

Threads of Connection

ANZEG Conference 2026

PALMERSTON NORTH

NEWSLETTER #6 – JUNE 2026



2 weeks to go...

Welcome to the last newsletter for 'Threads of Connection' Conference 2026. We are nearly there. I hope you are as excited as the committee is. Association Day, workshops, the National Exhibition, the Merchants' Mall and fun nights are happening very soon!!!

When you register you will be handed your Conference Handbook, along with your goodie bag and lanyard/nametag. This contains the information needed to ensure you know what is happening – where and when. Do take the time to read through it.

Early morning coffee for those who need that early morning burst, there is a coffee cart on Rangitikei Line between Featherston and Wellesbourne streets. Barista Coffee is also available at the Mitre 10 café and MacDonald's which are both close to the school.

Finally – we can't guarantee the weather, but we can guarantee you are going to have a great time!

Gloria Campbell
CONFERENCE CONVENOR

National Exhibition

The selection has been made and the judging completed. What an amazing selection of work. Remember, you need to come to the Saturday evening dinner to hear the results.

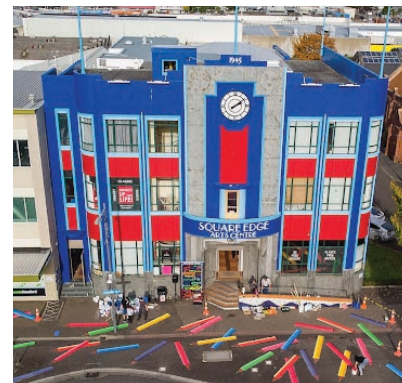
Informal Exhibition Opening – Our President, Donna Hardie, will open the exhibition on Saturday at around 10am. We are keeping this very informal due to space restrictions in the gallery, but you're all most welcome to attend.

Parking in the CBD is free for everyone until 11am on Saturday and all day Sunday.

There is also parking behind George Street in the Harvey Norman's car park.

Morning tea will be available in the Conference Cafeteria (**PNBHS Old Gym**), Featherston Street, from 11am.

Square Edge, the venue for the National Exhibition, has a café with a difference – 'Coffee and Sushi'. Just a block away in George Street are lots more coffee shops. The exhibition will be open over Conference weekend on Saturday and Sunday (July 4/5) between 10am and 4pm. After that their hours are: Monday to Friday 10-4 and Saturdays 10-2 (until July 31).



Jenny Hunter
EXHIBITION CONVENOR

MR SHARP will be on-site to sharpen your scissors on Monday and Tuesday (Wednesday if there's lots to do).

GUILD DISPLAYS will be hung in the Merchants' Mall – this exhibition opens at 12 noon on Saturday July 4.



RAFFLE

Remember to bring cash to Conference to buy raffle tickets in the Merchants' Mall. Once you see the quilt you won't be able to stop yourself! plus there will also be daily raffles on offer!



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For tickets contact Felicity Willis phone 027 476 1946 or email conferenceraffle@gmail.com
Visit the website to see a gallery of close-up photos – www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conferenceraffle

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Guild displays

You will be able to deliver your finished display to be hung between 10am-12 noon on Saturday morning. Come to the registration desk and we'll help you get set-up!

Guild banners

You will be able to deliver your Guild banner to the Cafeteria (Old Gym) to be hung around the room. These will be suspended from a rope so a cord to hang them from will be very helpful.

Mystery Stitchery powerpoint display

Many of you have put your finished stitchery on to Facebook but we'd love to share it with a wider audience at Conference. Sonya is putting all the samplers into a powerpoint so everyone can enjoy your work and all the different colours used.

Please **EMAIL** a **Photo**, your **Name** and **Guild** to Sonya at:
sonya.marie@hey.com

National Embroidery School reminders

- **ALL electrical equipment** – sewing machines, cords, lights etc – **must have been tagged and ticketed** by a qualified electrician.
- I suggest layers or a scarf when in the classrooms – we try to have a steady temperature but people's needs differ.
- Chairs in the classrooms look comfortable but they are not padded so if you want bring yourself a small cushion, please do so.
- Times will be given to classes for their morning tea and lunches.
- **TUTORS' BAZAAR** will be held at 4.30pm on Tuesday in the cafeteria (cash may be required). Everyone welcome.
- **Classrooms open at 8.45am.** Do not go early please!
- **No phones on in class.**

Wendy Johnstone
N.E.S (WORKSHOPS) CONVENOR

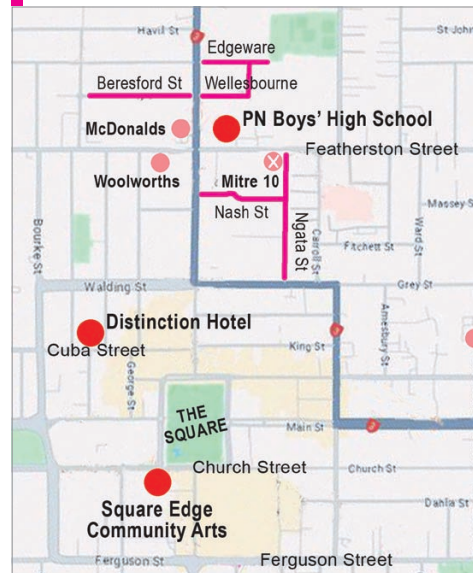
Evening speakers – venue update

Your Brain on Embroidery: Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes, our first speaker, on Monday night, has proved so popular that the venue has had to be moved to the Distinction Hotel, 175 Cuba Street, starting at the slightly later time of 5.30pm. There is plenty of street parking nearby. This is in the CBD with lots of eating places nearby. Even better, dine in the hotel afterwards!

The Art of Framing with Lars Van Uffelen is in the school café at 4.30pm, on Wednesday July 8, as previously advertised.

Parking

See Newsletter #5 for full details.



On-site parking is extremely limited so only those given a special *parking pass* will be allowed to park in the school grounds. If you have difficulty walking 1-2 blocks contact Sandra (Logistics) on 0210 439 703 to see if she can help.

If you are dropping off passengers, you may enter the school grounds through the main entrance on Featherston Street ▼



The Box or The Bag ...choose wisely!

We have planned a fun trivia evening on TUESDAY July 7. Think pub quiz crossed with Jeopardy and a dash of Selwyn Toogood! Will the box or bag contain something wonderful or will it be a booby prize? Therein lies the fun! We have been given some terrific prizes to give away to lucky contestants so join us...

Tickets are still available through the registration system.



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Important Dates:

SATURDAY

July 4

- 9.30am: **Extensions Day** at Square Edge (a separate newsletter has been supplied to members attending)
- 10am: **National Exhibition informal opening** at Square Edge
- 11am: Morning tea in cafeteria (Old Gym) and **registration desk opens**
- 12 noon: **Merchants' Mall & Guild Display exhibition** open, PNBHS
- 6.30pm: **Conference dinner** and presentation of **National Exhibition awards** at Distinction Hotel

SUNDAY

July 5

- From 8.30am: **Association Day & AGM** at PNBHS Speirs Centre (full details in Handbook)

MONDAY-THURSDAY

July 6-9

- **National Embroidery School** workshops start today, 9am-4pm

MONDAY

July 6

- **Speaker:** Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes, 5.30pm, Distinction Hotel

TUESDAY

July 7

- **Tutors Bazaar** pop-up shops, 4.30pm, PNBHS Old Gym
- **The Box or The Bag**, 7.30pm at Distinction Hotel

WEDNESDAY

July 8

- **Speaker:** The art of framing, 4.30pm, PNBHS Old Gym

THURSDAY

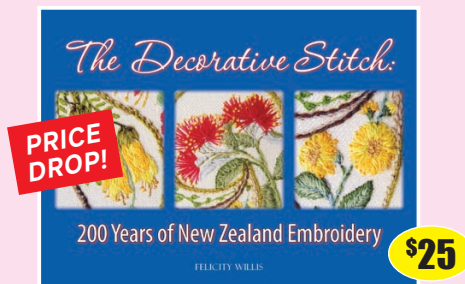
July 9

- Farewell dinner, 6pm, Distinction Hotel

FRIDAY

July 31

- National exhibition closes today



The ANZEG stand in the Merchants' Mall will have all the usual website shop products available for sale, as well as the **UPDATED Modules & Diploma manuals (\$20)** and **2027 Calendars & Diaries.**

We can't show you the covers yet because they contain images from the National Exhibition that opens on Saturday July 4... but they are gorgeous!

SPECIAL CONFERENCE DEAL

Calendars \$10_{ea}
Diaries \$5_{ea}

Conditions:

- **These prices are only available for pick-up at Conference (July 4-8).**
- **Website orders:**
 - Calendars/Diaries: Once listed on the website, they will revert to their usual prices of \$12/\$6 each respectively, plus freight.
 - Modules: Still \$20 but + postage.
 - Decorative Stitch books: Permanent price drop to \$25ea but + freight.
- Limited numbers available – first in, first served.
- If you can't fit your Guild's order in your suitcase, no problem. Place your Calendar/Diary order and pay for it at the stand, and it will be included with your Guild's Threads order in the first week of October (offer does not include Decorative Stitch books – you must take these with you).
- Cash or eftpos available.

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Extensions Day 2026

SATURDAY July 4 timetable

9am: Registration packs/lanyards for Conference will be brought to Extensions members at Square Edge, so just come straight to the gallery.

We will be in the Evelyn Rawlins room

UPSTAIRS. The elevator is on the left as you enter the main door.

Go to the first floor and [follow the signs...](#)

There are toilets on this level (mind the step up into the bathroom). The accessible toilets are on ground (gallery) level at the back left of the building.

10am: Morning tea will begin for the members (in the Evelyn Rawlins room).

There is an informal opening of the National Exhibition downstairs, also at 10am.

From 10.30am: Extensions BGM followed by a discussion topic regarding the future direction of Extensions (currently being organised... further details to come very soon).

12.30-1.15pm: Lunch

1.15pm: Guest speaker and activity.

This aspect of the day will finish around 3.30-4pm to allow people to get prepared for the Conference Dinner at Distinction in the evening.



OUR GUEST SPEAKER:



Caroline McQuarrie

Caroline who will lead you through how she engages with historical material in her art practice – how historical research weaves into her work and what strategies can be used to devise artistic responses from historical objects and images. Caroline will guide you through different strategies so you can go away with your interpretation of art, stitch and brainstorming from your historical piece.

NEEDS LIST: Your own historical or personally meaningful objects or historical photographs to make responses to – you might bring the objects themselves or photographs of them to work from.

Tools of your art practice – pens, pencils, drawing tools, stitching materials - fabric, thread, usual sewing supplies. Notebook, pen/pencil. You will not need a lot.

Or alternatively you might plan to make a written response which you develop into visual work later.

Jahn Morris Hill
ANZEG EXTENSIONS CO-ORDINATOR