

# Threads of Connection

ANZEG Conference 2026

PALMERSTON NORTH

NEWSLETTER #4 – MAY 2026

## Not long now!...

From today (and counting) it's only 59 sleeps until we will all meet in Palmerston North. The committee has been working hard and the different aspects of the conference are coming together. We are getting excited and hope you are too! There is so much to look forward to Association Day, speakers, classes, the merchant's mall, exhibitions and of course all the other wonderful things that happen at conference! What more could you ask for! So keep the stitching going and we will see you all on July 4, 2026 for a wonderful week of embroidery.

*Gloria Campbell*  
CONFERENCE CONVENOR

## National Exhibition entries

We are very excited about the entries for the National Exhibition. The titles of entries sound fantastic and we are looking forward to receiving them and displaying them at the Square Edge Gallery in Palmerston North's central square.

**Entry Form B (or C) and your embroidery must be received by the Exhibition Convenor between Monday May 18 and Friday May 22, 2026.**

Please do not send your pieces early!

The delivery address is:

**Jenny Hunter, c/- Wilton & Co Realty,  
530 Queen Street East, LEVIN 5510.**

Each piece submitted MUST have their own Form B/C included. You can do this manually or complete it online – the forms are at the bottom of the page: [www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conditions-of-entry](http://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conditions-of-entry)

Parcels can be couriered or hand delivered – remember to attach a swing tag to the back of the work and D-rings to enable easy hanging. For the safety of all, no glass or perspex please. Insurance of the work is the exhibitor's responsibility. Refer to the Conditions of Entry on the website for all packaging and return courier requirements.

Jo Dixey wrote a piece on page 72 of Threads #91 (October 2025) giving helpful tips on how to package your work. It makes the coordinator's job so much easier if you name your work and all the packaging in which it is wrapped.

I'm looking forward to receiving a bounty of beautiful embroidery to wow the selectors and make our Threads of Connection exhibition truly exceptional.

*Jenny Hunter*  
EXHIBITION CONVENOR



TICKETS  
\$2 ea  
BOOK OF 10:  
\$20

## QUILT RAFFLE

The tickets for this fantastic quilt are selling well but we still have more to go! Budgeting for this conference has been very tight in tough economic times and the committee is doing all it can to keep costs reasonable and the extra money the quilt raffle is bringing in gives us a little buffer! Have you thought of getting these to sell at your embroidery friendship days or workdays? Take them to your interest groups. Everyone loves a raffle!

And remember to bring cash to Conference to buy more tickets in the Merchants' Mall. Once you see the quilt you won't be able to stop yourself! – it's beautiful with all its gorgeously embroidered squares. There will also be daily raffles on offer!

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



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## Important Dates:

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

**May 18-22 – Send exhibition entries in this week**

### LAST CHANCE SUNDAY!

**May 31 – Conference registrations close today**

### SATURDAY

- July 4
- **National Exhibition opens** today
  - Extensions Day
  - **Merchants Mall** & Guild Displays open from 12
  - **Conference dinner** and presentation of **National Exhibition awards**

### SUNDAY

- July 5
- **Association Day & AGM**

### MONDAY-THURSDAY

- July 6-9
- **National Embroidery School**

### MONDAY

- July 6
- **Speaker:** Ann-Marie Anderson-Mayes

### TUESDAY

- July 7
- Tutors Bazaar pop-up shops
  - **The Box or The Bag**

### WEDNESDAY

- July 8
- **Speaker:** The art of framing

### THURSDAY

- July 9
- Farewell dinner

### FRIDAY

- July 31
- National exhibition closes today

## Guild displays

How is your Guild/Extension group display coming on? The display is going to be a great feature in the Merchants' Mall for these. However, it is important that you register online that you will be bringing a display so that we can ensure space is allocated. Go to the website – under the 'Merchants' tab you will find the form to fill in: [www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-merchants](http://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-merchants)

## Mystery Stitchery display

If you've finished your version of the Mystery Stitchery spot sampler please share it with us at Conference.

## Take a photo and email it with your name and guild to Sonia at: [sonia.marie@hey.com](mailto:sonia.marie@hey.com)

Sonia is putting all the samplers into a powerpoint that we will display in the Merchants Mall so that everyone can enjoy your work and all the different colour variations that have been used.

## Parking

There is limited parking on-site for those with mobility issues. If you have not identified this on your registration form please contact Sandra Hall, Logistics Convenor on [sandrahallsmocking@gmail.com](mailto:sandrahallsmocking@gmail.com) to book a space.

The final newsletter will include tips on where to park and where to avoid! And there will also be information in the Conference Handbook.

## Lanyards

If you still have your double-ended lanyard from Conference in Dunedin, please bring it with you.

## The Box or The Bag... choose wisely!

We have planned a fun quiz evening on Tuesday July 7.

If you remember the TV programme The Money or The Bag it's a bit like that, but mix in a bit of double jeopardy and lots of fun trivia questions and you'll be close!

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 already with more promised including gift bags from Naylor Palmer Optometrists, The Herb Farm and a voucher from Max Wilson Jeweller and more.

Tickets are still available through the registration system.



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