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The Regional Exhibition was a huge success. Many regional guild members visited, and we had guild members and visitors from throughout the lower North Island. Our records showed nearly 800 visitors. The work of the junior members was frequently praised and the only negative comment received was the lack of entries. They were down this year. Hopefully, because you are all working on your pieces for Conference 2026!

I am delighted to announce that Helen Cloke won the viewer's choice with "A Distant Learning" - a beautiful piece of blackwork appropriately featuring our Manawatu turbines!



With only one vote less was Stephanie Haisman's "On the road again". Well done both of you. The complete list of winners follows this memo.



Manawatu during this period have had their Workday. There were many visitors from other guilds who as well as enjoying the fellowship of other embroiderers were able to visit the Exhibition. Unfortunately, they were let down by their merchant and Mr Sharp. Manawatu did however have a large amount of stash, so money was still spent!

This has been a quiet month for the Conference 2026 Committee. I am working on a couple of ideas and will get back to you if they go ahead.

How is your mystery stitchery going? I have just finished the pansies and am looking forward to the next instalment. I do enjoy seeing what everyone else is achieving.

Keep stitching.

Gloria Campbell, Regional Rep.

Coming events

22nd September – 17th October ANZEG Colour challenge 2025 -blue. Exhibition
Inverlochy Art School, 3 Inverlochy Place, Te Aro Wellington

October 18th Central Taranaki Embroiderer's Guild A Day of fellowship and celebration of their 40th Anniversary. Anglican Church Lounge, crn Regan and Juliet Streets, Stratford.

3-5 October Stitch tui embroidery Retreat

March 27th – 29th 2026 Great Escape.

July 4-9, 2026: ANZEG Conference in Palmerston North.

Regional Exhibition Results.

Traditional Original– OVER THE HILLS and FAR AWAY – Original design

1st Helen Cloke - A Distant Learning (CTEG)

2nd Iris Harrop- Highways and Byways of Sashiko Embroidery (STG)

3rd Delwyn Singh – Back Country Tunnel(NPEG)

-Traditional – HIGHWAYS and BYWAYS – Published/Pattern/Kit/Class

1st : Diane Lithgow -Walk on the wild Side(CTEG)

2nd : Betty Smythe -All that is gold does not glitter (MEG)

3rd: Claire Davis -Audrey the Ostrich: From: Harrare to Halcombe (MEG)

HC; Jan Pepperell -Scottish Flower (NPEG)

Creative Challenge – Original ARE WE THERE YET?

1st: Diane Harries -Manawatu Meanderings (WEG)

2nd : Linda Simpson- Arrival: Destiny (MEG)

3rd : Maree Burnnand – The Pursuit – Where does Happiness Lie?(CTEG)

HC : Wynne Bowers-Mason- Soundtrack of a Journey(CTEG)

Young Persons – I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE

Original design Under 10 years

1st : Isla McDonald - I Spy Bugs(NPEG)

3rd : Madison Armstrong – Fox Forest(NPEG)

HC: Una O'Connor - Flower Bag(NPEG)

Original design 11-13 years

1st : Jasmine Kyne – Needle Book (NPEG)

2nd : Gemma Reed – Handy Needle book (NPEG)

3rd : Jasmine Kyne – I Spy a Barn House (NPEG)

HC: Lily Hopkins – I Spy a Dinosaur (NPEG)

Original design 14-17 years

1st : Stefanie Haisman – On the Road Trip (STEG)

2nd : Sophie Kyne -Travel Needle Book (NPEG)

3rd : Elvina Kwong – I Spy Charlotte (NPEG)

Young Persons Published/Pattern/Kit/Class

11-13 years

1st : Lily Hopkins – Strawberries and Cream Hardanger (NPEG)

14-17years

1st: Elvina Kwong – Poppies (NPEG)

First time entrant: Wynne Bowers-Mason – Soundtrack of a Journey-(CTEG)

Viewer's choice : Helen Cloke