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September 2025

Kia ora stitchers,

Pop the kettle on there is a lot to enjoy this month as I have included a video link for you to enjoy.

September has been a busy month with our Exhibition, a big thanks to all those who help make this happen and to all the sitters for their time and engagement with the public, this is such a good way to spread the word and encourage new members to join. Every time I was down there, I heard lots of great feedback so well done. You will all be bursting to find out who the viewers choice was and I would like to announce that was Marilyn Jessen - Under Fiery Skies piece which was number 100. Well done, Marilyn.



I also made a trip up to Warkworth to hand out some awards to Shirley Pygott.

They were the Highly Commended "The Dorothy Clarke Traditional Award" and Winner of "Extensions Award 'Moments in Time'" Shirley was also apart of the Highly Commended the same category with the Warkworth Extensions Group. Well done Shirley 😊

We have East Auckland Regional Day which I am looking forward to on the 11th of October and I am also doing a Guild visit up to Doubtless Bay and Whangarei.

Then our Presidents meeting on the 1st of November.

Education:

Don't forget the modules classes that you can attend on your own and or with other guilds.

Ōtepoti Dunedin Embroidery School - <https://www.oeg.org.nz>

RSN Classes <https://royal-needlework.org.uk/courses/>

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>

Colour Challenge:

The Colour Challenge Winners have been announced,

Overall winner sponsored by ANZEG - \$500.00

Helen Milbank - East Auckland

Pieces of a picture

Merit award sponsored by Print Ready - \$150.00

Fiona Crowther-Aker - Aoraki

The Blue Lotus and The Dragonfly

Colour Challenge - Exhibition dates:

12th October 2025 - Inverloch Art School (3 Inverloch Pl, Te Aro, Wellington) and 18th

October - 9th November 2025 - Aigantighe Gallery (49 Wai-iti Road, Maori Hill, Timaru).

Here is a video link for you to check out and Inverloch Art School

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/CL9rZsWBuziyGyoGA>

Tutors: Please share your details with Jo Dixey or myself and I will get you loaded onto the website so you can keep busy

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/tutors-directory>

Extensions: If anyone is interested in know more, please reach out there could be an opportunity for a new group based in Orewa so let me know if you are keen to help set this up.

ANZEG news:

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Tracey Boyd, Hawkes Bay & Gisborne Regional Representative sent a link to a video posted by Sarah Homfrey for World Embroidery Day. Wairoa Guild is very proud of their newest member Lee, who sent in a video of her beautifully stitched mythical tuatara to World Embroidery Day.

Lee is very early on in the video at 5 minutes 31 seconds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RI7kHlmOEU>

The ANZEG Extensions National Exhibition "Landscapes of Desire" is being held in Oamaru at the Forrester Gallery, 9 Thames St, from Saturday, 04 October 2025 to Sunday, 16 November 2025, so if you're down that way, go and see it.

<https://www.culturewaitaki.org.nz/Forrester-Gallery/Landscapes-of-Desire>

Mystery Stitchery

Mystery Stitchery, "Spot On" which Marie Burnand has designed.

Further details in October "Threads", page 33. It's run over 10 months and costs \$35.00.

Remember this is a fundraiser for the next Conference so let's all support it. Here's the link:

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

Dates to remember: Regional Days: 2025:

East Auckland 11th October 480 Ti Takai Drive East Tamaki

9.30 am for morning tea 10am start Entry Fee \$10

NNIR Guild Exhibitions

2025:

Coromandel 6 -16 November Hauraki House

Counties 5- 25 November Franklin Arts Centre, Pukekohe

2026:

Auckland 28 Feb -8 Mar Onehunga Community House

North Shore 9 -19 April Mairangi Bay Arts Centre

East Auckland September TBA

Other events in 2025



2026 Regional Days

North Shore - May

Auckland - Oct

Conference July - Palmerston North

2027 Regional Days

Coromandel - May

Counties - October

Happy Stitching,

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The Embroiderers' Great Escape - 27 -29 March 2026

Hi Ladies,

I'm sure many of you enjoyed seeing our recent Regional Exhibition. We should all be very proud of the work we displayed. I am always inspired by the work of others. Your last opportunity to see the Great Escape samples for 2026 will be at Regional Day on 11th October. If you are undecided which class to choose, please chat with myself, another GE committee member or someone within your Guild. Often, we will point out features of a class or tutor that will be suited to your style of embroidery and skill level.

I will bring some registration forms to Regional Day for those who would like to fill one out there.

Our display theme for 2026 is "Opal", please use your imagination and stitch something to display, it doesn't need to be a large or complicated design. I love Opals, they have amazing colours that catch the light beautifully.

See you in a couple of weeks at Regional Day

Cheers Kim

Kim Wood

Embroiderers Great Escape Convenor

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