



## The Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Inc

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#### August Meeting – Wednesday 14 August 2019

The Loaves and Fishes Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Hill Street. Hall opens at 7.00pm; meeting begins at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available soon after the hall opens at 7:00pm.

This month we welcome Barbara Wheeler as our guest speaker

"Barbara Wheeler is an Australian textile artist working with natural fibres and fabrics, botanic prints and dyes. Her practice spans clothing design, stitching, basketry and fabric piecing. Barbara founded her clothing label, *every thread counts*, in 2016 to raise awareness of the environmental and social impacts of global fast fashion and to promote the wearability of natural fibres.

Barbara is in New Zealand as artist in residence at the Wellington Botanic Gardens and Vinnies Resew. Her intentions for this period of work are to develop patterned representations of her botanic dye research and to fabricate composite cloth from reclaimed textiles for winter apparel such as coats, jackets and satchels." *Barbara Wheeler*



**Wanderlust Quilt 2018** Wool, Silk, Cotton, Botanical Prints, Botanical Print Samples and Waste Textiles, Machine and Sashiko Stitching Photo by Barbara Wheeler

The **theme** for the meeting is Solstice, so bring along your Solstice projects.

#### Conferment of Life Membership – 10 July 2019

At our July meeting we were very pleased to confer Life membership on two of our hard working members – Lyn Duncan and Sarah Hooker.

##### Lyn Duncan

Lyn joined Wellington Embroiderers' Guild in November in 1989. Over the past thirty years Lyn has had a major involvement in most areas of the guild. From president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, librarian and the go to person for all things WEG. As new committees have come in Lyn was there to guide us with her extensive knowledge of the WEG. Lyn was instrumental in the WEG 50th anniversary and Solstice was another area where her expertise reigned supreme.

She is involved with Extensions and was ANZEG Secretary, and on the committee for Conference 2002 and heading into the future with Vision 2020. Lyn was the recipient of the ANZEG study grant in 2008.

It is with great pleasure that we confer on Lyn Duncan **Life Membership of the Wellington Embroiderers' Guild** and thank her for her many years of service.

*Anne Whitehead*

I just wanted to thank you all very much for my (reluctantly accepted) life membership award, and the Minerva voucher. The flowers are beautiful too and smell gorgeous on this miserable afternoon. I'm happy to assist wherever I can if you need me.

*Lyn Duncan*



## Sarah Hooker

Sarah joined the Wellington Embroiderers Guild in 2007. Sarah has always been in the background with her ownership of Nancy's Embroidery. Her retail experience has resulted in TWEG sales table being renowned in the Cook Strait region and beyond.

She has encouraged many people to join the Guild through teaching at Nancy's and elsewhere. Her support at meetings and wealth of knowledge that she has shared has always been greatly appreciated.

Through her skillful teaching and lifelong enthusiasm for embroidery she has promoted the aims of the WEG. No task is too daunting when it comes to the behind scenes in the collecting of embroidery collections from members who have died or those that are destashing their collections.



Orange Earth Purple Sky by Sarah Hooker

It is with great pleasure that we confer on Sarah Hooker **Life Membership of the Wellington Embroiderers' Guild** and thank her for her many years of service.

*Anne Whitehead*

Well that was a shock! The stunning flowers and gift card were much appreciated and now that I'm not so speechless I'd like to thank the committee for the honour of Life Membership.

I'll take this opportunity to say how much I enjoy bringing the sales table to the guild each month and the comradery, friendship and support from you all.

It wouldn't be possible without the help of Margaret, those who step in to help out and of course all of you that donate and purchase goods.

I look forward to contributing to the guild with an exciting sales table for many more years.

Thanks again

*Sarah Hooker*

## July Meeting

Also at our July meeting we discussed:

- Fobs for the Vision 2020 Conference. It was decided that the Cook Strait Guilds would provide scissor fobs for the conference bags. Some examples were shown and fabric handed out. By now you should have received some instructions and guidelines for fobs by email.
- Thoughts for Solstice 2020 given that Vision 2020 is only a month later and it is also the year we hold our regional workday in March. No decision was reached, but the options are, no Solstice, return to one day only or plough ahead with the new two day format. No decision was reached but please let your committee know your thoughts so we can start planning.
- We had a great response to our fantasy theme from books to needlework; from dragons, sorcerers and unicorns to fantasy landscapes.



Barry A - Dragon cushion for Dolls house

## July Extensions Meeting

On Sunday 7th July twelve members of the Extensions Central meet at the Waikanae Arts and Crafts Centre. After coffee and tea we started on the task for the day – Stitch Challenge. Taken from the exercise in the Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn book, "Stitch Magic", cards were randomly allocated with a stitch name as well as technique and treatment. For example, "Sorbello, irregular,

spiral". It was very interesting seeing how each person interpreted the combinations differently. It was agreed at the end of the day that this was a good way to introduce one to different stitches and approaches and that we were not going to see the Basque Knot stitch widely in the near future.

*Maria Champion-Forster*

## 2019 – 2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

**30 July - 11 August 2019 10 – 4 Freehand – an Exhibition of Embroidery and Textile Art by Caroline Strachan** Hutt Art Centre, Myrtle St, Lower Hutt. Sweet treats will be served on 30 July

**3 August 2019 Intastitch Day** hosted by Horowhenua Guild.

**14 - 29 September 2019 Cook Strait Regional Exhibition** in Masterton in conjunction with Wairarapa Guild's biennial embroidery exhibition at Aratoi. Theme is 'environment'.

**27 – 29 September 2019 What a Weekend** Nelson Embroiderer's Guild. For more information <http://www.nelsonembroiderersguild.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/WAW-2019-V2.pdf>

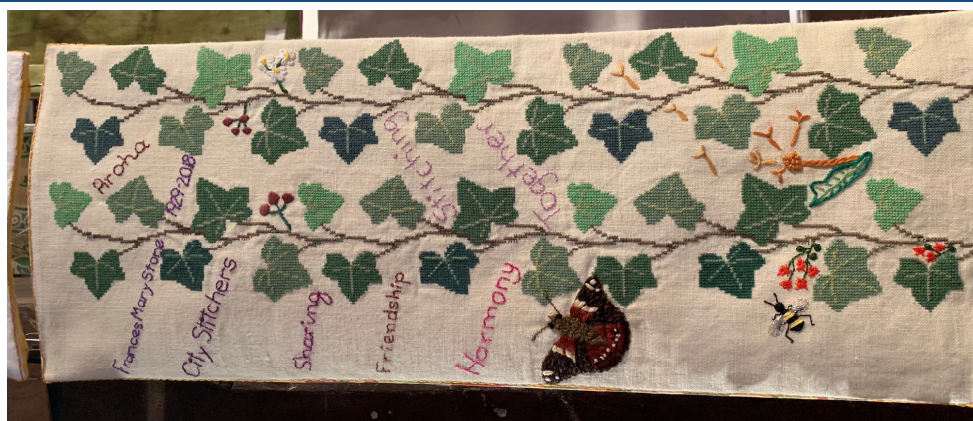
**28 September 2019 Wairarapa Regional Workday** - on last weekend of regional exhibition.

**12th October 2019 Kapiti Guild Friendship Day.**

**27 – 29 March 2020 Great Escape 2020** Orewa – paper and on-line catalogues are available. [www.embroiderersgreatescape.com](http://www.embroiderersgreatescape.com)

**10 – 16 July 2020 Vision 2020 – Biennial Conference** to be held in Masterton

## Suffrage in Stitches Panel for Frances Stone



The City Stitches added small items to a piece of Frances' work – Photo by Sarah Keppel

## Guild Groups

You and your friends are always welcome at these Guild groups

<b>Johnsonville Stitch-in</b> Contact: Marie Trethowen 237-6344	<b>1.30-4.30pm</b> at Johnsonville Community Centre (third Saturday of the month). Gold coin koha for afternoon tea. Please bring a piece of work for show and tell.
<b>Lower Hutt Stitch-in</b> Contact: Lynn Newman 566-1561	<b>1.00pm-4.00pm</b> (second Saturday of the month) at the Hutt Art Centre, cnr Huia and Myrtle Sts. Cost \$6.
<b>1<sup>st</sup> TEG</b> <b>First Thursday Exhibition Group</b> Contact: Louise Day 568-8088	On the first Thursday of the month we visit an exhibition and meet for lunch beforehand at a nearby cafe. An email is sent out to members the weekend before the first Thursday of the month.

## Committee

**Anne Whitehead** Ph. 476 7227 (President)

**Sara Keppel** (Treasurer)

**Judy Wright** (Committee member)

**Caroline O'Reilly** (Committee member)

**Almoner: Joan Adam** [hjadam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hjadam@xtra.co.nz) If you know of anyone needing congratulations or a kind word

**Marie Cassino** (Secretary)

**Mary Trounson** (Newsletter Editor)

**Judy Johnson** (Committee member)

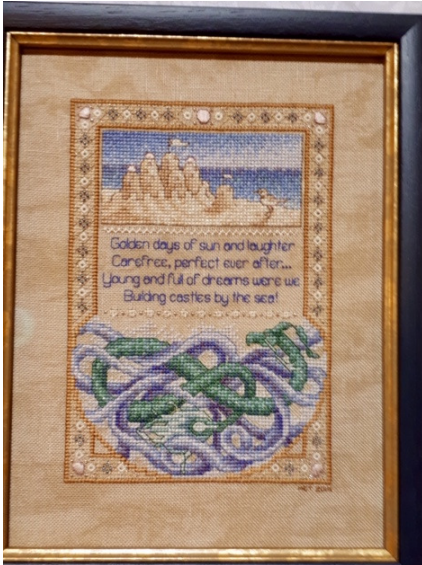
**Sally Ross** (Committee member)



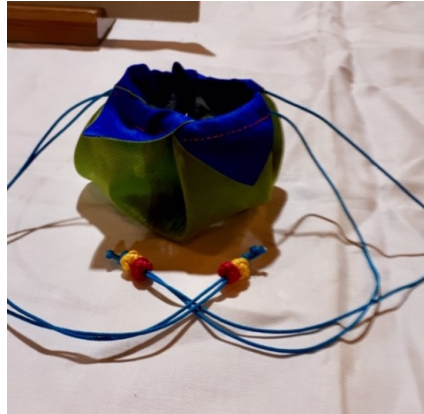
## 2019 Meetings

Meeting Date	Theme Display	Newsletter Deadline
14 August	Solstice Projects	<b>2 August</b>
11 September	New Beginnings/ New Life	<b>30 August</b>
9 October	Traditional Stitching	<b>27 September</b>
13 November	Christmas	<b>1 November</b>
11 December	Viewers' Choice	<b>29 November</b>

## New Work July



Mary T– Castles by the Sea (Teresa Wentzler Design)



Anne W – Korean bojagi pouch



Joan A –2 pyramid fobs



Anne W – needlepoint cushion



Judy J– needle book made at Solstice

There was a lot of other new work listed but the owners did not indicated their consent to having photos published

All Photos by Marie Cassino unless otherwise specified



Joan A – Solstice workshop, Dendritic printing

