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Dear Guild Members

Regional news

Regional exhibition 2027 – our big news!

From the Exhibition Planning Committee:

Tararua Region will host a Regional Exhibition in the Bottle Creek Gallery at Pātaka Art + Museum, Porirua, between 4 December 2027 and 28 February 2028 — an exciting opportunity to showcase our work. The exhibition, titled "Echoes in Thread", invites inspiration from anywhere: nature, your garden, architecture, or the places where you look, explore, and create. We will offer mini tutorials on turning inspiration into design, presenting your work at its best, and pricing pieces for sale. We encourage you to have a go.

From me, Susan:

In October 2023 the Tararua Regional Group (TRG) began discussions about having a regional exhibition on the western side of the Tararuas. A concept plan was presented to the TRG in July 2024, an exhibition planning committee was appointed by the TRG to implement it and work has continued on planning it since then. It has been challenging to find a gallery willing to host an exhibition for an extended period of time to a wide range of the public, so we are delighted Pātaka Art + Museum will be hosting it.

Do take up the learning opportunities associated with the exhibition being planned for the next year, opportunities to extend and at times, challenge you in your embroidery journey.

Upcoming regional activities

Do support these activities as the host guilds put in a lot of work for you to enjoy the opportunity to mix with other guilds, see what others are creating, shop for new supplies and have an enjoyable day out.

- 10 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Kapiti Guild
  If you had a piece selected for the National Exhibition, please bring it to exhibit at this stitch day. Also, guilds please bring your conference Guild Display. This gives those who couldn't get to conference a chance to see our regional talent!

- "The Art of Stitch 2026" Exhibition, Wairarapa Guild's exhibition at Aratoi, 24 October - 22 November
  Opportunity to be a guest exhibitor (forms attached) - let's take up this offer.
  Wairarapa Guild has invited the other Tararua Guilds to be guest exhibitors and there will be a special award & prize for the winner of the guests' section. A great opportunity to show your work.

If you've got something to exhibit, don't let distance be a barrier to getting it to/from the exhibition. Last time we arranged to get them to the Wairarapa and back so bring them to the Stitch Day at Kapiti on 10 October in their labelled bags or talk to your president or me and we'll do the same again.

Make a day trip to see the exhibition. There's great café next door to Aratoi, plus shopping opportunities in the Wairarapa.
Aratoi is now open Tuesday – Sunday: 10:00am – 3:00pm. Monday: Closed
Admission: Masterton residents $2, all other visitors: $5, Children 16 and under: Free
Friends of Aratoi: Free

- 31 October, 10am – 3pm Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild
  At the Masonic Village 35 Edith St, off Upper Plain Rd, Masterton. $5 entry includes 3 raffle tickets, morning & afternoon tea, traders, raffles, viewer's choice prize. Bring your lunch.

Reminder re winning Viewer's Choice prizes at regional events as agreed by the TRG in 2025
Work can be entered in any of the Tararua regional events such as regional stitch days hosted by a guild, exhibitions or the regional retreat more than once in a calendar year, but if it is a winner at any of these events, it cannot be re-entered. However, it can be on display at subsequent events.

Sharing administrative tasks across the region

At our TRG meeting on 20 September we began seeing the benefit of using Google Drive: minutes were displayed on screen for all to view while being typed so they could be amended in real time; we were learning how to share, access and modify documents so we don't have to reinvent the wheel regarding many administrative documents, policies & processes.

We're thrilled Tracey Boyd, Hawkes Bay Gisborne Regional Rep has prepared a set of guides for setting up and using social media as this has saved us a lot of work.

Tararua Extensions, 1st November – note from Maria Champion-Forster

The next Tararua Extensions Day is Sunday 1st November and we are doing a dyeing session with Fiona from Fibre Arts/Felted & Stitched, held at the Waikanae Arts and Crafts Rooms. It will start at 9.30am with morning tea and 10.00 for the class. The dyeing session will take 3 hours as Fiona is going to include some Procion dyeing as well. Lunch will be at 1pm.

The cost for the day will be $30: $10 rent, $10 per person for the dye chemicals etc and $10 as a contribution to Fiona's hourly charge. Bring your own lunch and something to share for morning tea.

If you wish to attend please email Maria at championforster@gmail.com. If too many people apply (there are 2-5 spots open at the moment) she will add you to the waiting list.

ANZEG news

October 16 – November 14 "Green Challenge", Left Bank Art Gallery Greymouth. Poster attached. I've heard there is lovely work so go and see it and tell others if in the area, otherwise it will soon be in the Gallery on the ANZEG website.

Exhibitions

September 8-December 13 Dirty Little Secrets: Silenced Voices. Parliament Buildings (Exhibition about lived experience of adoption in NZ)

Educational opportunities

Wellington Embroiderers' Guild have organised a 'Spring into Stitching' event full of workshops, community connection and a celebration of spring. All are welcome to attend the workshops! Flyers have been sent to guilds.

Saturday 24 October 2026
10:00am – 4:00pm
Karori Arts & Crafts Centre, 7 Beauchamp Street, Karori

Website where you can find more info: https://weg.org.nz/whats-happening/#SpringintoStitching
And register here: https://weg.org.nz/registration-form/
Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/share/1CGX3toewk/

Hutt Art Textile Arts https://www.huttart.co.nz/textileart
Several classes still available between now and Christmas.

Karori Arts & Crafts
Cathrine Lloyd is running a workshop on "Embellishing Printed Fabric" on Saturday, 31 October
https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/embellishing-printed-fabric-with-cathrine-lloyd

Both Art Centres have classes which can include beginners, something you can encourage friends to try.

Arts Trails - October seems to be the month for Arts Trails in the region.
Upper Hutt
Well Made Craft Festival Saturday 10 October | 10.00am - 2.00pm WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA
https://www.whirinakiarts.org.nz/events-and-tickets/current-events/well-made-craft-festival-2026
Upper Hutt Arts Trail Sat 10th — Sun 11th October 10am — 4pm WHIRINAKI WHARE TAONGA & other venues https://www.upperhuttarttrail.nz/

Lower Hutt
17 and 18 October 2026, 10.00am-4.00pm. The event will feature over 50 artists from across the Lower Hutt Region, from Taita to Eastbourne. https://www.lowerhuttarttrail.co.nz/ Includes Jo Dixey

Kapiti
Labour weekend (24-26 October) and the following weekend (31 Oct-1 Nov)
https://www.kapiticoastarttrail.co.nz/
Includes Caroline Strachan Textile artist - search for Fibre/Textiles under participating artists.
Caroline would love to see you and is happy to provide a cuppa if you pop in.

Enjoy your stitching.
Susan

Diary dates

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- 24 October Wellington Embroiderers' Guild 'Spring into Stitching'
- 24 October - 22 November “The Art of Stitch” Wairarapa Guild Exhibition, Aratoi
- 31 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild
- 1 November Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

2027

- 6 March Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Mana Guild
- 19 – 21 March Embroiderer’s Great Escape & 23 – 24 March Workshops, Onehunga, Auckland https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/
- 22 & 23 May Tararua Regional retreat, Copthorne Solway
- 4 September Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Upper Hutt Guild



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Association of New Zealand Embroiderers' Guilds (ANZEG)

Opening Friday
16th Oct
5:30-7:30

Showing until
Nov 14th

Left Bank Art Gallery

1 Tainui St Greymouth
www.leftbankartgallery.nz
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