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Morning All

Congratulations West Taieri on 40 wonderful years as a Guild and Thank you for putting on such a great celebration which was well supported. The photos further down this memo are all from the historical display they had. Very inspiring!

Also celebrating 40 years is the Fiordland Guild! Congrats to these wonderful stitchers. They are showcasing some of their work at Labour weekend so do pop to Manapouri and have a look.



Capitation invoices have now been sent out. Thank you for your patience while I was waiting on the numbers to be sent through. Those that have paid promptly – thank you so much! This is the only funding Regional Reps receive and make doing the role not so demanding on the pocket. Have a read of the article on page 48 of the latest Threads magazine titled 'The quiet heart of our Guilds' written by Margaret Rietema. An excellent piece!

The photos from the Conference Exhibition and Guild display photos are now up on the ANZEG website. Take the time to

have a look as they are very inspiring - https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/gallery

ANZEG Green Exhibition has just commenced at the Left Bank Gallery in Greymouth. It has been judged and photographed and the winners have been announced-read all about it in the Threads Magazine. If you're over on the coast before the 14th November do stop and have a look.

The newest Guild – West of the Alps, are holding a friendship day in conjunction with the exhibition on 24th October in Greymouth. Yes that's the Saturday of Labour Weekend so maybe consider a long weekend away to the Coast?

The next Colour is Orange – how exciting!! It can be modern or traditional. And the size is 150mm x 205mm (6"x8")

1 – 30 May 2027 will see the return of the Otago Southland Regional Exhibition. Again this will be held at Central Stories and Museum in Alexandra. This was a massive success in 2025 and I'm asking that all Guilds support this as much or more than last time.

Just to refresh you, here's the Categories and titles

Ivy Pollard-Threads Through Time

Miss Moran-Orchard to Thread

Miniature-Between River and Ridge

Contemporary-Threads of Light

3 Dimensional-After the Frost

Open-The Colour of Central

To the End of the Thread-class, kit, workshop item

Eastern Southland Guild are having their Christmas Friendship day on the 8th December. You should have received your flyer by now but if not let me know. This is a not to be missed event and I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

If your Guild has any events or gatherings coming up do let me know. I'm always keen to get to as many as I can but I would also like to get lots of these things on the ANZEG calendar. A quick email or txt with the details would be a huge help!

Orts? What are they?

Odd random threads? Old ratty threads? Or more commonly referred to as the leftover snippets of thread cut off in stitching projects. We all collect them, but should we throw them away or keep them as a sense of pride to show how much work we've done?

The word 'ort' originally dates back to Middle Low German or Middle English, where it described a small morsel of leftover food. Over time, yes, modern crafters creatively backronymed the term to mean 'Old Ratty

Threads' or 'Odd Random Threads'. These fragments are the final snips of embroidery floss left behind when a thread becomes too short to stitch with comfortably.

If you have a mixture of orts that you can't bear to throw away, why not repurpose them in new textile art projects? Alternatively, use them as stuffing for pincushions and Christmas baubles, decoration on crazy quilts, or just display them in picture frames for a piece of funky art. The more colourful the better.

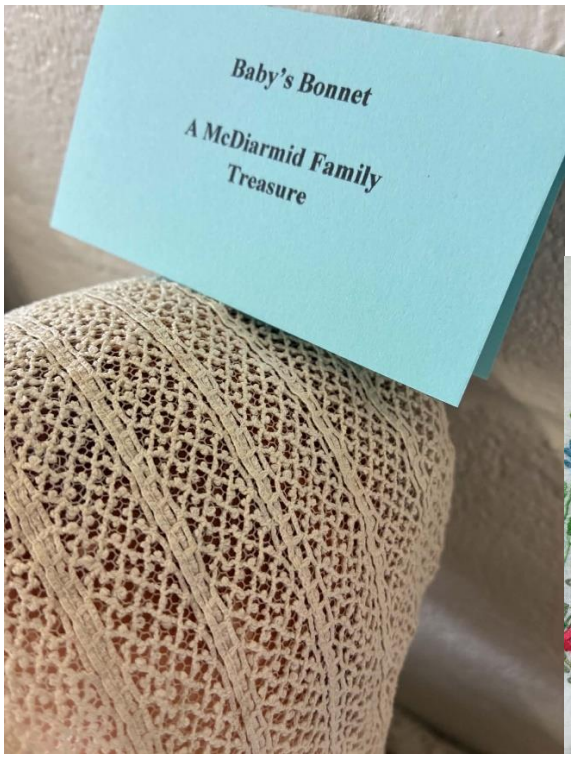
However, consider the wildlife before leaving orts outside for birds to use in nests. Modern synthetic blends and chemical dyes can be toxic, and the tough fibres pose severe entanglement risks for wildlife.

Here's what I've been inspired by lately –











Until next month – Always control your "M" – mouth, mind, mood, money.

Dates to Remember

2026

12 Oct – 14 Nov Colour Green Greymouth

23-25 October Fiordland Guild Exhibition

8th December Eastern Southland Guild Xmas Friendship Day

2027

19-21 March Great Escape Orewa

1 – 30 May Otago Southland Regional Exhibition

TBC May Regional Day Alexandra

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