

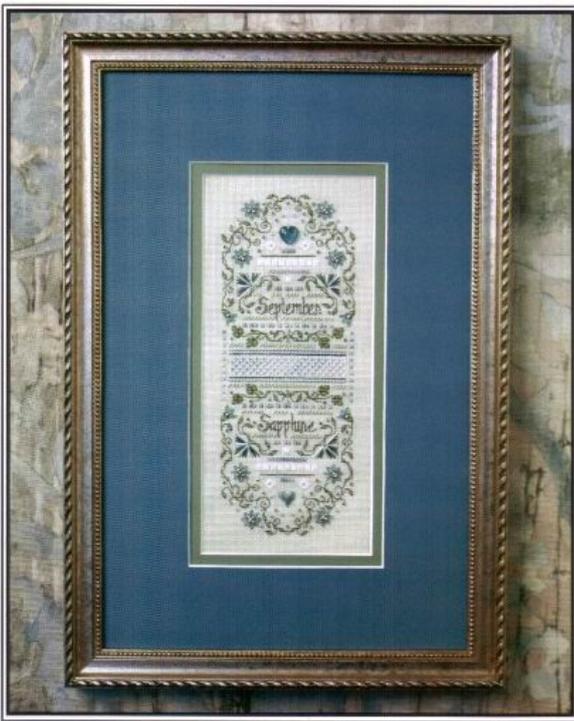
Blog #23 - Another Completed Needlework Piece

Wednesday, 10 December 2014 -

Another piece of needlework I worked on during those dark days of the month of November is a gift for my eldest granddaughter, Ashleigh. I intended to have it completed by the 22nd of September as one of her 21st birthday gifts - but at that date - I hadn't even started it!

I have adapted one of the monthly birth samplers created by my special friend, Sandie Vandosdall of *The Sweetheart Tree*. But only adapted it slightly by including Ashleigh's name and her birth date plus added a few extra needlework bands/rows into the centre of the design.

Here is the original design as pictured on the cover of the design chart -



This design is available for purchase from Heirlooms.

Design Title: "September"

Aster & Sapphire

The Monthly Birthstone Sampler Collection

Code: SWT:T 135

Design: \$27.50

(including special embellishment -
sapphire blue coloured cabochon heart)

And here is a close-up of the extra piece that I added into the middle of the original design.



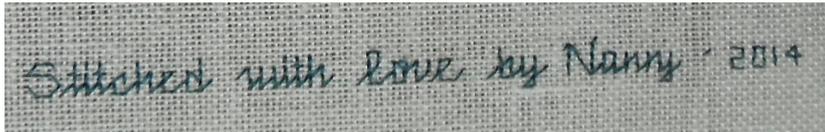
With regards to her name, I have only placed her Christian names and not her surname on the sampler.

My reasoning for this is that when she marries, her surname will change.

This sampler is in blues as her birth stone is sapphire and it features the aster flower as these are known to be the September flower.

Another adaption I have made is that on either side of the sampler I have stitched a personal note.

On one side it reads, "Stitched with love by Nanny - 2014"



and on the other side, "for your 21st birthday - Sherelyn Whiteman"



A question. Did you spot my error? I hadn't noticed it until I was putting the image into this blog.

I will have to correct it before the sampler is framed!

The word 'Nanny' - I have not worked the down stroke of the letter 'n' or the upstroke of the letter 'y'.

These words will not be able to be seen when framed.

They are there for someone to find and read in the future when it is pulled apart to be reframed.

Here is a picture of the complete sampler -



Ashleigh chose not to have a 21st birthday party.

Instead her parents contributed the party expenses towards the airfare for Ashleigh to go to South Africa for four weeks to visit with a friend there.

This friend she made whilst they were both Rotary Exchange students in Belgium during the 2012 year.

That's all for this blog.

I do hope you have been encouraged to do some stitching.

