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Morning All

Welcome to 2026! I hope you have all had a relaxing wee break and are ready to fill the year with lots of fun, friendship, challenges and achievements.

We are starting the year with the South Otago Friendship day on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at the St Johns Rooms, 7 High Street, Balclutha. Please note the change of venue. If you end up at the Creative Arts Centre I'm sure there will be a sign on the door telling you where to go. They have an exciting day planned and I'm sad that I can't make it. Have a fun day everyone.

I am hoping to make it to Southland Embroidery Guilds Friendship Day on 21<sup>st</sup> February at the Windsor Community Church, Invercargill. Look forward to seeing lots of you there.

## **SOUTHLAND EMBROIDERERS' GROUP**

# **Friendship Day**

**Saturday 21 February 2026**



**Windsor Community Church**

**Invercargill**

**10am - 4pm**

**\$5 entry**

- Southern Society of Steampunk  
Steamologists Guest Speaker
- Guild displays
- Sale table
- BJ's Colourways & Collectibles
- Bring your current project for a show & tell
- Morning & afternoon tea provided - please bring your own lunch

The following weekend is the annual Stitch Summer Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. We encourage all of you to get out in public in small groups and make embroidery visible. Don't forget to take lots of photos and send them to me and / or the Threads editor. Fingers crossed the weather is conducive to being outside this year!

The Conference invited International Tutor is Amarjeet Nandhra and there is an article in Threads giving us some info about her (page 34). Unfortunately there was minimal interest from those in our region for a class after Conference. However there will be a post conference class in Christchurch on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July. Specifics are still being worked on but it will be an Indian styled embroidery class. If you are interested please email the Canterbury Regional Rep, Jane Bell and put your name on the list. Janes email is [anzegcanterbury@gmail.com](mailto:anzegcanterbury@gmail.com)

Have you got yourself Registered for Conference yet? It's not too late but I would encourage you to make it a priority by the end of the month. It's going to be fantastic!

There is lots of information about Conference on the website – [www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference-workshops](http://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference-workshops)

And hopefully you have all been working on your Conference Exhibition pieces over the break. If not, it's not too late to get cracking.

The next Colour Challenge is Green and the size is 200mmx200mm. Time to get planning and designing for 2026! It will be Exhibited at Left Bank Art Gallery, Greymouth. See page 6 of Threads for more info.

Until next month – After all the eating I did over the holidays, I am happy to report that my socks still fit.

## **Dates to Remember**

**2026**

31 January South Otago Friendship Day Balclutha

21 February Southland Friendship Day

28 February Stitch Summer

27-29 March Great Escape Orewa

4-9 July ANZEG Conference Palmerston North

18-19 July Post Conference class Christchurch

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