

JUST RIGHT FOR BESS

One woman's work of art

A PAINTING fit for a queen, is how Dotlyn Sudlow-Thomas felt when she completed her JAMAICA PARADISE hand embroidered painting of Jamaica.

The picture which shows the map of Jamaica with each of the 14 parishes is done in Roumanian couching stitches and 1-1 in 14 different colours. The map is surrounded by vivid blue depicting the Caribbean Sea and the flora of the Caribbean.

Beginning from the top left hand corner and continuing clockwise are poinciana, lignum viate, queen of flowers, morning glory, bougainvillea, oleander, hibiscus, periwinkle, anthurium, allamanda, heliconia, scarlet cordia, coralita, exora, and wild ferns.

Mrs. Sudlow-Thomas formally presented this picture to Governor General Florizel Glasspole on February 11 for it to be presented to Queen Elizabeth II during her state visit between February 13-16.

Mrs. Sudlow-Thomas speaking with the SUN recently, said she had been working on the picture on and off for two years and when it was completed she thought it was beautiful enough to be presented to a queen.

Word of this work of art got around to Sir Florizel Glasspole, who asked to see the painting. He agreed that it was indeed fit for the Queen.

Embroidery art has been a part of Mrs. Sudlow-Thomas' life for many years. In fact, it was her speciality when taught art and craft.

Her involvement in this art form led her to manage the now defunct Guild Embroiders; receiving awards in the National Festival of Art and having her pictures and other work sold as far afield as Africa, England, Australia and North America.

She has made many a simple dress beautiful by skillfully embroidering delicate and colourful designs on them. Her clientele includes such distinguished persons as Lady Josephine Glasspole.

Mrs. Sudlow-Thomas says she finds her work very rewarding and enjoys every minute of it. She now works on her own under the Happy Island Embroidery label.

Her Royal achievement made for a particularly happy birthday celebration with friends last Monday, into which we did not introduce the numbers game.



A PICTURE FOR THE QUEEN: Mrs. Dotlyn Sudlow-Thomas makes a presentation of her JAMAICA PARADISE to Governor General Sir Florizel Glasspole, who in turn presented it to Her

Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, during her state visit to Jamaica earlier this month.

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