

Sherelyn & Keith Whiteman - Home & Business : Heirlooms

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Devastated : 14 February 2023 / Images : 3 & 10 March 2023

Gate / Entrance :

Note - a couple of days after the flood Ross (son-in-law) erected a deer gate from their property to discourage looters and later he cleared the mud from the drive with a digger. Nearly 4 weeks later, only access is still with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The next door neighbour's caravan is on top of the hedge!



Driving to the house :



*And,
amazingly,
seemingly
untouched
near the
back door :*

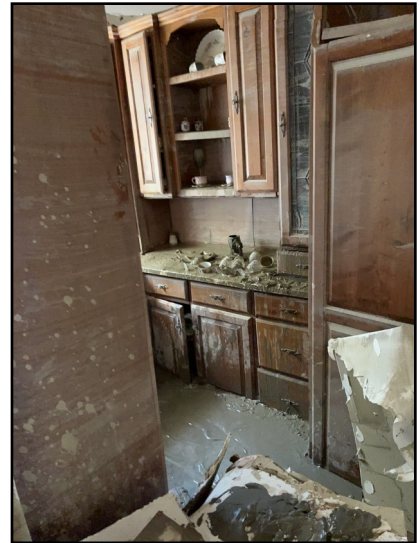


The Back Porch and Back Door into the Kitchen :



The Kitchen and the Butler's Pantry at the end of the kitchen :

Can you see the fridge door? The fridge & separate up-right freezer were originally behind closed wooden doors! But now in the kitchen. The mud/slush in the butler's pantry area is half way above the bottom of the bottom drawer. So too this deep in the kitchen area.



The Laundry and the Breakfast Nook :

Kitchen stool is in the laundry, and in the breakfast nook, Melissa is pictured trying to find anything that could be saved from the cupboards in that area.



Looking in to the Family Room from the double doors of the back verandah and then into the Hall :

Grandson Jacob made a track in the mud/sludge for me so that I could see down the hall & into the third bedroom and lounge & dining room, plus made another track to the library, but I couldn't get into the library. Such a mess and so much mud/slush.

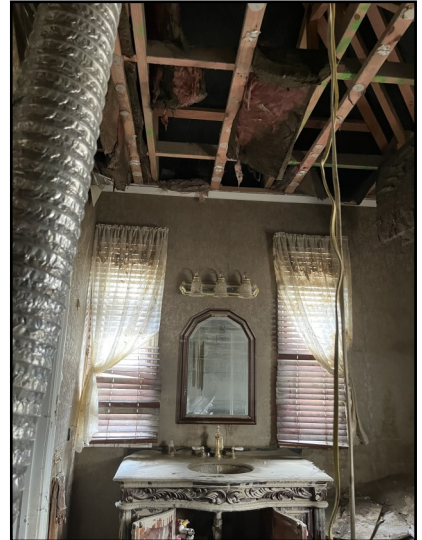


The Third Bedroom, the Dining Room & the Ensuite :

Can you see a bedside cabinet hanging from the ceiling light fitting?

*The water was almost to the ceiling height - over 3.5metres (12 feet) **inside** the house.*

In the dining room, everything was smashed to bits. I cannot find the photo. I will have to take another some time. For those of you who have visited, you will recall how big and heavy the dining table and chairs were and so too, the china display cabinet. Queen Anne mahogany sideboard also smashed. Am presuming everything inside it too. Ceiling in the ensuite fell down. I couldn't get to there. Family took the photos.



My Office Desk, my Office Shelves and the floor of my office :

The day of the flood Keith and I began packing essential documents, laptop and stitched models of my designs into plastic containers and lifting things higher off the floor - but the water was rising too quickly and high.

We eventually had to abandon this effort when the force of the water knocked us off our feet.



Even though grandson Jacob made the track in the mud/sludge for me, I could only see parts of the house. I couldn't get to our bedroom or the guest bedroom or into the library, office (as pictured on the previous page) and also not been into the Needlework Gallery. Just can't get there. Too hard for me. Mud/slush too deep.

The Garage and the Vehicles :



Note the gas bottle above the roller door in the picture to the left!



Somewhere amongst all this mess pictured to the right is all the Christmas decorations that I used to display in the house at Christmas time!



My Salvaged Needlework :

*The Garden Sampler
by
Teresa Wentzler*

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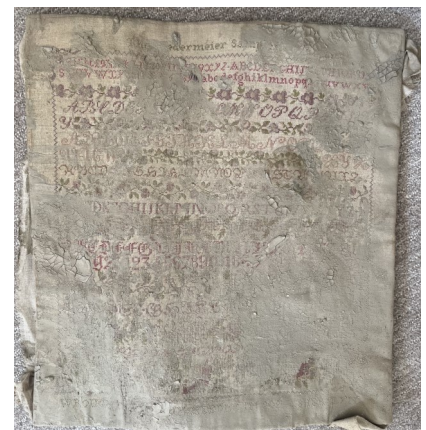
*Stitched for me
by Melissa
for my
60th birthday*



*The Biedemeier Sampler
by
GigiR Designs*

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Stitched by me



More Salvaged Needlework :

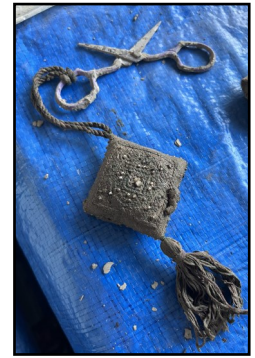
*A
Stumpwork
Name
Tag*



A Scissors Fob

*Designed by
The
Sweetheart
Tree
~*

Stitched by me



*Two versions
(stitched over one fabric thread)*

of

Family Quaker Sampler

*stitched and designed by me
for my granddaughters,
Ashleigh & Madison*



More Salvaged Needlework - new designs in progress on their scroll frames and pictured before the flood :



Tribute to a Friend



*Friendship Sampler
(plus my laptop is beside it)*

A couple of my Salvaged Treasures :

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The Embroiderer

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*Sadly
the high back
of her chair is broken off*

*She was found in the
mud/slush on the floor.
Haven't found
the chair back piece*



*Alabaster
Bust*



*As we pick up the devastated and broken pieces of our lives and our broken hearts begin to heal, we hold on to God's Word and His Promise -
"Be strong and of good courage ... The Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you
nor forsake you: do not fear and be not dismayed." Deuteronomy 31 : 7 & 8*