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## Febraury 2025

Kia ora stitchers,

I have seen many of you at Town and Country in February which was another great event.

Then there is the Auckland Exhibition which is very good and well worth a visit if you are in area or want to do a day try, you can always include a stop at The Ribbon Rose as a good excuse.

Stitch Summer I did mine the day before on the bus heading into town to do a ship inspection on Cunard's beautiful Queen Mary 2, I think you would all approve.

Also, on the 28<sup>th</sup> was the Great Escape final planning meeting which was very productive and I hope you pop in and enjoy the display and exhibitors if you aren't doing a class, and if you visit then perhaps you can volunteer for an hour or two, please reach out to Kim Wood if you can help.

We also have the post conference Amarjeet details out there so please let me know if you are interested or have any questions. If I have missed you below, please let me know.

We have roles at Executive to fill if

### Education:

ANZEG Colour Challenge - *Green* - details will be in March Thread's Magazine

After class with Amarjeet Nandhra

Class 29 -30 July at Onehunga Community House this is who I have registered if I am missing you please let me know as we need 10 minimum, I will extend to others to make the numbers up.



- 1.Dawn Nicholl – Whangarei
- 2.Trish Hughes – Whangarei
- 3.Dale Berridge – Auckland
- 4.Anita Arbery – Counties

5. Deborah Payne – Auckland

6. Joanne Saunderson – HBC

7. Veronica Black – Auckland

#### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This course is inspired by the richly embroidered textiles of India. You will begin by examining a range of traditional techniques including mirror work, hand embroidery and applique. Exercises will help you stretch and redefine these very traditional techniques, and your experiments will leave you with your very own unique, contemporary sample.

Techniques you will use include:

- Embellishment – attaching mirrors and found objects
- Applique work – hemmed and sawtooth edges
- A range of surface stitches including (but not limited to) Chain: regular, open, twisted; Herringbone: closed/open; Cretan: closed/open; Raised Satin Stitch; Buttonhole (edges/filling); and Straight: running, zigzag and surface darning.



#### ABOUT OUR TOURING TUTOR...

Amarjeet is an artist and educator based in West London. She has been creating for over 40 years and teaching for 30 years. Born in Tanzania, she moved to England in 1967. This background, coupled with her Indian heritage, inspires her work. She loves to explore the idea that textiles hold our stories, stimulates our memories, and expresses our beliefs. Amarjeet looks for the hidden meanings of things, seeing beyond the purely aesthetic qualities of textiles. Her aim as a tutor is to celebrate tradition, yet help others to create a new, relevant contemporary dialogue within their stitched works.

An ANZEG National Embroidery School workshop hosted by the Taranaki Whanganui Manawatū Regional Conference Committee

**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.

Here's the link: <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/mysterystitchery>

#### NNIR Guild Exhibitions

##### 2026:

Auckland 28 Feb -8 Mar Onehunga Community House

Hibiscus Coast 16 -29 March Display at Whangaparaoa Library

North Shore 9 -19 April Mairangi Bay Arts Centre

East Auckland September TBA

Coromandel 5-15 November venue TBA

#### Other events in 2026

Stitch in Time Conference 12 - 26 July - Palmerston North

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/> for more details on all thing ANZEG

## 2026 Regional Days

North Shore - June 20<sup>th</sup>

Auckland - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

## 2027 Regional Days

Coromandel - May

Counties - October

Happy Stitching,

*Jo*

## **The Embroiderers' Great Escape - 27 -29 March 2026**

Hi Everyone,

I'm sure a nice relaxing break was enjoyed by all and lots of stitching was completed. Not long till we all catch up with each other at Great Escape.

Sadly, we have had to cancel a few classes due to lower registrations, but this is not too surprising in a Conference year.

Registrations closed on the 28th of February, this gives us time to finalise numbers for Tutors to make up kits and any required pre-class stitching to be stitched.

All the food has been ordered; no one will be hungry!

Accommodation sorted!

Raffle prizes are being wrapped- don't forget to bring your lucky money!

Traders' spots are being allocated! Lots of beautiful things to tempt you.

Steptoe goods are being sorted! Many bargains to be found.

Busy month ahead for the Great Escape Committee.

We will be needing volunteers to help the weekend to run smoothly. Please contact me if you can help for a few hours. You can take advantage of your volunteering time to be tempted by the Traders, look at the display of exhibited works and see the samples of classes being offered for Great Escape 2027.

The committee and participants greatly appreciate all help.

It was lovely to see many of you at Town and Country on the weekend.

Cheers Kim

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