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Dear Guild Members

ANZEG news:

I was only at conference for the executive, business & extensions days as I flew to Christchurch shortly after for two weeks to support my daughter & son in law with their new baby. However, I've heard lots of positive feedback about the venue, exhibition, merchants' mall, food and classes. Congratulations to the conference organisers for a well run conference.

One of the three exhibition judges, Maree Burnnand, commented at the conference dinner that there would be no exhibition if we didn't take part. Having attempted to create something for the exhibition and run out of time to complete it, it's made me appreciate what it takes to enter a national exhibition and how early one needs to start, so congratulations to those of you who did complete and enter work. I encourage you all to consider exhibiting at the next conference. Details for the exhibitions in 2028 in Waikato will be in the October 2026 "Threads", so give yourself plenty of time to plan and work on a piece!

The Tararua Region was well represented in the exhibition, with a number of local stitchers being recognised by the judges. All these pieces as well as the rest of the exhibition will be on the ANZEG website after 31 July. Do have a look as the photos will be much better than the photos I took.

Congratulations to:

- Jo Dixey for winning the Open Traditional category – "The Ties That Bind" with her piece 'Weighed Down by Tradition' and second in the Open Modern category – "Identity" with her piece 'A Tangle of Thread and Stitch'.
- Caroline Strachan for third in the Open Modern category – "Identity" with her piece 'Be Careful What You Wish For' and Highly Commended in the Small Embroideries Category – "Timeless Tradition with a Modern Spin" for her piece 'A Modern Pilgrimage'.
- Robyn Ingleton for highly commended in the Members Traditional category – "The Ties that Bind", for her piece 'Ties Across the Generations'.
- Catherine Rozendaal for highly commended in the Members Modern category – "Identity", for her piece 'Toby - A Husband's Best Friend'.

Your guild displays did our region proud. Photos of them are at the end of this memo.

Social Media:
Amongst the topics discussed during the Open Forum was the use of social media and need for guidelines for using it; and reviewing the ANZEG website. ANZEG Executive is following up on these.

October Threads articles need to be with the editor, Margaret Rietema, editor.threads@gmail.com by Friday 31st August. If you are sending images with your report, please attach these separately and she would appreciate images 1MB minimum

Tutors: Please share your details with Sandra Hall (the new Education Coordinator) and she will get you loaded onto the website so more guilds know about you. https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/tutors-directory

Modules: The revised module book is now available. Both your guild and I have a copy. Modules have been created by ANZEG for your personal development as an embroiderer and can provide a framework for your personal embroidery journey. Do contact me if you wish to know more or would like some mentoring as you do the modules.

Regional news
Reminder re Tararua Extensions meeting 2 August 2026 – Experimenting with Gel plates
- message from Maria Champion-Forster, Tararua Region Extensions Coordinator

Sue Rostron will take us through an experiment with Gel Plates. Sue teaches Gel Plate printing at the Paraparaumu Library and has kindly agreed to come to us at Extensions.

Time: Arrive 9.30 for morning tea. Class 10am to midday. Option of continuing unsupervised after lunch.
Charge of $20 for the day - $10 to Sue and $10 for rent of the premises at Waikanae Arts and Crafts
Please bring a small plate of food as a contribution to morning tea. Bring your own lunch.

Sue will have some Gel plates for us to use but if you have your own to bring that would be great.

If you are not on Maria's Extensions list and would like to join us for this session, please email her at championforster@gmail.com and she'll add you to her email list and send a needs list.

Educational opportunities
Hutt Art
Have another look at the website as there are so many good classes on offer https://www.huttart.co.nz/textileart

Karori Arts & Crafts
One day embroidery classes on offer:
- Paper Embroidery with Cathrine Lloyd
  https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/paper-embroidery-with-cathrine-lloyd
- Contemporary Embroidery & Upcycling: Not Your Nanna's Embroidery with Stella Carruthers
  https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/contemporary-embroidery-upcycling-not-your-nanna-s-embroidery-with-stella
- Quilt As You Go with Clare Smith
  https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/quilt-as-you-go-with-clare-smith

Other interesting information:
Recent RNZ interview with Pip Steel on **Boro: the high value Japanese textile art born from poverty.** Many of you will have seen the Boro exhibitions over the last couple of years.
https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/culture-101/audio/2019044935/pip-steel-on-boro-the-high-value-japanese-textile-art-born-from-poverty

The Red Dress: has been in Threads, however for those who may not have seen it here is the link: https://www.instagram.com/reels/DTCtzobCJWR/ and the website https://reddressembroidery.com/
It is also relevant to note the details about the current project "The Calico Dress". There is one being worked on in Auckland. These details will give you more information: Google: Calico Dress or Email joan.hamilton9@icloud.com.

Enjoy your stitching.

Susan

Diary dates

2026

- 2 August Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms
- 12 September Manawatu Guild Workday, Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson St, Palmerston North, 10 - 3
- 20 September Tararua Regional Group Meeting, Upper Hutt Bridge Club, 10 – 2.30pm
- 10 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Kapiti Guild
- 24 October - 22 November Wairarapa Guild Exhibition, Aratoi
- 31 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild
- 1 November Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

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- 6 March Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Mana Guild
- 19 – 21 March Embroiderer's Great Escape & 23 – 24 March Workshops, Onehunga, Auckland https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/
- 4 September Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Upper Hutt Guild



Kapiti



Upper Hutt



Wellington



Wairarapa


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FRIENDSHIP
laughter
Aroha
DMC FLOSS
For the love of needle and thread
Morning tea with friends
Sharing & Caring

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