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Dear Guild Members

Regional News

Tararua Guilds' Retreat has been booked at Copthorne Solway Park, Masterton for the weekend of **2-3 May, 2026**. Put it in your diary now. The retreat provides a relaxing setting for guild members from across the region to stitch, chat, eat and buy all sorts of goodies from the traders. See what others are doing, share ideas and take part in the optional short class if you wish. Come for a day or the whole weekend, stay at Solway Park or find other accommodation. We'll find a way to help you get there if transport is an issue. Registration forms will be sent to your guild in February 2026.

Tararua Regional Group (Presidents & Secretaries) is focusing on the long term sustainability of guilds in our region so has three groups working on different projects with this intention.

- Record Management working group. Running guilds takes up a lot of time which can make recruitment of new officers and committee members difficult. This working group is looking at what can be learned from each other's guilds to streamline guild administration and records management, reduce duplication, save time and make the jobs easier.
- The Data Gathering working group is gathering information to identify whether we're meeting the interests of the guilds' membership, providing short and long term solutions where we are not; and ways to attract new members.
- The Exhibition working group is planning a regional exhibition to give members an opportunity to exhibit their work, promoting embroidery to the public with the aim of encouraging people to take up embroidery as well as join our guilds.

HobbyEx 18/19 October at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt

Remember to contact Upper Hutt Guild if you're able to help Upper Hutt Guild with their promotion at Hobby Ex. uhembguild@gmail.com

Stitch Summer - last Saturday in February 2026.

This year "Stitch Summer" was a new public stitching event, introducing the wider community to embroidery as World Embroidery Day, a Northern Hemisphere event, is in the middle of our winter.

Sharing our passion for stitch helps the overall embroidery community grow as well as our guilds. Stitch Summer will become part of the New Zealand embroidery calendar so mark the last Saturday in February in your guild diaries and start planning next year's fun.

ANZEG News

"Threads" Facebook page – please send information for this to Margaret Rietema, Threads Editor.
editor.threads@gmail.com

Educational opportunities and Exhibitions

I'm forwarding the Textile Arts newsletter from Hutt Art to guilds as it contains lots of information about exhibitions and classes and Sue Swann is happy for me to pass it on.

If you're in Auckland between 25 August to 21 September 2025 the Northern North Island Region is holding an Exhibition "The Embroiderers Art", at Estuary Arts Centre, Orewa, 10am – 4pm.

30 August - 21 September - Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu Regional Exhibition "Road Trips" is at Te Manawa, Palmerston North. Manawatu Guild's Regional Workday is being held in Palmerston North on 13 September at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street, so you could combine a trip to the workday and exhibition.

If you're in other parts of NZ, check the ANZEG calendar for events & exhibitions
<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/calendar>

Alysn Midgelow-Marsden is running two courses in Auckland and one in Nelson later in the year. She uses innovative mixed media, including stitch and metals. If you want to know more, check out these links:

- 20/21 September https://www.takingtextilesfurther.com/service-page/layer-stitch-and-melt?referral=service_list_widget
- 24 -28 September - Alysn Midgelow-Marsden Workshop, Nelson - <https://www.takingtextilesfurther.com/find-a-course>
- 29/30 November <https://www.selwyncomed.school.nz/courses/2027-contemporary-textile-art-flaming-hot-fibres/>

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.
- 1 – 3 August - NZ Sampler Gathering in Taupo
- 30 August - 21 September Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu Regional Exhibition “Road Trips” at Te Manawa, Palmerston North
- 13 September Manawatu Regional Workday, Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street, Palmerston North
- 13 – 14 September - Otepoti Dunedin Embroidery School – www.oeg.org.nz
- 20 – 21 Sept “What a Weekend”, Nelson
- 24 -28 September - Alys Midgell-Marsden Workshop, Nelson - <https://www.takingtextilesfurther.com/find-a-course>
- 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
- 18 – 19 October HobbyEx at Whirinaki Whare Taonga, Upper Hutt
- 1 November – Tararua Regional Group (Presidents & Secretaries) meeting Hutt Art Centre
- 27 - 29 March 2026 - The Embroiderers’ Great Escape <https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/classes-2026/#C1>
- 4 - 9 July 2026 – ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North