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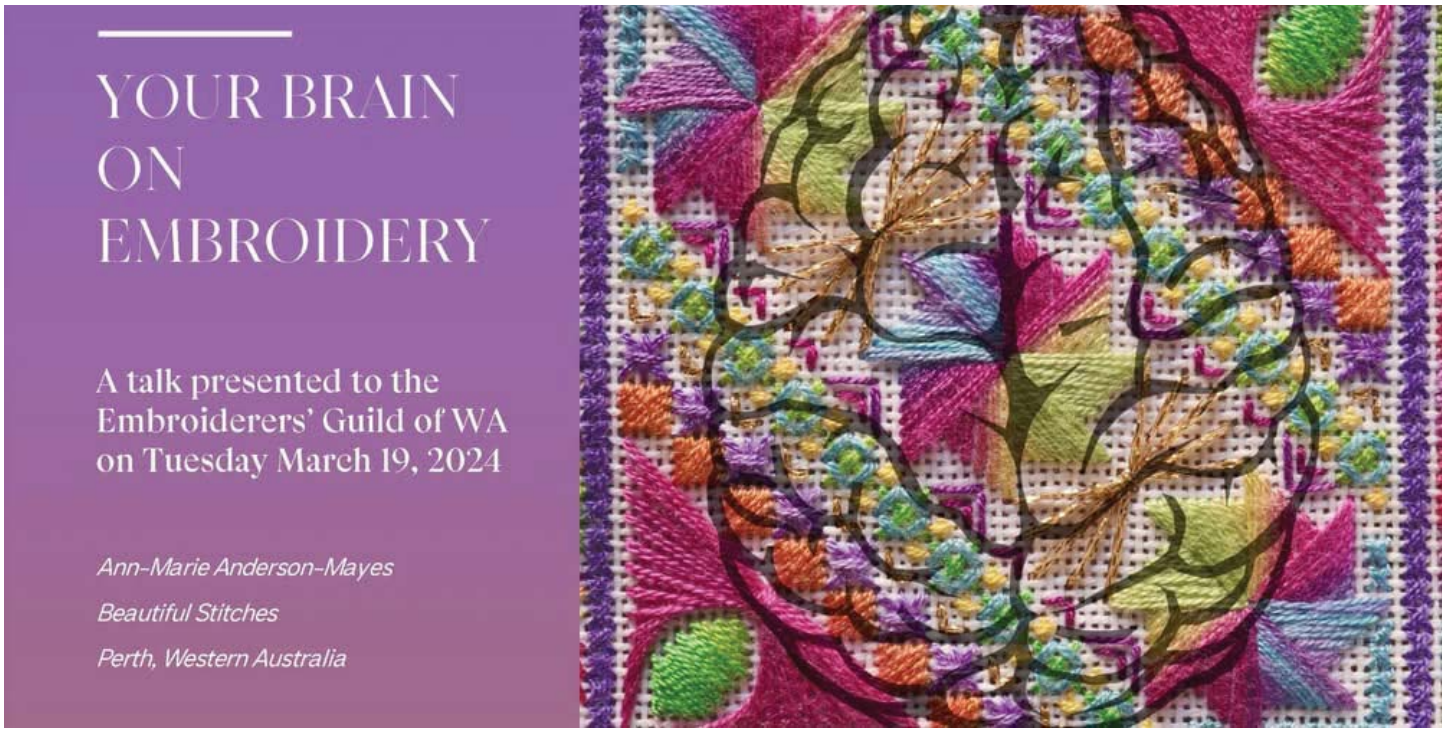
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HAWKES BAY/GISBORNE REGIONAL NEWSLETTER – 20 September 2026

Hello Everyone

Finally some warmer weather. I hope you still find some time to do some stitching.

Your Brain On Embroidery:
Here is a link for the talk about the brain and embroidery. It is about an hour long. If you click on the link, it will take you to the video which you can watch at your pace.



VIMEO.COM
Your Brain on Embroidery - EGWA Guest Talk

Regional Challenge:
It has been wonderful seeing members start working on our Regional Challenge of Birds inspired from Inspirations Magazines or Books. If you know what pattern you would like to do, let me know and I can scan it for you and send to you. Below is the poster advertising this event. I am still yet to work out a way for each project submitted to be seen by all our members. There will be three peoples' choice winners.

Regional Challenge

Pattern: Inspired by any pattern from Inspirations that fits the topic of "Birds".













When: Stitching Time is from 5th July 2026 to 31st August 2027

Timeline: You have a year to stitch this project and when finished send two photos to Tracey. One photo should be zoomed out and the other photo should be zoomed in to show your stitching.

Judging: All pieces entered will be put on the Hawkes Bay/Gisborne Website. Tracey will put together a booklet of all pieces. Judging will be by viewers choice, which Tracey will work out the best way to do this. There will be 3 viewer choice awards.

Gisborne Embroiderers Guild:

Gisborne Embroiderers Guild held another successful workshop weekend with Maria Champion-Forster who taught Wessex Embroidery and how to design with colour. There were some marvellous and intriguing results. Well done ladies, I look forward to seeing the finished products.









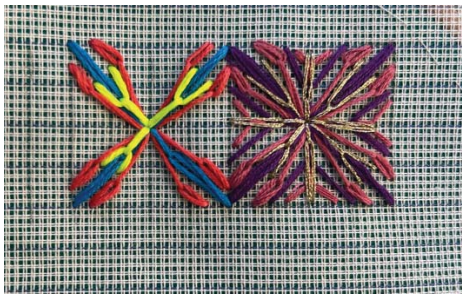


















Manawatu Embroiderer's Guild Regional Stitch Day:

On Saturday 12th September, 14 of our members travelled to Palmerston North to attend Manawatu Embroiderer's Guild Regional Stitch Day. It was a wonderful day full of laughter, networking, stitching and a bit of shopping from Hidden Hollow, The Felt Factory, a sales table and raffles. What was amazing was that we also had five Executive Committee members attending as well. Two of our members also won spot prizes – congratulations Katrina and Hazel.









Regional Stitch and Chat Day:

Thank you to everyone who came to our annual Regional Stitch and Chat Day. It was a lovely day in a fantastic venue which allowed chatter, laughter and a display of finished items.









Thinking of You




John James

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Wairoa Embroiderers Guild:
While we were all busy stitching at Regional Day – Wairoa Embroiderers Guild were having their own little mini project day making an awesome little nail file holder. Well done Lib for teaching this class. While instructions and nail files were provided, members had to bring their own choice of felt, threads, beads and embellishments. It was a great way to use up smaller scraps of felt and the last threads on a bobbin or beads in a bag. They were quick to make and could be used as a Christmas gift.





Save The Date:
Our National president would like to visit in 2027 so I am organising a Regional Visit to Wairoa on Saturday 17 April 2027. There will be one van running with the possibility of another van if needed. There will be a guest speaker on this day.

I am hoping we can hold another mini workshop in Taradale on Sunday 18 April 2027 with a small cost to attend. I will let you know the finer details once they have been sorted.

A Funny Story:
I have permission to share this story from one of our members who had a conversation with her daughter while attending our National Conference.

Mum – All people in my class today were given a condom and told “don’t forget to use it!”

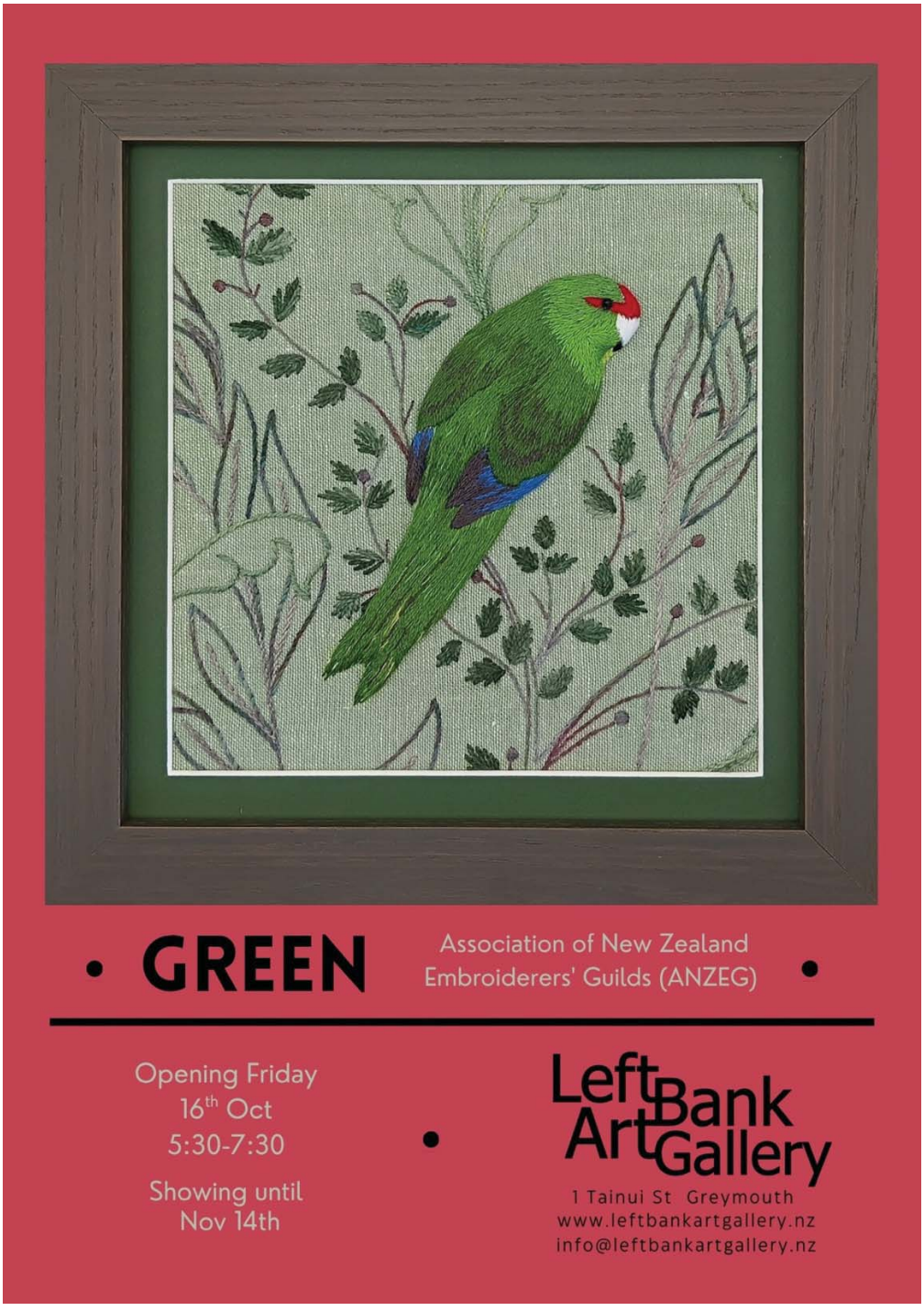
Daughter – Your granddaughter is pleased you are aware of sexual health but also says “What the hell???”

Mum – Apparently no need for husband/partner/significant other to be present. Where you have very thickly stitched area and no thimble, just slip it over your finger and the "rubber" helps grip the needle to pull it through. Apparently also helps "protect" your finger!

Daughter – Sure, ok, you stick with that story. 🙂 👍

Green Colour Challenge:
The Green Colour Challenge has been judged and results will be in Threads magazine.

The next colour challenge for 2027 will be revealed in Threads which is another opportunity to enter a piece you have designed and created.



Finished Work:












What's On 2026:

October 9th – 11th — Stitch Tui Retreat

What's On 2027:

February 26th – 28th — Eltham Regional Guild Retreat with Tutor Trish Hughes
March 19th – 21st — The Embroiderers' Great Escape - Orewa College
April 17th — Regional Visit to Wairoa with Felicity Willis

April 18th	Mini workshop in Taradale
May 29th – 30th	Stitch Away Hawkes Bay at Napier Boys High School
May 28th – 30th	Heirlooms Needlework Gallery Open
July	Teresa Duffin's Exhibition – Havelock North Function Centre

Happy Stitching

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