

Canterbury Region Report October 2025

The last few weeks have been busy with lambing here at home and most days trying not to be blown away by the strong Nor' West winds.

Late September I attended Nelson Guild's "What a Weekend" spending the time connecting with those attending. Classes were buzzing with activity, the merchants were well supported, and there was lots of fellowship over the weekend. A highlight for me was the incredible embroidery display of work from the children and young adults who attend the Nelson Guild classes. See photos below. Truly inspiring.

I also had a chance to talk with Karen Richards fresh back from her "Kings Service Medal" investiture along with photos of her and Dame Cindy Kiro and the many beautiful textiles Karen spotted at Government House.



Mrs Karen Richards, of Richmond, KSM for services to textiles history and conservation

Conference 4-9 July 2026

Threads magazine is out with "Threads of Connection Conference" information and classes. Also look on the website to see more photos of the class pieces <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-workshops> Registration opens 12 November.

The link for information for the exhibition category <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-exhibitions>

Remember there is also the Te Wero Tuia that featured in the April Threads.

Amarjeet Nandhra is the ANZEG invited tutor for Conference 2026. There is more information on Amarjeet's embroidery in the Threads and on her website www.amarjeetnandhra.com. There maybe an opportunity to host Amarjeet in the Canterbury Region for an after conference class. Please contact me if you would be interested in this opportunity.



Colour Blue Exhibition

The ANZEG Colour Blue Exhibition is on display at Aigantighe Art Gallery along side Aoraki's Keep Calm and Stitch. The joining of these two exhibitions truly gives an impressive display of Embroidery. I really do encourage you to view if you are in Timaru, and see several of our Canterbury embroiderers feature in the Colour Blue Exhibition. A special mention to Fiona Crowther-Aker for her stunning Blue Lotus and dragonfly gaining the merit prize.

Tapestry trust Suffrage Panel

Canterbury Guild have the Tapestry Trust Suffrage panel that is being worked on by members. If you were interested in joining with them at Kate Sheppard House Christchurch 15-16 November, 1-3PM.

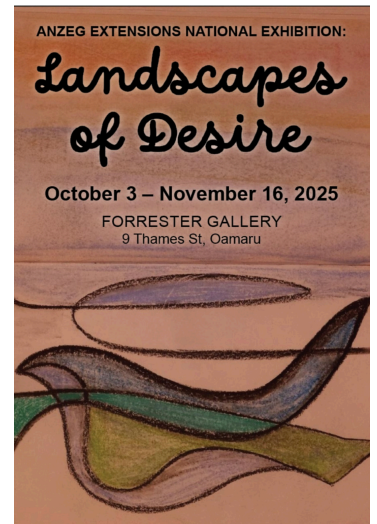
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Wellington and Oamaru

If you are in Wellington over the summer you might be interested in this exhibition. I certainly would love to view it as Katherine Mansfield is one of my favourite authors.

Oamaru has the ANZEG Extensions exhibition until 16 November and also inspiring to view.



For many Guilds this time of year is AGM time. I encourage you to think of putting yourself forward for positions on your Guild Committee. Remember if everyone helps in a small way it makes the overall experience easier for all

I was very fortunate to be able to attend a recent Jane Nicholas workshop hosted by the Wanaka Guild. Jane Nicholas's embroidery was the inspiration that started me on my embroidery journey so for me this week was even more special.

As the quote says.....there is nothing quite like the feeling of accomplishment you get after finishing an embroidery piece..... I am enjoying working this piece from class and look forward to finishing it.



Upcoming events

8 November Aoraki Friendship Day

27 - 29 March 2026 - The Embroiderers' Great Escape <https://embroiderersgreatescape.com>

4 - 9 July 2026 – ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North

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