



Waikato and Bay of Plenty Region

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March Regional Report

Hi Everyone, this past month has been full of stitching events, and there is still more to come in the next few weeks. We started the month with a stitch and chat day hosted by Thames Valley Guild. It was a lovely day filled with friendship and stitching and a wonderful morning tea. The highlight, however, was the unveiling of the Stitch Tui class samples. The pieces are beautiful and diverse, and I'm sure many of you have found a class you will love. The next big event was the Waikato guilds 50th anniversary. This was held at the Woodlands estate and was celebrated with a beautiful high tea. This weekend is another high point on the calendar for many - The Great Escape. I'm sure many of you are excited to attend. This year I'm not attending the main event, but will be going to the after-class - Sparkling nature. So I will see some of you there. I wish you all a wonderful month of stitching ahead.

Happy Stitching.
Racheal Clark (Stringer)

Waikato BOP ANZEG regional rep

Raffle tickets for the conference

Embroiderers from the Taranaki/ Wanganui and Manawatu guilds stitched an impressive 200, 6-inch squares, which have been sewn together to create this amazing quilt and 2 cushions.



The quilt (first prize) and the cushions (second prize) are being raffled off as a fundraiser for the conference.

Now they are asking all guilds to help to sell these tickets.

I hope you will all get behind them and do what you can.

Books can be purchased for \$20 for a book of 10. Contact conferenceraffle@gmail.com to order your books.

BGM Conference Open Forum Questions

ANZEG have asked that any guilds that have items they would like raised at the BGM to please email your questions to anzegsecretary@gmail.com

Waikato Guild 50th anniversary celebration

This year, the Waikato guild celebrated its 50th anniversary in style with a high tea at Woodlands Estate in Gordonton. There was also a mini exhibition of pieces in the estate homestead. Special guests were invited, including some founding members of the guild.



A cake cutting was done with the current guild president, Sue Howie and the first guild president, Kath Des Forges.

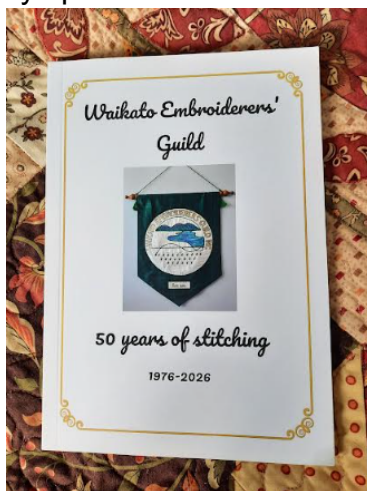




There was a guild challenge with the theme of gold - either roses or '50'.



A booklet was also produced which covered events and memories from the past 29 years. This booklet picks up where the previous guild history booklet ended. The booklet is called '50 years of stitching' and is full of photos and stories that will have you reminiscing about days past.



There are still some copies available, and they can be purchased by getting in touch with Sharon from the Waikato guild.

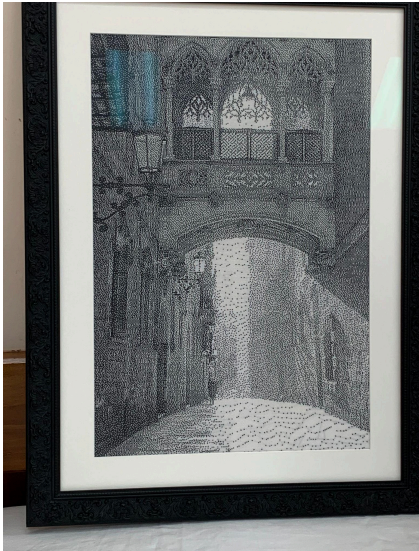
The Waikato guild's email is waikatoembroiderersguild@gmail.com. The booklet is 134 pages long and is \$25.

[Whakatane stitch and chat day - Get your ducks in a row](#)

Come along for a fun afternoon of duck-themed stitching with the Whakatane guild. May 2nd 12.30-3. Prizes for dressing in the theme. For guilds further away, why not stay the night and make it a fun girls' weekend away.

Regional Stitch and Chat day and the President's meeting

We had a wonderful time at the stitch and chat day. Thank you to the Thames Valley Guild for hosting. Here are a few photos from the day.



Stitched by Jan Jackson





From the display table

We also held the president's meeting this day, and a common theme from all guilds was how to find new members. We all had lots of ideas to share, including Stitch and sip evenings at local coffee shops and pubs, library classes, the A and P shows, school classes, and using social media. If anyone would like help exploring These ideas further, please reach out.

South Waikato Display of Work

On March 21st i joined South Waikato, who had a display of their work alongside other artists at the Plaza theatre in Putaruru. It was a wonderful day spent stitching and talking with other artists and the public about our craft. There was a diverse array of art on display, from paintings to makeup artists, and this brought in a variety of people who otherwise might not have gone to an embroidery event.



Threads + Connection Post-Conference Tour Class

Amarjeet Nandhra presents

Indian Inspired Textiles



Registrations Open

Amarjeet will be visiting the Waikato/BOP region for post-conference classes on July 25th and 26th.

The cost will be \$160 for the 2 days. There is no kit cost for the class.

A needs list will be sent once you are registered.

The location of the class is at the Union Parish Hall,
43 Queen st, Cambridge.

To register, please email Racheal at anzegwbopregion@gmail.com

And pay your deposit of \$50 to ANZEG Waikato/BOP Region 06 0299 0285070 01

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This course is inspired by the richly embroidered textiles of India. You will begin by examining a range of traditional techniques including mirror work, hand embroidery and applique. Exercises will help you stretch and redefine these very traditional techniques, and your experiments will leave you with your very own unique, contemporary sample.

Techniques you will use include:

- Embellishment – attaching mirrors and found objects
- Applique work – hemmed and sawtooth edges
- A range of surface stitches including (but not limited to) Chain: regular, open, twisted; Herringbone: closed/open; Cretan: closed/open; Raised Satin Stitch; Buttonhole (edges/filling); and Straight: running, zigzag and surface darning.



ANZEG COLOUR CHALLENGE

Last year's colour challenge entries can be viewed at the ANZEG website.
www.embroiderynz.co.nz. What a wonderful array of creative pieces!

This year's challenge is the colour green, and your piece must be 20cm x 20cm.
More details can be found in the recent threads magazine.

So you can spend the summer getting some inspiration and then get stitching!

Recent Guild Changes

If you have recently had your AGM or changes to your committee, please remember to update your details with ANZEG.

You can update the Office Bearers using the following link

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/update-guild-details>

Dates to Remember

2026

27-29 March The Embroiderers Great Escape Orewa

2 May Whakatane Stitch and Chat day - Get your ducks in a row

4-9 July ANZEG Conference Palmerston North

Friday 9th - Sun 11th Oct - Stitch Tui Retreat