



Waikato and Bay of Plenty Region

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Hi Everyone,

The month ahead is filled with great embroidery-related activities to keep us all busy! I hope you all will have a chance to get involved with at least one.

Stitch Summer is taking place this weekend, then we have our Stitch and Chat day hosted by the Thames Valley Guild in Waihi on the 7th of March. We will also be having our president's meeting that day.

Then the following weekend is the Waikato guild's 50th anniversary celebration at the Woodlands estate. From the 18th to the 20th of March is the Opotiki Guilds display of work at the Opotiki Art Society Hall, which they invite all to attend.

Then rounding out the month is the Great Escape! Phew, what a month for embroidery it is!

Registrations have been coming in well for Amarjeets post conference class in Cambridge, and there are only a few spaces left, so if you are thinking of registering, don't delay!

In the last newsletter i mentioned that I visited the Whakatane guild, but I forgot to include details of my visit, so they are in my newsletter today.

With so much on i'm looking forward to seeing many of you over the next month. Be sure to come and introduce yourself and show me what you are stitching!

Happy Stitching.
Racheal Clark (Stringer)

Waikato BOP ANZEG regional rep

[Stitch Summer](#)

I hope you have fun this Saturday and send me some photos of what your guild has done.



Raffle tickets for the conference

Embroiderers from the Taranaki/ Wanganui and Manawatu guilds stitched an impressive 200, 6-inch squares, which have been sewn together to create this amazing quilt and 2 cushions.



The quilt (first prize) and the cushions (second prize) are being raffled off as a fundraiser for the conference.

Now they are asking all guilds to help to sell these tickets.

I hope you will all get behind them and do what you can.

Books can be purchased for \$20 for a book of 10. Contact conferenceraffle@gmail.com to order your books.

Whakatane visit

In January i visited the Whakatane guild and was greeted with such wonderful hospitality. There were many laughs had and delicious food eaten. Thankyou so much for the lovely supper!



Both Emmeline and her mum Karen, are working on this project from this book by Cherry Parker



This is Emmeline's piece so far. Isn't it cute? It's going to look amazing when it's all done.

This mystery stitch piece was stitched by Peta. I love that she has put all her stitching retreat badges on there.



While visiting i also posed the question- 'What can I as a regional rep do to help you as a guild' and 'What would you like ANZEG to do to support the guilds'.

This is something I will be asking all the guilds when I visit.

This led to some interesting answers and discussions about

- A centralised education campaign promoting embroidery
- Uploading tutorial videos for beginners on the ANZEG website
- Increasing visibility of guilds online using sites such as instagram, tiktok and Facebook.
- Making short, humorous videos to increase interest in the guilds and dispel myths
- Look at ways the guilds can be welcoming to new members, and each guild would need to consider how they would do that.

This is something for all guilds to consider as we think about the future of embroidery guilds.

All in all, a great visit, I loved meeting everyone and hearing fresh ideas. I look forward to seeing Whakatane guild members at events in the future. Thankyou all!

[Opotiki exhibition](#)

Opotiki Guild has an exhibition coming up from the 18th to the 20th of March at the Opotiki Art Society Hall. The theme is '40 years of stitching', and members have been encouraged to pull out pieces they have made over the last 40 years that may not have previously been seen.

If you have the time to go and see the exhibition, they would love to see you.



Regional Stitch and Chat day and the President's meeting

The next regional stitch and chat day is being hosted by the Thames Valley Guild on March 7th. I have attached the flyer for the full details. This will also be the day the Stitch Tui classes and samples will be revealed. So you won't want to miss this!

The president's meeting will also be held on this day from 1.30 to 3.

Name Badges for the stitch and chat day

Please encourage all your members to wear their name badges at the stitch and chat day. I will have some spot prizes for the most eye-catching badges. So feel free to jazz up your existing badges with some sparkly thread, feathers, sequins or lights! Be creative and have some fun!



Amarjeet Nandhra presents

Indian Inspired Textiles



Registrations Open

Amarjeet will be visiting the Waikato/BOP region for post-conference classes on July 25th and 26th.

The cost will be \$160 for the 2 days. There is no kit cost for the class.



A needs list will be sent once you are registered.
The location of the class is at the Union Parish Hall,
43 Queen st, Cambridge.

To register, please email Racheal at anzegwbopregion@gmail.com
And pay your deposit of \$50 to ANZEG Waikato/BOP Region 06 0299 0285070 01

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This course is inspired by the richly embroidered textiles of India. You will begin by examining a range of traditional techniques including mirror work, hand embroidery and applique. Exercises will help you stretch and redefine these very traditional techniques, and your experiments will leave you with your very own unique, contemporary sample.

Techniques you will use include:

- Embellishment – attaching mirrors and found objects
- Applique work – hemmed and sawtooth edges
- A range of surface stitches including (but not limited to) Chain: regular, open, twisted; Herringbone: closed/open; Cretan: closed/open; Raised Satin Stitch; Buttonhole (edges/filling); and Straight: running, zigzag and surface darning.

ANZEG COLOUR CHALLENGE

Last year's colour challenge entries can be viewed at the ANZEG website.
www.embroiderynz.co.nz. What a wonderful array of creative pieces!

This year's challenge is the colour green, and your piece must be 20cm x 20cm.
More details can be found in the recent threads magazine.

So you can spend the summer getting some inspiration and then get stitching!

Recent Guild Changes

If you have recently had your AGM or changes to your committee, please remember to update your details with ANZEG.

You can update the Office Bearers using the following link

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/update-guild-details>

Dates to Remember

2026

28th February Stitch Summer

7th March Regional Stitch and Chat day/ Presidents meeting

15th March Waikato Embroiderers Guild 50th Anniversary Celebration

18th - 20th March Opotiki Display

27-29 March The Embroiderers Great Escape Orewa

4-9 July ANZEG Conference Palmerston North

Friday 9th - Sun 11th Oct - Stitch Tui Retreat