulous café in Upper Hutt.

Café Blume - 14 Main Street, Upper Hutt.

Kev & Merrill do all the cooking & baking. Food is delicious and décor gorgeous!

One of my favourite roses (and I have several in my garden) is 'Margaret Merrill'.

I wonder why?!

