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Dear Guild Members

Regional news

From TRG meeting held on 21 June:

- Regional retreat 2027. We agreed to continue to hold the retreat annually and Copthorne Solway has been booked for 22 & 23 May 2027
- Regional Exhibition – a venue has been confirmed and further information will be out in August
- There was insufficient interest to hold regional workshops offered by Trish Hughes, Tania Cohen and Di Kirschner
- We plan to use Google Drive to share documents between guilds such as running a Stitch Day, policies about membership, role descriptions etc to reduce duplication of administrative work & enable us to learn from each other
- We plan to explore the potential of social media and how to leverage it for engaging with our communities.

Tararua Extensions meeting 2 August 2026, Waikanae Arts & Crafts Rooms – Experimenting with Gel plates

Message from Maria Champion-Forster, Tararua Region Extensions Coordinator:

Sue Rostron will take us through an experiment with Gel Plates. Sue teaches Gel Plate printing at the Paraparaumu Library and has kindly agreed to come to us at Extensions. Sue will have some Gel plates for us to use but if you have your own to bring that would be great. She'll send out the rest of the needs list later – it is pretty reasonable but you can also go overboard if desired.

Time: Arrive 9.30 for morning tea. Class 10am to midday. Option of continuing unsupervised after lunch. Charge of $20 for the day - $10 to Sue and $10 for rent of the premises at Waikanae Arts and Crafts
Please bring a small plate of food as a contribution to morning tea. Bring your own lunch.

If you are not on Maria's Extensions list and would like to join us for this session, please email her at championforster@gmail.com and she'll add you to her email list.

Invitation to regional meeting at conference.

At each conference regional meetings are held. This year the regional meeting will be held on Sunday 5 July, 3.30 – 4.30pm and all Tararua Guild members are welcome to participate. The 2024 – 26 regional accounts will be presented and members will have an opportunity to ask questions & discuss ideas in relation to the

Tararua Region. The accounts and my reports for the last two years are being sent out the same time as this memo & you will have received the minutes of the 2024 meeting at the end of my May memo.

Keep these dates for the two regional stitch days to be held in October

- 10 October hosted by Kapiti Guild
- 31 October hosted by Wairarapa Guild

ANZEG news

Mystery Stitchery

There'll be a power point display of photos of mystery stitcheries at the Merchants Mall at Conference. If you've finished or nearly there, don't just put them on Facebook. **Please send your photos plus name & guild to Sonya Wilson** Sonia.marie@hey.com

Colour Challenge Green

Jo Dixey has advised the gallery in Greymouth has rearranged their exhibition schedule so the Colour Challenge dates have changed slightly. The new dates are Oct 12th - Nov 14th. A slightly longer run which is nice, so your pieces will be returned after November 14.
Reminder Form A (Registration) is due on Friday July 24 & Form B (Entry) due on Friday August 7, 2026.

Threads reports - a reminder from Margaret Rietema, Editor that reports and articles are due by August 28th. If including images, please attach these separately.

Message from Gloria Campbell, Regional Rep, Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu re Elizabeth Auton:

"Elizabeth was an embroiderer of national and international standing. She lived in the Christchurch, Auckland and Palmerston Region. She features in Felicity Willis' "200 years of NZ embroidery".
I have been asked by her husband to distribute a booklet he has put together of her work. He would like this added to guild libraries, especially those where she had an influence. There will be copies at Conference, on the registration desk. If your guild would like a copy let me know and I will reserve a copy for you or just collect one when here. Gloria Campbell anzegtwm@gmail.com"

Educational opportunities

Hutt Art

Have another look at the website as there are so many good classes on offer https://www.huttart.co.nz/textileart

Karori Arts & Crafts

Two one day embroidery classes on offer:

Paper Embroidery with Cathrine Lloyd
https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/paper-embroidery-with-cathrine-lloyd

Contemporary Embroidery & Upcycling: Not Your Nanna's Embroidery with Stella Carruthers
https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/contemporary-embroidery-upcycling-not-your-nanna-s-embroidery-with-stella

Arts on Track, Plimmerton occasionally has classes https://www.facebook.com/p/Arts-on-Track-61557833139740/

Exhibitions

Kapiti Guild will be holding a display of work in the Gillian & Roderick Deane Community Art Space at Paraparaumu Library 14 – 27 August

Wairarapa Guild's exhibition at Aratoi, Masterton will be held 24 October – 22 November. Plan a day trip to the Wairarapa to see it.

Enjoy your stitching.

Susan

Diary dates

2026

- 4 - 9 July ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North
- 2 August Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms
- 14 – 27 August Kapiti Guild Display of work, Gillian & Roderick Deane Community Art Space, Paraparaumu Library
- 28 August Last day for reports & articles for October Threads
- **12 September Manawatu Guild workday, Palmerston North**
- 20 September Tararua Regional Group Meeting, Upper Hutt Bridge Club, 10 – 2.30pm
- **10 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Kapiti Guild**
- **24 October - 22 November Wairarapa Guild Exhibition, Aratoi**
- **31 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild**
- 1 November Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

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- 28 February Last day for reports & articles for April Threads
- 6 March Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Mana Guild
- 19 – 21 March Embroiderer's Great Escape & 23 – 24 March Workshops, Onehunga, Auckland https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/
- **22 – 23 May Tararua Regional Retreat, Masterton**
- 4 September Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Upper Hutt Guild