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The weeks are flying and conference is not far away. How are your entries going? I have had sneak previews of several pieces that are to be entered and they are amazing. Also, I have heard from and observed guilds who are actively encouraging and supporting their members to enter the Te Wero Tuia category. Remember that Form A must be in by 5pm on 1st May. Details in Threads and on the website.

Entry Form B or C must reach the Exhibition Convenor, Jenny Hunter, between Monday 18th and Friday 22nd May. Do not send or deliver before these dates.

New Plymouth, Central, Wanganui and South Taranaki Guilds have booked their raffle days. The idea behind at least one of the raffles is intriguing but I am not spilling the beans! Come and see for yourself. Remember you are responsible for the tickets and the draw.

I was saddened to hear that Valda Dixon has passed away. Ann Paynter has sent me the following kind words. "Valda was a member of Wanganui Embroiderer's Guild moving from the Manawatu Guild in the 1990s. She was an expert embroiderer, an inspiration to many and quietly offered advice when needed. At times she taught classes and was known to many through the region. Sadly, Valda passed away on 5th March, aged 92. She continued to stitch beautiful pieces and latterly was a loved and valued member of a small group of the senior members of our guild. Valda was one of the first to contribute a piece of work to be a part of our display for Conference 2026. Her knowledge and wisdom will be missed."

The 2nd May is "Around the Mountain" stitch day in Normanby. Do try and get there. See their flier for details. I am going to bring the raffle quilt. You will have to buy tickets when you see it. Remember the quilt would make a great Christmas or birthday present and very cheap at \$2 a ticket! Also bring your mystery stitchery even if it is not finished. It is always good to see other peoples. If you have finished yours, I hope you have sent in your photos to Sonya Wilson. Email sonya.marie@hey.com If not, we can take them for you at Normanby.

Eltham Retreat – 26-28th February 2027. This is earlier than normal to allow spacing between it and Great Escape, which is earlier than usual because of an early she is Hughes offering. It will be your opportunity to have a say in which class we choose.

Post Conference class. “Indian Inspired Textiles” featuring traditional Indian embroidery techniques with Amarjeet Nandhra , will be in New Plymouth on 21st and 22nd July. There has been considerable interest in the class. There are only 3 place left. I will shortly be advertising this beyond our region. Book now so that you don’t miss out. I have not produced a registration form. Email me to register your interest. By paying the \$140.00 for the class you secure your place.

“Feilding Stitchers”06 0629 0894 347 000 Full name as reference.

Coming up 2026 and 2027

2nd May –“Around the Mountain,” Normanby

13th June Wanganui guild’s – “Sit and Stitch”, Masonic Hall, Whanganui

July 4-9 ANZEG “Threads of Connection” Conference in Palmerston North.

July 4-31st July ANZEG “Threads of Connection Exhibition”, Square Edge,

21st,22nd July Post Conference Class. New Plymouth. (NB. This is mid week).

12th September. Manawatu guild’s workday.

Colour challenge -Green. Form A July 24th 2026, From B August 7th 2026

26-28th February 2027 Eltham Regional Guild Retreat. Tutor Trish Hughes

19-21st March 2027 Great Escape, Orewa Auckland.

