

20 October 2025

Dear Guild Members

Regional news

Thank you Kapiti Guild members for hosting our last Tararua Region Stitching Day for the year. We enjoyed our day.

Voting for Viewer's Choice was difficult as there was some stunning work in both categories.



Winner of Viewer's Choice for a kit or class was Rosalie Starling's sampler (the photo doesn't do it justice). Rosalie (Kapiti Guild) with Robyn Ingleton (Kapiti Guild President)



Winner of Viewer's Choice for original work was Jackie Wakeford (Manawatu Guild) with her Triptych of her photo, painting & stitched picture)

Jackie with Robyn Ingleton



Joint Runners up for a kit or class were Angela Shaw for her stuffed, stitched penguin and Enid Fish for her picture of a house. Runner up for original work was Caroline Strachan with her Godwits. All are from Kapiti Guild.

Tararua Retreat 2 – 3 May 2026. At retreat there will be Viewer's Choice categories for both original work and a kit/class/pattern. More information to come after our Tararua Regional Group meeting on 1 November on how frequently work can be displayed.



Upper Hutt Guild had a display at HobbyEx last weekend and had discussions with a number of people, some of whom took brochures. Some were from local areas and some from other parts of the country.

Out of print embroidery books

This year I've been asked by several people if I know of anyone who has out of print books they'd like to buy, so have decided to have a section in my memo asking if people have books others want to buy and put them in touch with each other. Let me know if you've got a book you can't obtain from other sources.

Does anyone have a copy of Yvette Stanton's "Left Handed Embroiderer's Companion"?

ANZEG News

"Threads" is out. You'll either have it by now or will very soon. Check out the Conference details and classes and make sure you book the classes as soon registrations open so you don't miss out.

Conference exhibitions

There are a variety of exhibition categories to cater for all, so have a look at them. It would be great to have many entries from Tararua Region. Details on <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-exhibitions>

Educational opportunities & exhibitions

Classes are still available **at Hutt Art Centre** including:

Help with finishing projects, Delectable Strawberry & Temari Ball. <https://www.huttart.co.nz/copy-of-classes-3>

Fibre Arts NZ is offering three, three or four day workshops in Wellington in 2026. Details on <https://fibreartsnz.co.nz/>

Fibre Arts Australia presents an inspiring five-day masterclass with renowned Manchester, UK based textile artist Julia Wright.

‘Landscape Fragments’ will run 10–14 August 2026 at the David Lloyd Gallery in Hamilton. Over the course of five immersive days, Julia will guide participants through her unique approach to creating evocative, textural landscapes in cloth and stitch.

Julia is known for her beautiful, textural stitched landscapes and will share her creative process in a relaxed, hands-on setting.

With small class numbers and loads of personal tuition, it’s perfect for anyone keen to play with colour, texture and composition or to take their textile practice to the next level. Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

All details and registration: <https://www.fibrearts.net.au/julia-wright.html>

If you’re in other parts of NZ, check the ANZEG calendar for events & exhibitions

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

Dowse Art Museum – Softy: Textiles from the Dowse Collection 18 October 2025 – 15 March 2026

<https://dowse.org.nz/exhibitions-and-events/exhibitions/2025/softy-textiles-from-the-dowse-collection>

SOFTY brings together artists from The Dowse’s textile collection who use the language of fabric and fibre to unpick ideas of masculinity, labour and identity. Once used to belittle sensitivity, here the term ‘softy’ has been reclaimed to celebrate the generosity and tenderness of these textile practices. Softness isn’t just a material choice, but a strategy used to interrogate assumptions that textiles are for ‘softies.’

Pataka upcoming Tivaivai exhibition 6 December 2025 – 8 March 2026

<https://pataka.org.nz/whats-on/exhibitions/tipurepure-au-vaine/>

An exhibition celebrating the richness of tīvaivai, created by the Porirua-based collective Tipurepure Au Va’ine.

Tipurepure Au Va’ine is a tīvaivai collective that has gathered every Thursday in Porirua since 2019. Rooted in a proud lineage of Cook Islands va’inetini (women’s groups) and au va’ine (women’s guilds), Tipurepure Au Va’ine come together to sustain, celebrate, and evolve the practice of tīvaivai. Their weekly gatherings also emphasise the important social role of tīvaivai. In addition to being a treasured Cook Islands artform, tīvaeivai is also a social practice. Through making, Tipurepure Au Va’ine nurtures language, kinship and culture, creating a space for Cook Islands identity to thrive in Aotearoa.

This exhibition honours both the artistry and social importance of tīvaivai and Tipurepure Au Va’ine.

Conceived as a living, breathing space, the gallery will host a rotating display of tīvaeivai made by Tipurepure over four months. For one day each week, members of Tipurepure will work on-site, transforming the gallery into a communal making space and offering audiences an open invitation to observe, learn, and connect.

Alongside new works, tīvaivai selected from public collections will also be shown — reconnecting makers with historical patterns, techniques, and the stories stitched into every piece.

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
- 2 August - 27 October. “My Last ABC”. Whirinaki Whare Taonga
- 4 October - 16 November ANZEG Extensions National Exhibition “Landscapes of Desire”, Forrester Gallery, 9 Thames St, Oamaru <https://www.culturewaitaki.org.nz/Forrester-Gallery/Landscapes-of-Desire>
- 18 October 2025 – 15 March 2026 Softy: Textiles from the Dowse Collection, Dowse Art Museum
- 1 November – Tararua Regional Group (Presidents & Secretaries) meeting Hutt Art Centre
- 1 - 2 & 8 - 9 November – Kapiti Arts Trail <https://www.kapiticoastarttrail.co.nz/>
- 6 December 2025 – 8 March 2026 Tivaivai exhibition, Pataka, Porirua
- 27 - 29 March 2026 - The Embroiderers’ Great Escape
<https://embroiderersgreatestescape.com/classes-2026/#C1>
- **2 – 3 May, 2026 Tararua Region Guilds’ Annual Retreat, Copthorne Solway, Masterton**
- 4 - 9 July 2026 – ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North