

**Blog #121 - Thankful. Grateful. Blessed:**  
April 2022

I finished my last blog with a word about CHANGES as wondering what the future held if Keith's eye operations were not successful.

And then COVID struck us both. Poor Melissa. She was 'run ragged' with helping us - buying medications, groceries, visiting two or three times a day, checking we had meals, etc., etc.

COVID - not a nice experience!

But wonderful, wonderful news. The operational procedures on Keith's right eye were a success but the sight in the other eye was not able to be restored. All thanks to our Heavenly Father for answering our prayers and to the skill of the surgeon's hands. Complete rest for Keith for two weeks. So hard and frustrating for a hard-working, busy man!

Once again though, despite the operational success, when he is able to return to work he will not be allowed to drive which means that my daily routine will require big CHANGES as I drive him to and from his many places of work and then backwards and forwards between home and these places.

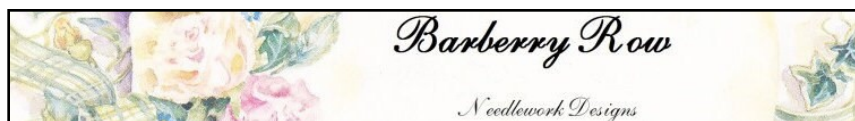
Not too much stitching this month. Just a little on the monochrome version of my large sewing scissors case.

As per usual, worked another jigsaw puzzle over the Easter weekend. One loaned to me by a friend. Very pretty. Not difficult and so very relaxing.

Unfortunately I forgot to record the title of the puzzle before returning it to my friend.

When feeling better from COVID, with the exception of the Mystery Sampler series of designs, finished the checking of all the designs that Melissa had converted to pdf format and added all of these designs to my Etsy store - [www.etsy.com/shop/barberryrow designs](http://www.etsy.com/shop/barberryrowdesigns)

A good feeling to have that task and NEW THING completed.



When Keith was feeling better at the end of the month he framed several pieces of needlework for me that had been waiting for their frames for some time.

Firstly, two of the 'Be Ye ....' series that had been on display (unframed) at Sampler Gathering back in August 2021.



**Design Title:**  
A Little Quaker Gem : Be Ye True  
**Design Code:** BARB 2054  
**Price:** \$ 25.00

**Design Title:**  
A Little Quaker Gem : Be Ye Joyful  
**Design Code:** BARB 2053  
**Price:** \$ 25.00



~ Ormentals ~  
Chart, instructions & finishing instructions for over one fabric thread are included with each design





Other pieces he framed were -

A piece I had stitched some time ago and hadn't ordered a frame at the time of finishing it

Two 'Sampler Blessing Challenge' pieces (the third piece still waiting for buttons to be added)

And my Beidermeier Sampler.



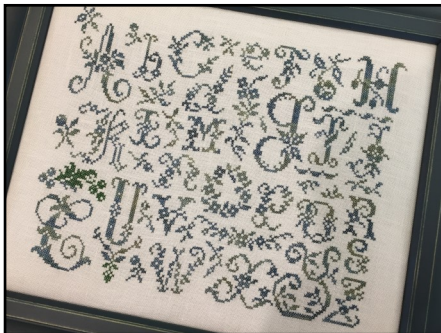
GR : SA  
Sweet Adeline  
\$ 29.50



GR : EP  
Elizabeth Precious 1817  
\$ 36.50



GR : BS  
The Biedermeier Sampler 1864  
\$ 55.00



JBW 315  
Floral Alphabet  
\$ 21.50

As I no longer have any travel news to relate to you I thought I would finish off my blogs with pics that I have received from friends and needlework customers who have become my friends, showing what they have accomplished.

The following two pieces are from friends, Joy and Carol from Havelock North.



~ Joy ~

A reproduction sampler from  
Hands Across  
the Sea Samplers  
-  
Sarah Spencer

Joy is not keen on birds and so did not stitch the birds that Sarah worked on her original sampler. Despite them not being present your sampler looks wonderful, Joy.



~ Carol ~

A Blackwork &  
counted thread sampler  
from  
Barberry Row  
-  
Floral Silhouette



Carol's favourite overdyed thread colour is from  
*The Thread Gatherer* - Belvedere Gardens (SNC 180)

Thank you Joy & Carol for sharing these pieces with me and allowing me to show your work to everyone.

May you and I and everyone reading this blog be encouraged to continually give thanks for all our blessings each day.

Our family certainly has SO MUCH to be thankful for. May God bless you all.

