

# What's New At Heirlooms?

**Designs:** This month, the designs and designer (and special friend) to be featured is Giulia Manfredini of GPA or *Giulia Puntì Antichi*. Giulia is a very warm, loving, caring person. Her words are always so uplifting — so full of encouragement, enthusiasm, inspiration and compliments. She has a beautiful heart. Only sees the good in everyone and everything and expresses it in such a delightful way. Giulia lives in Italy, near Pisa, with her very supportive husband, Mario, and teenage daughter, Sofia (equally as talented as her mother). Designing is a LOVE for Giulia. During the day she is a medical doctor specialising in Nuclear Medicine and Endocrinology. Mario has told me that he will often get out of bed at two or three in the morning and ask her, "Are you coming to bed?". Giulia is also a very good friend of my other special friend, Cece of *The Thread Gatherer*. Giulia **loves** Cece's threads and consequently, most of her designs are stitched with the beautiful *Silk 'n Colors* or *Silken Pearl* threads. At the Trade Show in 2010, Giulia, Cece, Melissa and I spent most of our spare time together — chatting in each others rooms, going out for dinner, etc. Here is one of our many photos taken together.



Myself (*Shereilyn*), Cece, Norm (*Cece's husband*), Giulia, Mario (*Giulia's husband*), Melissa (*my lovely daughter*)

And now to her designs. Almost all Giulia's designs are to be finished (i.e. as needleworked items such as purses, pincushions, needlebooks, scissor fobs & cases, etc.), therefore detailed finishing instructions are included with the design. I don't have on hand all of Giulia's designs, but those that I do have are -

GPA:SET - 3 Baskets Stitcher's Sewing Set	\$37.50
GPA:FLAPPER - A Flapper Doll Pincushion	\$27.50
GPA:ADAM - Adam & Eve Etui	\$32.50
GPA:PEACOCK - Assisi Peacock Sampler	\$26.00
GPA:BIRD - Blue Bird Garden Pillow	\$22.50
GPA:XMAS - Christmas Sewing Set	\$36.00
GPA:LOVE - Everlasting Love Italian Purse	\$45.00
GPA:I-PILLOW - Isotta's Sampler Pillow	\$26.00

Giulia gave me one of the above designs as a keepsake to remember her and my Dad.

She designed this piece for a needlework exhibition that was held in Rimini in Italy. I had told her that my Dad (in 1944, at the age of 21) was seriously wounded at Rimini

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**Thank you, Shereilyn**

and was in a hospital near there for five months. Giulia is indeed a very caring, thoughtful friend.

And now to continue with more of her designs -

- GPA:I-FOB - Isotta's Strawberry Pincushion & Scissors Fob \$26.00
- GPA:I-BAG - Isotta's Sweet Bag \$27.50
- GPA:TUSCANY - My Tuscany: A Shaker Box in Italy \$42.50
- GPA:SOFIA - Queen Sofia's Sewing Bag & Chatelaine \$44.00
- GPA:TOKENS - Tokens From Italy \$31.00



GPA:I-PILLOW

Isotta's  
Sampler  
Pillow



GPA:SET

3 Baskets Stitcher's Sewing Set



GPA:FLAPPER

A Flapper Doll  
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GPA:BIRD

Blue Bird Garden Pillow



GPA:LOVE

Everlasting Love Italian Purse



*The reproduction of an antique sewing purse*

GPA:LOVE

Everlasting Love Italian Purse  
(The back & Inside of the Purse)



GPA:TOKENS

Tokens From Italy



*Text in English with complete finishing information*

GPA:XMAS

Christmas Sewing Set



GPA:I-FOB

Isotta's Strawberry Pincushion & Scissors Fob



GPA:I-BAG

Isotta's Sweet Bag

**See next page for more GPA Designs**



GPA:SOFIA  
Queen Sofia's Sewing Bag & Chatelaine



GPA:SOFIA  
Queen Sofia's Sewing Bag & Chatelaine  
(The Chatelaine Accessories included  
with the Sewing Bag design)



GPA:Tuscany  
My Tuscany: A Shaker Box  
In Italy

Another lovely design which is currently 'out-of-stock' but will be available soon, is one that I am at present stitching. It is a decorative purse. Design is of a pair of peacocks standing on a tree branch.

GPA:PURSE: *Italian Peacocks Purse* \$27.00

**Stitched Model:** In the March newsletter I mentioned that I was stitching one of *The Sweetheart Tree's* newest designs, but using different thread colours and different fabrics to what Sandie used in her original design, and that when finished that I would include a photo in the next newsletter. Well - that didn't happen. However, all pieces of this design are now finished. Design details are -

**SWT:TT 152 : Tiny Quaker Potted Flower & Fob : \$23.00**

Really pleased with the results. As you can see, I stitched the design twice. And it's amazing to see the different looks. Each lovely in their own way.



*Original design / pieces stitched with:*  
Thread - DMC 902  
Fabric - Newport Linen : 28 count  
Victorian Red & Raw



*This design / pieces stitched with:*  
Thread - Silken Pearl #10  
021 - Sweet Peas  
Fabric - Belfast Linen : 32 count  
Dusk (#409)  
**Note: This is an overdyed fabric**



*This design / pieces stitched with:*  
Thread - Sampler Thread : Currant (0312)  
Fabric - Floba : 25 count  
Natural/Raw (#53)  
**Note: The fabric was stitched with DMC 902 (before stitching the design) to create the squares. Also, created a pincushion by stitching the fob pattern over two threads.**

**Needlework Labels:** As we know from experience today, it is wonderful when we find an older piece of needlework that has been dated and signed. I do hope you are dating and signing your pieces of needlework. To help with this task, lovely adhesive labels on which to write these details and to then adhere to the back of a framed piece, are available. Besides a place for you to add your details, there is a verse on these labels which reads -

*This needlework of Mine can tell  
When a child is learned well.  
By my parents, I was taught,  
Not to spend my time for naught.*

HNG:LABEL - Label - Stitched by ..... \$1.50 each



**Photographs / Records / Insurance:** It is prudent to photograph all the lovely pieces of needlework you have stitched and place them in album, which in time will become an heirloom & a reminder for your family of you and your skill as a needlewoman. Also, this album will be invaluable for insurance purposes. So too, it would be wise to keep a record of the costs for each piece (i.e. design, threads, fabric, framing costs, etc.). Once again, for insurance purposes.

**A Reminder for You: You may request any of the items featured in this or any newsletter to be sent to you on a Sale/Return basis**