

Blog #34 - Update : Frances Mary Jones Sampler

Wednesday, 25 February 2015 -

As per Blog #31 & Blog #33, I have been stitching a reproduction sampler originally stitched by Frances Mary Jones in 1862.

I have been working late into the night and sometimes beyond into the first few hours of a new day to get this sampler finished.

Have a look at my last blog to see how it was looking on the 7th of February

and the picture on the right shows how it looked on the 14th of February -

and below shows it all finished on the 23rd of February!



It really is amazing the difference that has been achieved by substituting the bright marigold yellow with the red colour of the border and substituting a softer green for the deep bottle green.

I am really pleased with it and I don't think it looks too bad with leaving the top left-hand corner stitched in the original colours.



The reason I wanted and needed to get this piece finished as quickly as I could was so that I could keep my promise to Vivien that it would be completed for display at the next Sampler Gathering.

Other than the usual venue for this event and the definite dates, no other definite plans have been released as yet, but should you wish to know a little more, to follow is information that the contact person is Judy Clearwater and details of her address. Please contact her to request that you be placed on her list to be notified as soon as classes, costings, etc. have been finalised.

New Zealand Sampler Gathering

WHEN: 31 July - 2 August 2015

WHERE: Manuels (Millennium Resort), Taupo

One has to make their own arrangements for accommodation and meals, although there will be the opportunity for attendees to join together for dinner on the Friday and Saturday evenings and special rates are offered on the accommodation facilities at the conference venue.

DETAILS OF COSTS & CLASSES YET TO BE FINALISED

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Now that 'Frances Mary Jones' is finished, I need to stitch some more sampler projects so that I will have something new to display at Sampler Gathering, as I am once again to be the merchant at this lovely event.

Consequently started on one of two quite simple but delightful Quaker influenced samplers that have been designed by Sandie of The Sweetheart Tree.



This design is available for purchase from Heirlooms.

Design Title: Olde Quaker Flowers

Code: SWT 069

*Design: \$30.00
(includes embellishments
of the tiniest little burgundy buttons)*

I have decided to stitch both designs - each one in a different coloured Sampler Thread by The Gentle Art.

*Even though burgundy is one of my favourite colours,
I have also decided to use a different colour for a change - blues.*

*This, of course, has necessitated purchasing alternative little buttons
to those supplied with the design.*

I should have some pictures in my next blog.

Sincerely hoping you have been able to find some time for stitching.

