

26 July 2024

Dear Guild Members

It's hard to imagine conference is now over. A huge amount of work goes into the preparation of conference and during conference week. Well done to our fabulous team of organisers. It was a wonderful event.

The executive was busy with meetings on the Thursday (old executive) and Monday (new executive). With a mix of current and new executive members every two years comes a review of ideas and various reasons, change will take time to work through and implement. We value the discussion and ideas from the Open Forum.

If you have any feedback from conference for me to pass on to our Executive monthly meeting, let me know.

Conference 2026, "Threads of Connection" will be in Palmerston North, July 4-9, 2026 so we won't have far to travel.

Four of our region's guilds had displays in the guild displays. Wairarapa was inspired by the region's new name to stitch a picture of the Taranuas.

There was some wonderful work in the exhibitions. Seven members from four Taranua Guilds had work selected for the exhibitions – good on you for entering. The variety of interpretations of the thistle design in "Te Wero Tuia, The Stitch Challenge" was amazing and you'll see some of them in the 2025 ANZEG Diary.



Sue Swann was awarded Highly Commended and Gaynor Chronican's Selector's Merit Award in the Small Embroideries Category "Gold Rush" for "The Second Wave – Clutha Gold", inspired by the apricot orchards lining the banks of the Clutha River.



Jo Dixey was awarded Highly Commended in the same category for “Chemical High”, inspired by images of MDMA tablets.

The Tapestry Trust had a display of all completed panels and at our regional meeting at conference some interest was expressed in stitching a panel in this region. A small group is investigating what would be required, then we'll discuss their findings with guilds.

Regional News

Kapiti Guild had a lovely Display of Work for their 40th Anniversary.

3 August 10am - Horowhenua Guild's Regional Workday "Intastitch", at Horowhenua Arts Centre, 119 Bath Street, Levin - they're looking forward to seeing us.

2 August 4.30 – 5.30pm Nikki Delport-Wepener's presentation 'Stitch Extravaganza'

I'm sure you'll enjoy Nikki's lively presentation which will be different to her presentation at conference. Flyers have been circulated widely to guilds, quilting groups, Creative Fibre, embroidery shops and arts societies. 40 tickets have been sold already so make sure you don't miss out. This would appeal to younger members of guilds and their creative friends as well older members.

Topics to be covered:

- 1) Go for green - using nature within designing and finding inspiration
- 2) Ultimate glamour - fashion accessories and embellishment on denim etc.
- 3) Recycle - looking at found objects and working them with creative stitches.

Venue: Toi Whakaari, NZ School of Drama, 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown. It's close to bus routes and there is plenty of parking on site behind the school.

Please arrive in the reception area between 4pm and 4.15pm for a prompt 4.30pm start. We will be in Room D1 which seats 80.

Tickets: \$7.50 for students with Student ID and \$15 for everyone else.

Please pay to the ANZEG account 02-0412-0013510-02 with following reference information: Your name and NWD Talk, and your ticket will be issued at the venue.

Door sales may be available depending on booked numbers.

Queries to me, Susan at anzegtararuaregion@gmail.com

30 July World Embroidery Day – Upper Hutt Guild booked a table at the Upper Hutt Library on Saturday 27th July, 10am-2pm, for an extra stitch-in day, to celebrate this. Look at the advertising the library has provided: <https://www.upperhuttlibrary.co.nz/Events/World-Embroidery-Day-2024>

12 October Kapiti Friendship Day – Maxence Benoist, Costume Construction Student from Toi Whakaari whom the region is sponsoring to participate in the “Gregarious Grasshoppers” Workshop, will be giving a presentation. The topic will be in a future memo.

Our Regional Presidents and Secretaries Meeting was held on 6 July and the next one will be held on 30 November at Hutt Art. We’re finding value in discussing ideas and challenges and planning some longer term regional projects which you’ll hear about in due course.

Educational opportunities

Textile classes at Hutt Art Society

Some new classes are on the Hutt Art website:

- Beginners Long and Short - Saturday 31st August. Tutor: Jo Dixey
- Creative Metal - Sunday 1st September. Tutor: Jo Dixey
- One Stitch Sashiko - Sunday 15th September. Tutor: Clare Smith
- Beaded Baubles - Sunday 3rd November. Tutor: Sue Swann
- Canvas Work Pendants - Sunday 17th November. Tutor: Jo Dixey
- Temari Ball - Sunday 30th November. Tutor: Clare Smith

Most of these classes are one day classes, so have a look at the web site for more details.

<https://www.huttart.co.nz/copy-of-classes-3>

Karori Arts and Crafts Centre

Cherie Gurney is running a class on improv quilting.

Some of the art classes might help you with ideas for design.

<https://www.kacc.org.nz/adult-s-classes-and-workshops>

Great Escape 28 – 30 March, 2025 <https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/>

If you’re keen to go to “Great Escape” in Orewa next year, register as soon as possible as some classes are already booked out.

EXHIBITIONS

Hutt Art Embroiderers and Weavers are presenting a display of work entitled 'Spectrum' at Odlin Gallery, Hutt Art Society, Myrtle St, Lower Hutt, 27 August - 8 September, daily 10am – 4pm

Guest Artist is Jo Dixey who will be giving an artist's talk at 3.30pm on Saturday 31 August. Register to attend on textile.hutt.art@gmail.com

"Adorn" – Contemporary embroidered garments Antrim House, 63 Boulcott St, Wellington, September 23 – 11 October, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm. See flyer below.

Enjoy the opportunities to look and learn.

Susan

Diary dates

- 1st Sunday monthly - Kapiti Extensions Group - open to members from all guilds, meets in Waikanae. Contact Donna Kennedy 0212550519 donna.kennedy72@outlook.com
- 30 July World Embroidery Day
- 2 August – Presentation by Nikki Delport-Wepener
- 3 August - Intastitch, Horowhenua Guild's Workday
- 27 August to 8 September – Hutt Embroiderers and Weavers exhibition
- 31 August Jo Dixey talk, Hutt Art
- 23 September – 11 October – "Adorn", Antrim House
- 6 October – Tararua Extensions, Waikanae Arts & Crafts rooms contact Maria Champion-Forster, championforster@gmail.com
- 12 October - Kapiti Guild Workday
- 30 November – Regional Presidents & Secretaries Meeting

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