



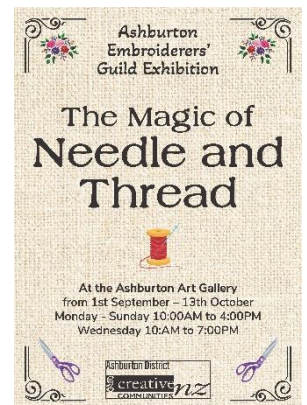
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September 2024 Memo #2

Spring is in the air, my daffodils are out, lambs are bouncing in the paddock, but I'm over this wind – it's horrid! If you are getting it too, take care of flying debris but a great excuse to stay indoors and stitch of course.

On Saturday I had the pleasure of attending Ashburton Embroidery Guild's The Magic of Thread Exhibition opening at the Ashburton Art Gallery. Congratulations to all who exhibited and created such a lovely display of work. It was very hard to choose my viewers choice. Their guest speaker Rachel Ratten spoke on improv quilting and the work she was completing for an upcoming exhibition. Rachel's use of colour was quite striking and some of her pieces on display were in frames from Spotlight and proved not everything required professional framing too look great. If you are in the area, take the time to go and view. Thank you for the invite, Ashburton.



The month, since my first memo, has been reasonably quiet. Everyone is taking a well-deserved breather from being full on prior to Conference. We are slowly working in the back ground getting things in place and had a successful first online Google meet Executive meeting.

Capitations:

It is important that every Guild completes ONLY ONE online capitation form. When several Guild's complete 2, 3 or 4 forms it is very difficult and time consuming for Amanda to have to work out which one is right, so the correct information goes in our Threads magazine. If you need to correct the details of your Guild, please use the 'Update' form and NOT complete a new capitation form. We need to help relieve some of the pressure that can be avoided at this busy time, as deadlines need to be met.

There are several Guilds who have neither paid nor completed this form – we would appreciate this being done ASAP.

Things Executive are working on:

- Strategic Plan Review
- Finance:
 - New Signatories updated and completed (in record time)
 - Charity Services – Constitution and Financial Statements submitted
- Threads Magazine – October threads preparation
- Education – Revitalised Post Bag Challenge – check out our next Threads magazine.
- Draft Constitution for Guild's – WIP and will forward as soon as possible

Don't forget to view the *National Exhibition* online – Amanda has done some superb photography; every piece looks fabulous. Snippet of Jane Siddall's entry right: <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/gallery>



50th Celebration Needle Nannies are still available to purchase from our website. Cost is \$12.00 plus postage. Or contact me!

ANZEG Website Calendar:

Don't forget if you have anything to put on the calendar, all you need to do is go online and complete the form to get the ball rolling. And don't forget to order you Diaries (\$6) and Calendars (\$12), both are stunning.

This weekend I am chief cook and bottle washer at Stitching in Tekapo. A lovely relaxing weekend for those who attend but another busy one for me and my kitchen girls. Where ever you are having a great time.



Important Dates in September/October 2024:

1 Sept – 13 th Oct	Ashburton EG 'The Magic of Needle & Thread' Exhibition
4 – 9 September	East Auckland Exhibition
8 th October	Eastern Southland EG 50 th Anniversary
11-13 th October	Stitch Tui

Thank you and remember respect our fellow stitchers and their work, we are one big family.

Happy stitching till next month.

Nga mihi nui