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Kia ora stitchers,

Well, this last month has been all about the exhibition and I hope you get the opportunity to visit and cast your viewer's choice. I would like to make a special mention Shirley Pygott, Kim Wood, Sue Barns, Sue Reid and Robyn Vallom for their help either before, after and or during this event, it takes many hands to make it all come together. To our Judges, Anna Deacan and Trish Hughes who spent hours going through all the pieces. Plus, all the staff at Estuary Arts who do such a great job to make it look fabulous. We had around 114 pieces and the work on display was being ooh'd and aah'd before we had finished setting up. Well done to all who put a piece in, we cannot have these exhibitions unless we have you to enter your pieces in.

The winners - A big congratulations to you all 😊

Praise of the Needle:

Winner: **Liz Kennedy - E&L**

Second: **Karen Vernon - NS**

Highly Commended: **Andrea Old - AEG**

The Dorothy Clarke Traditional Award:

Winner: **Elena Stalman - AEG**

Second: **Heather Constantine - Coromandel**

Highly Commended: **Shirley Pygott - Warkworth**

The Open Award: Theme: Memories and Moments:

Winner: **Yoke Helwes-Markens - AEG**

Second: **Helen Milbank - AEG**

Highly Commended: **Kristen Raynor - AEG**

Extensions Award: Theme: Moments in Time:

Winner: **Shirley Pygott - Warkworth**

Second: **Donna Rowan - Whangarei**

Highly Commended: **Warkworth Extensions Group**

First time entrant:

Winner: **Yoke Helwes-Markens - AEG**

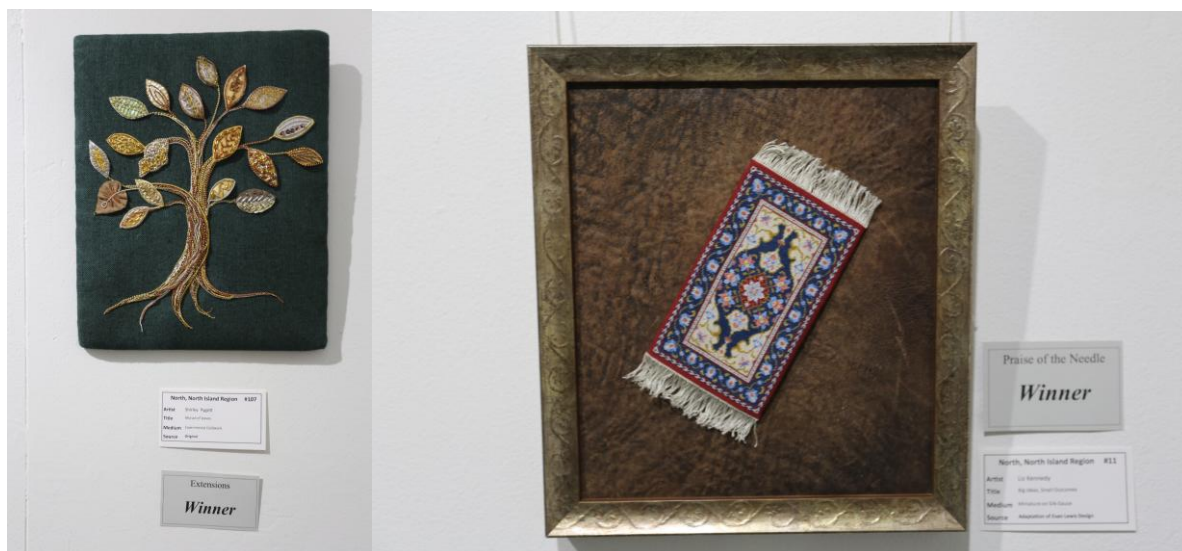


Winner of the Dorothy Clarke Traditional Award - Elena Stalman with Trish Hughes and Jo Saunderson (left)

Winner of Praise of the Needle Liz Kennedy with Trish and Jo (right)



Highly Commended - Extensions Moment in Time award - Robyn, Jennifer, Helen, Susan and Jo from Warkworth Extension with Anna Deacon (absent Shirley, Mona, Donna, Kim, Toshi and Dawn)



Winner of the Extensions Moment in Time piece by Shirely Pygott (left) and Winner of Praise of the Needle piece by Liz Kennedy (Right)

I will share more photos on socials and in Threads or pop in and take a look 😊

Education:

Don't forget the modules classes that you can attend on your own and or with other guilds.

Ōtepoti Dunedin Embroidery School -<https://www.oeg.org.nz>

RSN Classes <https://royal-needlework.org.uk/courses/>

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 in know more, please reach out.

ANZEG news:

Obituaries reminder:

ANZEG Executive has agreed to a change in how deceased members will be remembered. If they are of regional significance; regional representatives will acknowledge them in their monthly memos. The passing of members who have national significance, will be acknowledged in 'Threads'.

Mystery Stitchery

Mystery Stitchery, "Spot On" which Marie Burnand has designed.

Further details in October "Threads", page 33. It's run over 10 months and costs \$35.00.

Remember this is a fundraiser for the next Conference so let's all support it. Here's the link:

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

Dates to remember: Regional Days: 2025:

East Auckland 11th October

NNIR Guild Exhibitions

2025:

Coromandel 6 -16 November Hauraki House

Counties 5- 25 November Franklin Arts Centre, Pukekohe

2026:

Auckland 28 Feb -8 Mar Onehunga Community House

North Shore 9 -19 April Mairangi Bay Arts Centre

East Auckland September TBA

NNI Exhibition at Orewa Estuary Arts:

25 August to 21 September 2025

Our opening invite is 3pm on Saturday 30th August with nibbles and drinks.

Presidents or Secrteries please RSVP to me with rough numbers.

(I don't need separate emails from individuals or I just get emailed swapped, and indication is fine for catering perposes, many thanks)

Other events in 2025

Stitch Tui - 3 -5 October

NZ Sampler Gathering August 1 -3 Taupo

2026 Regional Days

North Shore - May

Auckland - Oct

Conference July - Palmerston North

2027 Regional Days

Coromandel - May

Counties - October

Happy Stitching,

Jo

The Embroiderers' Great Escape - 27 -29 March 2026

Hi Everyone,

I was privileged to help with the hanging of our current Regional Exhibition, as we unwrapped each piece of work, we were once again amazed at the skills of all of us! We can all pat ourselves on the back, it is a wonderful exhibition. Please make time to go up to Estuary Arts, enjoy looking and be inspired!

It always brings me joy to see many completed projects from the Great Escape classes, this shows our Great Escape Committee that we chose classes you wanted to do and when the project is completed, we know you enjoyed the class.

Registrations for Great Escape 2026 are still arriving in our inbox, some classes are proving to be very popular. The last opportunity to see the samples for next years classes will be at Regional Day on 11 th October hosted by East Auckland Guild, after that the samples will be returned to the tutors. We will also hold our Great Escape Annual Meeting at this event.

Your committee are working hard on rewriting our constitution to comply with the Incorporated Society's new rules. We are also looking at classes we will offer to you for Great Escape 2027. If you see an embroidery style created by an Australian or New Zealand tutor that you would enjoy, please let the committee know and we will try and include that tutor in our lineup. We are always on the lookout for new tutors for our event.

I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at Regional Day

Cheers Kim

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