

23 September 2025

Dear Guild Members

Regional News

Exhibitions

What a thrill to see the "Petals and Threads" Exhibition at the opening last Thursday! Congratulations to Wellington Guild members who've done such a great job of interpreting Kate McAlpine's photos.

I've seen a video of the "Colour Challenge Blue" pieces and it will certainly be worth going to see.

I know of others who were impressed with Jo Dixey's "Glimmers of Gold" exhibition.

I'm looking forward to visiting all three exhibitions with a friend this weekend and I hope you go and see them all – details listed later in this memo.

Next Tararua Region Stitching Day 4 October

This will be hosted by Kapiti Embroiderers' Guild on 4 October, 10am – 3pm at Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu. Always an enjoyable day of stitching, socialising and purchasing.

ANZEG News

Shortly after I sent out last month's memo, Tracey Boyd, Hawkes Bay & Gisborne Regional Representative sent a link to a video posted by Sarah Homfrey for World Embroidery Day. Wairoa Guild is very proud of their newest member Lee, who sent in a video of her beautifully stitched mythical tuatara to World Embroidery Day. Lee is very early on in the video at 5 minutes 31 seconds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Rl7kHlmOEU>

The ANZEG Extensions National Exhibition "Landscapes of Desire" is being held in Oamaru at the Forrester Gallery, 9 Thames St, from Saturday, 04 October 2025 to Sunday, 16 November 2025, so if you're down that way, go and see it. <https://www.culturewaitaki.org.nz/Forrester-Gallery/Landscapes-of-Desire>

Educational opportunities and Exhibitions

Exhibitions

2 August - 27 October. "My Last ABC". Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt tells Jeanette Verster's love of visual storytelling through layered works of fabric, stitch, handmade paper, and collage. Inspired by

children's alphabet books, this series playfully reimagines the concept as an ABC for the unyoung. It's a bit quirky and cleverly done.

1 - 30 September, Jo Dixey's exhibition "Glimmers of Gold", 79 tiny humans. Old St Paul's, 34 Mulgrave St, Wellington, 10 – 4 daily. Entry by donation.

19 - 28 September Wellington Guild in conjunction with Kate McAlpine - "Petals and Threads", at Te Auaha, 65 Dixon St, Wellington. 8.30- 6.00pm during the week and 10.00-3.00 at the weekends.

Hands-on workshop at Te Auaha during the exhibition:

Plant art workshop 1pm on 27 September. All materials provided but feel free to bring plant material from your garden!

For more information & to register for workshops go to: <https://weg.org.nz/whats-happening/#events>

22 September – 12 October, 10am – 2pm, ANZEG Colour Challenge Blue – Inverlochy Art School, 3 Inverlochy Place, Te Aro, Wellington. There is flat access to Inverlochy Art School if you drive your car up the drive at the side of the house, park and then walk on the decking around to the back. You can leave the car up there while viewing the exhibition. There is a sign that says 'Wheelchair access' at the bottom of the drive but it is small and may be missed.

Classes

Those still available at Hutt Art Centre include:

Help with finishing projects, Delectable Strawberry & Temari Ball. <https://www.huttart.co.nz/copy-of-classes-3>

Fibre Arts NZ is offering three, three or four day workshops in Wellington. Details on <https://fibreartsnz.co.nz/>

Print to Stitch – Deborah Campbell, Scotland

Deborah's workshop will introduce you to exciting ways of creating your own unique printed fabrics using a Gel Plate which you will then use as collage material to create the bird of your choice.

Ink, Markmaking and Structure - simple ways to create artist book content. Toni Mosley, NZ

Toni's workshop will explore the use of different ways to use ink, Sumigashi, and drawing to create content for an alternative artist book structure.

Fusion – Combining Paper and Fibre - Eszter Bornemisza - Hungary (workshop full - waiting list)

Eszter's workshop explores a wide range of techniques for fusing paper with textiles. Participants will experiment with various types of paper-including tissue paper, mulberry paper, newsprint, computer prints and paper pulp and apply them to fabrics with different textures.

If you're in other parts of NZ, check the ANZEG calendar for events & exhibitions

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/calendar>

Arts trails coming up

Upper Hutt 11 - 12 October https://www.instagram.com/p/DOwRM_rEgJj/

<https://www.facebook.com/events/upper-hutt-new-zealand/upper-hutt-art-trail-2025/1670586890314435/>

11 October - Well Made Craft Festival at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt, 10am – 2pm

<https://www.whirinakiarts.org.nz/events/current-events/well-made-craft-festival-2025/>

Lower Hutt 18 – 19 October 10am – 4pm & includes Jo Dixey in her studio

https://www.lowerhuttarttrail.co.nz/the_trail/map.html

Kapiti 1-2 and 8-9 November <https://www.kapiticoastarttrail.co.nz/>

Enjoy the opportunities to look, learn and stitch.

Susan

Diary dates (also see Calendar page 4 in “Threads” and <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/calendar>)

- 1st Sunday monthly - Kapiti Extensions Group - open to members from all guilds, meets at Waikanae Arts & Craft Rooms. Contact Donna Kennedy 0212550519 donna.kennedy72@outlook.com
- Until 5 October “Margery Blackman: Weaving, Life” surveys the life’s work of artist and textiles scholar Margery Blackman. Dowse Art Museum
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- 4 October – Tararua Region Stitching Day at Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa St, Paraparaumu, hosted by Kapiti Embroiderers’ Guild
- 5 October ANZEG Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Rooms
- 11 - 12 October – Upper Hutt Arts Trail
- 11 October - Well Made Craft Festival at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt, 10am – 2pm
- 18 - 19 October HobbyEx at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt
- 18 - 19 October – Lower Hutt Arts Trail
- 1 November – Tararua Regional Group (Presidents & Secretaries) meeting Hutt Art Centre
- 1 - 2 & 8 - 9 November – Kapiti Arts Trail
- 27 - 29 March 2026 - The Embroiderers’ Great Escape
<https://embroiderersgreatestescape.com/classes-2026/#C1>
- 2 – 3 May, 2026 Tararua Region Guilds’ Annual Retreat, Copthorne Solway, Masterton
- 4 - 9 July 2026 – ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North