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Dear Guild Members

Regional news

Let's make Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild on 31 October, 10am – 3pm a great day for them and us. It's been planned to avoid a clash with other guilds' stitch days, so carpool and come. You can also visit their exhibition while over there.
Venue - the Masonic Village 35 Edith St, off Upper Plain Rd, Masterton. $5 entry includes 3 raffle tickets, morning & afternoon tea, traders, raffles, viewer's choice prize. Bring your lunch.

Thank you Kapiti Guild for hosting your very enjoyable regional stitch day on 10 October.

Congratulations to the winners of the Viewer's Choice at Kapiti:
Catherine Rozendaal for a kit, pattern or class "Inspiration" designed by Karen Kluba, Rosewood Manor. (Photo to come in my November memo)



And Caroline Strachan for her original design, "Three Moths" (left)

Congratulations also go to Caroline for winning the ANZEG Green Challenge for "Nikau Grove" (page 7 of October Threads) and recently gaining her Diploma in the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA) Certified Needlework Judge course. She shared her experiences of doing the course at the regional stitch day.

"The Art of Stitch 2026" Exhibition, Wairarapa Guild's exhibition at Aratoi, 24 October - 22 November
Thanks to those who've sent in work to their guest exhibition.

Make a day trip to see the exhibition. There's great café next door to Aratoi, plus shopping opportunities in the Wairarapa.
Aratoi is now open Tuesday – Sunday: 10:00am – 3:00pm. Monday: Closed
Admission: Masterton residents $2, all other visitors: $5, Children 16 and under: Free
Friends of Aratoi: Free

Tararua Extensions, 1st November

Although the class is full, if you want to be on the waiting list in case there's a cancellation email Maria at championforster@gmail.com

Maria advised the next Tararua Extensions Day is Sunday 1st November and we are doing a dyeing session with Fiona from Fibre Arts/Felted & Stitched, held at the Waikanae Arts and Crafts Rooms. It will start at 9.30am with morning tea and 10.00 for the class. The dyeing session will take 3 hours as Fiona is going to include some Procion dyeing as well. Lunch will be at 1pm.

The cost for the day will be $30: $10 rent, $10 per person for the dye chemicals etc and $10 as a contribution to Fiona's hourly charge. Bring your own lunch and something to share for morning tea.

Stitch Summer

This is a great way to showcase embroidery out in public. What is your guild planning for Stitch Summer 27 February, 2027?

ANZEG news

Call for Tutors for Wai Stitch, Wai Knot 2028 ANZEG Conference in Hamilton. A problem has occurred with the email address for the tutor's pack, so in the meantime if you intend to request a tutor's pack, please use the email address conference2028@gmail.com

Felicity Willis, ANZEG President will be including information in her next memo about the registration opening date for the Mystery Stitch.

Colour Challenge 2027. Orange is the colour, size 150mm x 205mm (6" x 8"), portrait or landscape, including frame. See p 6 in October Threads. Let's see how many of us can enter a piece.

Educational opportunities

Hutt Art Textile Arts https://www.huttart.co.nz/textileart
Two Christmassy classes available - a Christmas tree & a Christmas mouse and one more Finishing session for that piece you want to finish before Christmas or need help with.

Karori Arts & Crafts
Cathrine Lloyd is running a workshop on "Embellishing Printed Fabric" on Saturday, 31 October
https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/embellishing-printed-fabric-with-cathrine-lloyd
Crazy Patchwork Christmas Stocking - with Maria Champion-Forster Saturday, 14 November
https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/crazy-patchwork-christmas-stocking-with-maria-champion-forster

The Embroiderer's Great Escape 19 – 21 March & 23 – 24 March Workshops, Onehunga, Auckland
https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/

Kapiti Arts Trail
Labour weekend (24-26 October) and the following weekend (31 Oct-1 Nov)
https://www.kapiticoastarttrail.co.nz/
Includes Caroline Strachan Textile artist - search for Fibre/Textiles under participating artists.
Caroline would love to see you and is happy to provide a cuppa if you pop in.

Enjoy your stitching.
Susan

Diary dates

2026

- 8 September 13 December "Dirty Little Secrets: Silenced Voices". Parliament Buildings (Exhibition about lived experience of adoption in NZ)
- 16 October – November 14 "Green Challenge", Left Bank Art Gallery Greymouth
- 24 October - 22 November "The Art of Stitch" Wairarapa Guild Exhibition, Aratoi
- 31 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild
- 1 November Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

2027

- 27 February Stitch Summer
- 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, Copthorne Solway
- 4 September Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Upper Hutt Guild
- 4 December 2027 and 28 February 2028 Tararua Regional Exhibition, Pātaka Art + Museum, Porirua