



## The Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Inc

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**Next Meeting – Wednesday August 13th, 2022  
The Loaves and Fishes Hall opens at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**

Hello everybody,

Like many of us I am an avid collector (sounds better than hoarder) of threads or fabric or other 'stuff'. Increasingly, I am being approached to sustainably dispose of the stashes of others. (I will talk about this again in a later Newsletter).

Earlier this year I was given a big box of 'stuff' by the coordinator of our Community Centre to share with our Arts & Crafts group and then further. Imagine my surprise when I found 13 WEG bags to be made up, someone's good turn that had not quite made it. These bags are heavy cream drill with the brown logo with the ship and needle on it. In the olden days we used to give them out to new members as part of our welcome.

Your committee has had several conversations about new members, how and where to get them and what we do when we have got them....more on that in months to come. The two Cath(e)rines on the committee Cathrine Lloyd and Cathy Trewby are working on this. Cathrine leading!

The call I have is for anyone who would like to make them up. For this we need someone who is still the proud recipient of an intact bag to bring it to the next Guild meeting. This is so we can look at the construction. The handles are made from the same piece of fabric. So please have a look through your bags and bring your WEG one in so we can have a look. or if anyone can remember how they are made and wants to take some to complete, I will bring them in at our next meeting.

We had several of our members attend courses at the ANZEG Conference in Tauranga and we would love to see your goodies/classes from there.

About this time we put the orders in for ANZEG diaries and calendars. This year they are from Conference 2022 so you can have a reminder of, or be entranced by the beautiful work completed by our colleagues that feature in the Diary and calendar. <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/2022-diaries>

If you would like a calendar it is much cheaper to buy these through the Guild, cash up front of \$10.00 We will circulate a list for the calendars at the next meeting.

We will have an interesting meeting to look forward to, hopefully with a cuppa beforehand.

With kind regards

Cathy Trewby

## Extensions

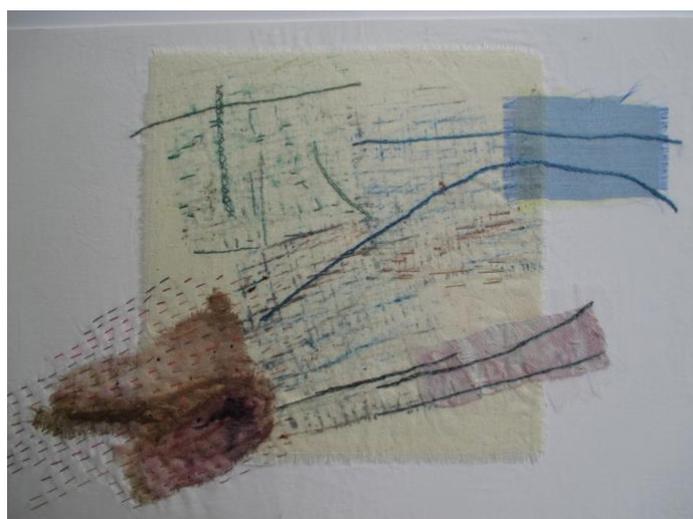
Extensions is a group for anyone, of all levels and abilities, that like to stitch and who want to push themselves outside of the box.

We meet 3 times a year (twice at Waikanae and once at Gear House) on a Sunday. People come from around our region – not just Wellington Guild – so is a way to meet other people and find out what other Guilds are doing. We normally have a facilitator for the day who leads us in a technique/idea – the facilitator can come from within the group or external. It is a great place to learn something new – and also lead a day in an area that is of interest to you.

You pay a fee to ANZEG to be a member of Extension – previously it was \$20 for two years (Conference to Conference) – this has to be confirmed for this year. There is also a charge of \$10 per session to cover rental costs and periodically there may be tutor and related costs.

Our next meeting is Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. You are very welcome to join us – please contact Maria at [championforster@gmail.com](mailto:championforster@gmail.com) and you will be added to the mailing list.

Maria Champion-Forster



An experimental piece from a rubbing session with stitch added later as part of a challenge

## Wellington Hospitals Christmas Stockings

Let's give Margaret and Susan our support on this great project. They both work tirelessly to make it easy for us to sew the stockings by liaising with the Foundation, cutting out the stockings and making labels for the items. Thank you both for your amazing work.

Each year as part of our guild's social responsibility programme we sew and decorate the fabric the Wellington Hospitals Foundation provide us. This year we have been asked to make 60 stockings. As some of the fabric might be plain and our guild is a clever bunch of creatives, we know you will rise and relish the opportunity to do your own decorations – this year you can 'go to town'.

See you at the August meeting, where you can pick up or deliver your stockings. Margaret and Susan.

## Conference Prize Winners

Essential viewing is the virtual exhibition of the conference exhibition entries. The winning embroideries are outstanding this year. Here's a taster but click on the link to see all winners and entries.



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### **WINNER** **OPENING THE VAULT** Wendy Johnstone

New Plymouth Embroiderers' Guild

*Technique: Hand stitching, surface stitchery.*

*Inspiration: Own idea.*

Save your coins, and dollars will take care of themselves, so with gold and silver the world is yours... or so the saying goes. A4.

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

## This Month's Speaker

This month's speaker will be Lyndal Linton, Founder of AQ Bags and passionate WOW designer. Lyndal has an entry in the upcoming show and will be relating her WOW journey over the last 20 years.

"AQ Bags was founded in 2004 with the first range of handbags predominantly crafted from yacht sailcloth. Although I have expanded the collection to include a variety of bag styles and use gorgeous designer fabrics, upcycled sailcloth is still a popular choice today. My love of creating doesn't stop with AQ bags. For the past 20 years I have entered the World of Wearable Arts. It has become rather a big obsession and an incredible journey, involving the whole of my family and many of my friends. I'm looking forward to sharing my WOW experiences, which include learning gold work for a very large door knocker."

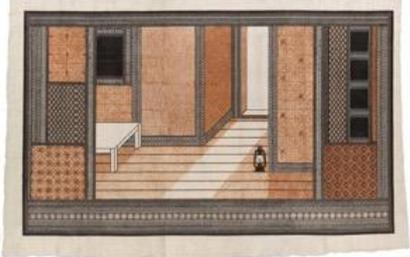


## Heritage Week – Save the Date

The Wellington Festival Heritage Trust are hosting a series of events during the week 24 Oct - 6 Nov 2022. We will be looking to undertake an exhibition/display of work and/or stitching events during this week at appropriate locations. Please start looking at your best work that we could use for display. We will also need volunteers to help us with the project and possibly with manning any displays we may have.

## 2022 Upcoming Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

<p><b>Mahara Gallery, Waikanae</b></p>	<p><b>Fabric artist and educator, Maungarongo (Ron) Te Kawa</b> <i>Star Relations</i> exhibition 18 July – 9 September</p>	
<p><b>From Out of the Blue Gallery, Opunake</b></p>	<p><b>Fabric, Fibre and Thread.</b> <b>New Plymouth Embroidery Guild Exhibition in conjunction with Saori weaver Louis Cook.</b>  18 August – 29 Sept</p>	
<p><b>Karori Arts and Crafts</b></p>	<p><b>Learn to Braid with Christine Brimmer</b>  Saturday 27 August, 10am-4pm</p>	

<p><b>Hutt Art Society</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.huttart.co.nz/copy-of-classes-3">https://www.huttart.co.nz/copy-of-classes-3</a></p> <p>Classes are now open for Xmas decorations</p> <p><b>Kutch Christmas Stars, Christmas Mice and Goldwork Kiwis</b></p> 
<p><b>Te Papa</b>  <b>Robin White: Te Whanaketanga</b>  <b>Robin White: Something is Happening Here</b></p>	<p><b>4 Jun-18 Sep 2022</b></p> <p>Check out this amazing exhibition and be inspired, especially by the works completed on Kiribati. Remind anyone else of blackwork?</p> 
<p><b>She Shed</b>  <b>Contemporary Wool Craft</b></p>	<p><b>Until 16 Oct 2022</b></p> <p>Featuring the work of seven contemporary makers.</p> <p>Petone Settlers Museum on the Petone foreshore. Part of the Threads Textiles Festival</p>
<p><b>Shetland Society of Wellington</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.shetlandwellington.org.nz/">http://www.shetlandwellington.org.nz/</a></p> <p><b>13-18 September 2022</b></p> <p><b>Odlin Gallery Lower Hutt</b></p>
<p><b>Suffrage in Stitches</b></p>	<p><b>10 September to 10 November</b></p> <p><b>Expressions, Upper Hutt</b></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Stitch Tui 2022</u></a></p>	<p><b>16-18 Sept</b></p> <p><b>At Tui Ridge near Rotorua</b></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Otepoti Dunedin Embroidery School</u></a></p>	<p><b>Evening classes 10-11 September</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.oeg.org.nz/otepoti-dunedin-embroidery-school-2022/">https://www.oeg.org.nz/otepoti-dunedin-embroidery-school-2022/</a></p>

## 2022 Display Themes

As well as the new worktable we would love to see work that you have finished some time ago that would fit with our themes below. So, if you have work that fits this month theme of Winter Wonderland then please do bring it along for us all to admire. Looking at the work of others can be so inspiring.

Last Month, Sarah Hooker brought along a beautiful piece of embroidery for the theme Fairy Tales and Mystical Characters. Thank you for sharing these memories of your mother with us Sarah.

“The work was stitched by my mother in about 1962. I remember it being there all my life and have come to love it even more as I've aged, probably as I realised that mum really started her life as a stitcher in 1960 when I was born and this is one of her earliest pieces. Mum passed away in 2015 and when I was cleaning out her sewing room I came across the book with the pattern for the piece in it. The book was "Swedish Embroidery" by Eivor Fisher C1953. It is described as a Nursery Wall panel and encourages the stitcher to stitch the motifs individually or change the order they are placed in.”



This month's theme of Winter Wonderland seems very appropriate and I'm sure many of us will have a snowflake or two in our collections.

Meeting Date	Theme Display
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Winter wonderland
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Childhood memories
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Recycled materials
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Aotearoa Natives
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Viewers' Choice

## Guild Groups (Please phone to see if running in Level 2)

Your friends are always welcome to Guild groups

<p><b>Drop in Stitch-in</b> Contact: Rhys Garton</p>	<p><b>10am - 4pm Wellington Museum First Saturday of the month.</b></p> <p>Ask at Reception when you arrive for directions. Tea and coffee will be available from the kitchen (which is opposite the room).</p>
<p><b>Johnsonville Stitch-in</b> Lyn Duncan 04-562 8722 or 021 1428915</p>	<p><b>1.30-4.30pm at Johnsonville Community Centre (third Saturday of the month).</b> Gold coin koha for afternoon tea.</p> <p>Please bring a piece of work for show and tell. <a href="mailto:lynpatduncan@hotmail.com">lynpatduncan@hotmail.com</a> <b>This session will only run if we are at Level 2</b></p>
<p><b>Lower Hutt Stitch-in</b> katrine@xtra.co.nz</p>	<p><b>1.00pm-4.00pm (second Saturday of the month)</b> at the Hutt Art Centre, cnr Huia and Myrtle Sts. Cost \$6.</p>
<p><b>Exhibition Group</b> Louise Day 04-568-8088</p>	<p>On the <b>first Thursday of the month</b>, we visit an exhibition and meet for lunch beforehand at a nearby café. An email is sent out to members the weekend before the first Thursday of the month.</p>

## Membership Subs 2022

Thank you to all those who have paid their 2022-23 subs. If you have not yet paid, please make payment as soon as possible to ensure you receive a copy of Threads magazine.

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