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November and December 2025

Kia ora stitchers,

Well, the silly season is here, and I have been flat stick with work.

My trip to the USA was very busy, those of you who followed me could see what I was up to.

I was keeping an eye out for all things stitching, I did visit the Fort Worth Cowgirl museum which was very interesting indeed. As well as Richard Nixon's Library (Museum) which was also very interesting. The green and red dresses were the first ladies which I thought you might like to see.





Cuffs, circa 1900-1920

Worn by Lulu Bell Parr

Leather, glass seed beads

Parr's personalized beaded cuffs with Native Americans in full war bonnets atop horses.

National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Collection





There are so many interesting people in Texas and Oklahoma, and one lady has a craft shop that has a famous leg lamp above which is a hoot. Also, you can't go to Texas and not try on some boots.

For those travelling make sure you have everything in order before you go to make things as smooth as possible.

I have the dates for post conference tutor class see below and see there are 55 from our region that have registered so don't forget to register if that is on your to do list for 2026.

National stitch day is Feb 28 so pop that in your diary to be present somewhere public and stitch and inspire others to do the same.

2025 has been a busy year in the creative space and next year does not look any different which is wonderful. So, grab your needle and enjoy your time over the next couple of months while the weather is and has been amazing.

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/>

Fiber 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>

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:

Post conference dates for Auckland are:

I am confirming the venue and will report back early next year.

I will keep price as affordable as possible.

Check out Amarjeet Nandhra - <https://www.amarjeetnandhra.com> work and let me know what your guilds interest is in doing a post 2 day class.

Monday 28th travel to Auckland

29th and 30th July Class in Auckland region.

Feb 28th National Stitch day - what and were will you be to inspire others?

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>

NNIR Guild Exhibitions

2026:

Auckland 28 Feb -8 Mar Onehunga Community House

North Shore 9 -19 April Mairangi Bay Arts Centre

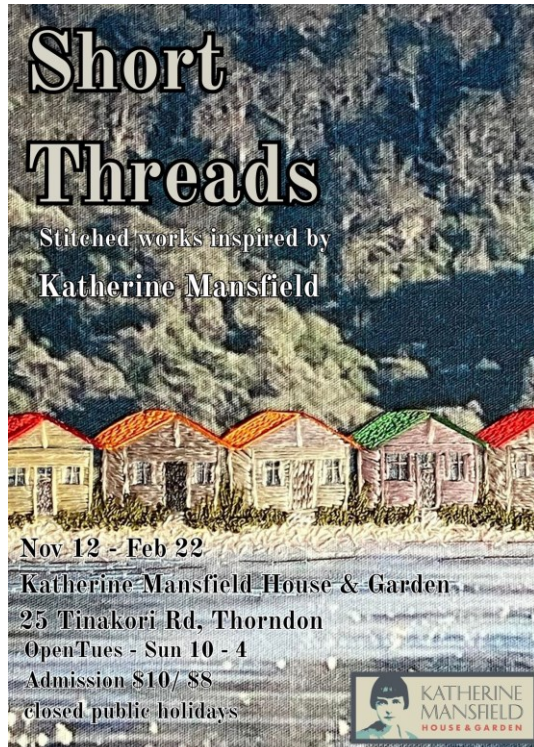
East Auckland September TBA

Other events in 2025/2026

Conference - Threads of Connection - 4 -9 July Palmerston North

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference-2026>

If you are in Wellington from Nov - Feb check this out! Or Oamaru in November



Feb 16th Town and Country - flyer attached

39 Fairfax Avenue, Penrose, Auckland (9.30am – 2pm)

2026 Regional Days

North Shore - June

Auckland - Oct

Conference July - Palmerston North

2027 Regional Days

Coromandel - May

Counties - October

Mere Kirihimete – Merry Christmas *Jo*



The Embroiderers' Great Escape - 27 -29 March 2026

November 2025

Hi Fellow Stitchers,

Have you found a shady spot to enjoy stitching, with a cool breeze would be a bonus. I have just returned home after a week in Sydney, and it was way too hot and humid to do anything very much!

All who have registered should have received the needs list for their class. I suggest you save or print the needs list, so you know where to find it when you go shopping.

Or pass the list onto Santa and get a lovely surprise under your Christmas tree.

If you haven't received it, and have checked your spam and bin folders, please email great.escape.register@gmail.com and let Annette know. Annette is away for a couple of weeks, but she will answer her emails when she gets back to Auckland.

All registrants will receive another email closer to our Great Escape event with more information for you (classroom number, kit cost for international tutor's classes etc).

Please contact me if you live in the Orewa area and can host either a tutor or Great Escape committee member for a couple of nights. This not only keeps our costs down, but it is much nicer for our visiting tutors to stay in a private home with someone who has common interests.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas from the Great Escape team, I look forward to seeing you in the New Year

Cheers Kim

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