

**Blog #41 - Belgium : Here I Come .....**

Sunday - 28 June 2015

The days since the sampler exhibition have been busy for me as I have designed a new but small needlework piece, hand-written the notes for it, then typed them up and finished two models of this design. Keith helped by charting my hand-drawn chart into a computer generated one.

Here is a pic of the two models.

The only stitched difference between the two pieces is the 'D' of one has been worked in Cross Stitch and outlined with Backstitch and the other 'D' has been worked with a diagonal Satin Stitch and outlined with Backstitch.

Of course, as you see, the final finishing of each ornamental is different.

The reason for designing this piece is so that it can be published in a booklet with other designs by designers from all over the world.



The proceeds from the sale of this booklet are for the benefit of UNICEF.



This booklet will be available for purchase at the end of September.

For many years my Belgium friend, Monique, has organised the publication of this booklet and each year it has a different theme. This year it is 'Summer Dreams'. When Monique asked me to contribute a design I thought of how my dream to visit her and Gigi in Belgium, and Giulia in Italy, is to become a reality this summer and have therefore named my design, "D ... is for Dreams" and the little flowers around the letter 'D' represent Forget-Me-Nots - friends that I do not want to forget.

In addition to the booklet, every year at the end of September, Monique also organises a show for international needlework designers and manufacturers for them to showcase their wares and have these wares available for sale.

Particulars of the show are as follows -

**Date:** Sunday, 27 September 2015

**Time:** 10am - 6pm

**Venue:** 1 Sotriamont Street,  
Nivelles 1400  
Belgium

**Entrance Fee:** €3.00



**Features:** Products for sale - embroidery, threads, linens, quilting, accessories  
For sale - "Summer Dreams" Booklet (for the benefit of UNICEF)  
Workshop  
Raffle - basket of goodies for stitchers  
Cafe

Below is the official poster for the show -



## ***La Foir'Fil*** ***Textile show***

*For the benefit of l' UNICEF*  *& the library of L'ECMW*

**International designers**

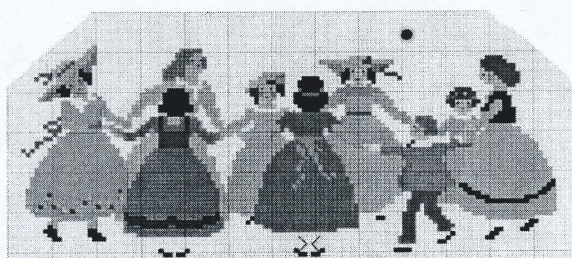
**Sunday 27 September 2015**

**10 am – 6 pm (entrance 3€)**

**Rue SotriamontStreet,1 B-1400 Nivelles**

**(Autoroute A7-E19 exit Nivelles Nord)**

**Large free parking at 20 meters**



**Embroidery, threads, linens, quilting, accessories**

**" Summer dreams" Booklet edition 2015**

**Workshop**

**Rafle « The baskets of the Stitches »**

**Restauration « Stitch Café »**

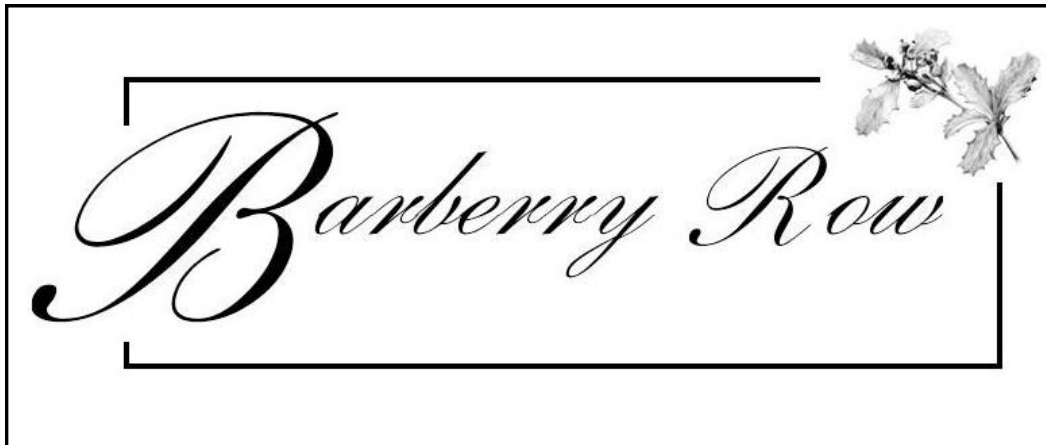
To view pictures of previous shows - have a look at the photos on Monique's Facebook page : [www.facebook.com/foir.fil](http://www.facebook.com/foir.fil)

*This is a well recognised show.*

*Ladies from all over - France, Germany, Holland, Italy, and of course, Belgium travel by car or bus load to attend!*

*Monique has invited me to exhibit at this show - and so this is what I am to be doing when in Belgium as well as enjoying all the experiences unique to that country - chocolates, lace, etc.*

*I will be exhibiting under my design company name - Barberry Row.*



*I feel quite humbled by this request.*

*I am also a little apprehensive as I will not be able to set up my site area as per usual as I cannot take any lovely props with me, but more so because I do not speak any French.*

*In fact I struggle with English at times!*

*I have been listening to a French teaching tape for weeks - and I still can't "get it".*

*I'm really disappointed as I so wanted to show the people some respect by at least being able to say a few words in their language.*

*However, one thing is for sure - and that is - I will have plenty to write about when I get back home!*

