ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND EMBROIDERERS' GUILDS INC

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Kia ora stitchers,

After a very busy few weeks leading a wool and fibre tour around New Zealand, I have barley five minutes on the ground before my next adventure to Turkey and Greece, so I will be away from the 11th May to the 20th June, I will be at the North Shore Regional Day and look forward to seeing many of you there. There was a ANZEG meeting and this is a reminder for those who are entering a piece at conference – Threads of Connection then the dead line is 1 May then 23rd May for form B or C and 31May Open forum Questions.

ANZEG news:

Capitation - a note from our Treasurer

Capitation for 2026/27 is due for payment to ANZEG ***no later*** than 20 June 2026. The amount payable is $25 per member, and includes each capitated member's subscription to *Threads* magazine for October 2026 and April 2027.

The capitation process needs to be completed online through the website - www.embroiderynz.co.nz see last memo for instructions.

ANZEG Positions to be filled:

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.

From Gloria-Convenor for Threads of Connection



Don't' forget to your display online, go to the Threads for connection conference site and open "Merchants" and it takes you straight to the necessary document.

Also raffles to buy:

The quilt (first prize) and the cushions (second prize) are being raffled off as a fundraiser for the conference. Now they are asking all guilds to help to sell these tickets. I hope you will all get

behind them and do what you can. Books can be purchased for $20 for a book of 10. Contact conferenceraffle@gmail.com to order your books.

BGM Conference Open Forum Questions ANZEG have asked that any guilds that have items they would like raised at the BGM to please email your questions to anzegsecretary@gmail.com

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 don't forget to register:





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 techqniues, 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 let's talk 😊

Modules: please reach out to myself of Shirley Pygott who is the mentor for our region –Shirley Pygott <sapygott@gmail.com>

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:

East Auckland September TBA

Coromandel 5-15 November venue TBA

Other events in 2026

Threads of Connection Conference 12 – 26 July – Palmerston North

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

Stitch Tui Retreat - Friday 9th - Sun 11th Oct

2026 Regional Days

North Shore – June 20th

Auckland – Oct 10th

2027 Regional Days

Coromandel – May

Counties – October

Happy Stitching,

Jo

The Embroiderers' Great Escape

Hi Ladies,
2026 seems to be disappearing before my eyes, life seems to be busy for all of us! Judging from the number of registrations we have received for Great Escape 2027, the classes are proving to be popular.
Whilst we do not start to process the registrations until July, after Regional Day and Conference, if you have chosen your class, I suggest you send in your form now- before your life gets busy and you forget.
After discussions at our Great Escape 2026 debrief meeting, we will be increasing our call for more support for volunteers at our event for 2027. There are rewards for volunteering, you get to see the workshop samples for the next year and our exhibition is always a treat to see, free tea/coffee and time to pick up a bargain from the Steptoe table or other retailers, but the biggest reward is helping us to give the best Great Escape experience to your fellow Guild members and friends.
So…if you don't see a class you would like to register for, please consider helping us out, the Great Escape committee and your friends will really appreciate your help.
I am looking forward to sitting on the other side of organising when I attend Conference, and I hope to see you there!

Cheers Kim
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