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Kia ora stitchers,

Where does the month go is all I can say 😊

We had a very successful Regional Day well run by East Auckland Regional Day on the 11th of October coupled with sharing lots of important information one was the Threads Magazine arrival which looks fantastic - big shout out to Margaret Rietema. Then of course there are all the tantalizing classes on offer. I also went north and visited the beautiful Doubtless Bay region and Whangarei Guilds. I thoroughly enjoyed my stay with Lesley and Bill lovely hosts, and got to join the beading class as well which was great fun. Both Guilds have wonderful things going on and it really was a joy to visit them.

The Presidents meeting was on the 1st of November and as always it is great to connect in person and discuss and share our thoughts and how we can always improve and grow.

If you get a chance there is the Boro Exhibition in Morrinsville which I attended and it was really good, not only from the stitching point of view but also from the story telling.

Here is the link - <https://www.morrinsvillegallery.org.nz/exhibitions/>



I hope some of you have taken the opportunity to do the class on offer.

There is also the Re-Arranges Flowers exhibition at Estuary Arts till Sunday the 23rd of November which has a few of us with pieces exhibited by request which is nice to see that we are valued.

Here is the link - <https://www.estuaryarts.org/galleries/gallery-01>

I also wanted to mention that we have had a bit of a local write up in local matters this year and for those who are interested see below:

Here are the links:

https://www.localmatters.co.nz/search-results/?_sf_s=embroidery

<https://www.localmatters.co.nz/health/keeping-stitching-alive/>

I will be away for a chunk of November with my work hat on so if you want to see what I am up to please feel free to follow me on socials, I will be heading to Texas, Oklahoma and then meeting up with the rest of the Brand USA Ambassadors in LA, there are 12 of us from Australia and New Zealand. So, I will be keeping an eye out for things of interest to share with you all.

Education:

Don't forget the modules classes that you can attend on your own and or with other guilds.

Ōtepoti Dunedin Embroidery School -<https://www.oeg.org.nz>

RSN Classes <https://royal-needlework.org.uk/courses/>

Fiber Arts Australia presents an inspiring five-day masterclass with renowned Manchester, UK based textile artist Julia Wright.

'Landscape Fragments' will run 10-14 August 2026 at the David Lloyd Gallery in Hamilton. Over the course of five immersive days, Julia will guide participants through her unique approach to creating evocative, textural landscapes in cloth and stitch.

Julia is known for her beautiful, textural stitched landscapes and will share her creative process in a relaxed, hands-on setting.

With small class numbers and loads of personal tuition, it's perfect for anyone keen to play with colour, texture and composition or to take their textile practice to the next level. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

All details and registration: <https://www.fibrearts.net.au/julia-wright.html>

Here is a video link for you to check out and Inverlochy Art School

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CL9rZsWBuziyGyoGA>

Tutors: Please share your details with Jo Dixey or myself and I will get you loaded onto the website so you can keep busy

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/tutors-directory>

Extensions: If anyone is interested in know more, please reach out there could be an opportunity for a new group based in Orewa so let me know if you are keen to help set this up.

ANZEG news:

We have some positions that need to be filled on the ANZEG team, see Donna's memo for details. I am one of them so if someone is keen to step in to my position please reach out.

Mystery Stitchery

Mystery Stitchery, "Spot On" which Marie Burnand has designed. Further details in October "Threads", page 33. It's run over 10 months and costs \$35.00. Remember this is a fundraiser for the next Conference so let's all support it. Here's the link: <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/mysterystitchery>

NNIR Guild Exhibitions

2025:

Coromandel 6 -16 November Hauraki House

Counties 5- 25 November Franklin Arts Centre, Pukekohe

2026:

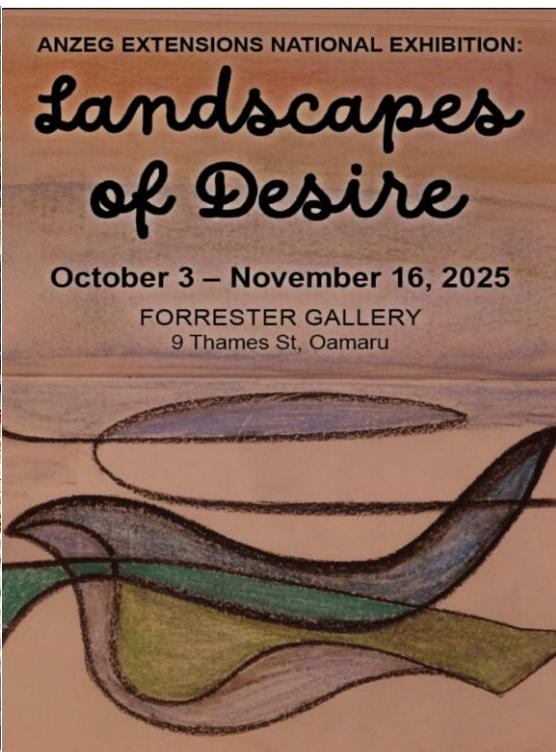
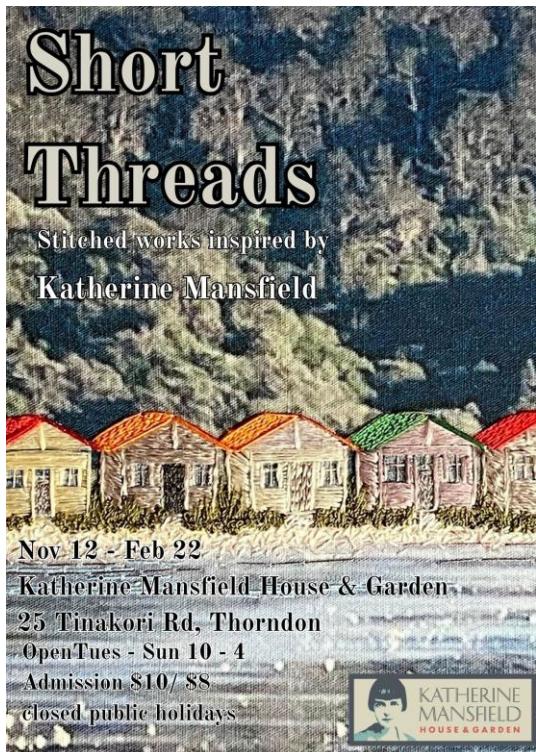
Auckland 28 Feb -8 Mar Onehunga Community House

North Shore 9 -19 April Mairangi Bay Arts Centre

East Auckland September TBA

Other events in 2025/2026

If you are in Wellington from Nov - Feb check this out! Or Oamaru in November



2026 Regional Days

North Shore - June

Auckland - Oct

Conference July - Palmerston North

2027 Regional Days

Coromandel - May

Counties - October

Happy Stitching,

Jo

The Embroiderers' Great Escape - 27 -29 March 2026

Hi Ladies,

Writing this memo is a welcome distraction from my stitching which I am unpicking the same part for the 3rd time! If only I could count!

Great Escape is moving along well; we are still receiving a few registrations and final preparations are next on our list.

Needs lists will be emailed to you late December/Early January.

Thanks to East Auckland Guild for providing space for us to display the samples for Great Escape 2026 at Regional Day. This was the last opportunity to see the actual samples; they have now been returned to the Tutors.

The Committee are now finalising the projects to be offered for Great Escape 2027; there are some beautiful pieces of stitching which I am sure you will all be excited to see in March next year.

Tomorrow is the Special General Meeting with the NNIR Guild Presidents, we will be signing off on our new Constitution. I am proud of the work the Committee has done to complete this task, and I will be very pleased when we have uploaded it to the Incorporated Societies website.

I hope you are enjoying stitching something to go into our Great Escape Display in March 2026.

Cheers Kim
Kim Wood

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