

The Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Inc

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December Meeting – Wednesday 11 December 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 available after the hall opens at 7:00pm.

December is our last meeting for the year and our Christmas meeting with the Viewers' Choice Award, raffles, sales table, merchants and a chance to socialise and stitch.

To enter the Viewers' Choice Award bring along any new work you have completed in 2019. You may have displayed this in earlier months or it may be new for December.

Along with the Sales Table we will be having Catherine Rozendaal from Country Stitch, Felted and Stitch and Creative Craft Supplies with threads and fabrics for you the purchase.

The raffle will be drawn for the Inspirations book. If you haven't got your ticket yet you still have an opportunity to purchase tickets. There will also be another raffle on the night, with a good selection of prizes. All proceeds are going to the Women's Refuge.

We will round out the evening with a Christmas supper.

So come along with your stitching and money for raffles and the merchants as well as any new work you have completed this year.

February and July Meetings

The Cathedral requires the hall on our usual meeting dates in February and July in 2020, so reluctantly the committee has decided that the meetings for those months will be held on 19 February and 1 July.

Blackwork Stitch Along

Our theme for next year is focussing on Blackwork. So we have decided to do a year long stitch along using a free pattern by Elizabeth Almond of www.blackworkjourney.co.uk. On her website (which we highly recommend you checking out) there are a number of free patterns available exploring blackwork or blackwork done in conjunction with drawn thread, pulled work, cross stitch and embroidery.

We have chosen the Tiny Treasures pattern. There are two variations available, a square piece or an oblong piece. We had a brief display of the pattern, images and a couple of sample stitchings at our November meeting, and will again in December.

If you are interested and haven't signed up yet, please do so at the December meeting or via email to weg.sec@gmail.com. A link to the pattern will be emailed or a copy posted to you monthly. We will be sending the introductory information and first stitching section in the next week.

We look forward to seeing everyone's interpretation of the pattern, whether you decide to complete the whole design or take elements of it and use it as a starting point to create something unique.

There will be time during our meetings throughout the year to chat about progress etc.

Regional Workday

The date for the Regional Workday is 21 March not 15 March as originally advertised last month. We are in the planning stage and required volunteers to help with set up, cleanup, kitchen and welcoming duties. We also required volunteers to help man the sales table. Lists will be available at the February meeting or you can email the Guild at wembroidersg@gmail.com

As usual you will be asked to bring a plate for morning and afternoon tea and everyone who attends needs to provide your own lunch, either bring it with you or visit one of the cafes in Johnsonville.

The new library and café will be open which is next door to the community hall. Parking will be tight. You will have to use the Park and Ride or local side streets. Watch for the parking restrictions, the wardens sometimes check these at the weekend.

Solstice

Planning for Solstice is underway and we are currently looking for tutors. So if you have something you are able to teach a group we would like to hear from you.

November Meeting

In November we welcomed Cara, Maureen and Karen who spoke about the work done by Sew Exquisite as part of the Love One Another Foundation (LOAF), which was founded in West Java in 1991 by 2 Kiwis, 2 Americans and 2 Indonesians. The aim of the organisation is to alleviate poverty, improve health, and provide education and life skill training. by training and employing women in rural West Java to create beautiful cross-stitched decorations and ornaments.

The women work at home and meet monthly. Beginner stitchers are paired with senior stitchers who pass on their skills. Currently 49 women stitch and there are 2 tailors (One male and One female) representing 75 children. Some of the women learn English and other skills

The money earned by the women is used to pay school fees or give credit at shops or markets otherwise if given directly to the women their men folk would end up with it.

All profits from Sew Exquisite are re-invested into our Foundation to support our peace education programmes and social work.

For more information see their website www.sewexquisite.co.nz

We also had a great display of Christmas pieces for our Christmas Theme.



Top Cara

Bottom Many of the ornaments for sale



Left Charmaine D – Angel

Above Various Christmas Themed work

Vision 2020

Everyone should have had a chance by now to have read the programme and select classes that appeal. If you haven't received your programme yet please let one of the committee know.

We hope to have some details regarding the Guild display for the conference at the December meeting.

Facebook

If you are on facebook please go to the Wellington Embroiderers' Guild face book page and like us.

Treasurer Role

Thank you to Marjorie Thomas who has agreed to take over as treasurer at the AGM in May. Marjorie has been co-opted on in the committee to learn the ropes.

2019 – 2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

10 December to 27th April 2020 Suffrage in Stitches Summer Exhibition Wellington Museum

21 March 2020 WEG Regional Workday

20-22 March 2020 Wanaka Embroidery School <https://www.oegembroideryschool.co.nz/>

27 – 29 March 2020 Great Escape 2020 Orewa – paper and on-line catalogues are available.
www.embroiderersgreatescape.com

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

Drop in Stitch-in – Wellington Museum

A reminder about the new Drop in Stitch-in group held at Wellington Museum on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm. Pop in with your stitching for an hour or several. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, all are welcome. Next stitch-in **7 December**.

The Museum is a lovely central spot and easy to get to, especially from the railway station.

There is plenty of space and if anyone would like to try out some beading Christina Porter always brings a selection of Delica beads and printed guides for getting started. She is planning to work on some ideas for mini workshops based around contemporary geometric beadwork concepts in the afternoons.

Guild Groups

You and your friends are always welcome at these Guild groups

Please note there is no Johnsonville stitch-in in December. The next one is in February and will be a shared lunch starting at 1pm.

Drop in Stitch-in Contact: TBC	10am – 4pm Wellington Museum First Saturday of the month. Ask at Reception when you arrive for directions. Tea and coffee will be available from the kitchen (which is opposite the room).
Johnsonville Stitch-in Contact: Marie Trethowen 237-6344	1.30-4.30pm 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.
Lower Hutt Stitch-in Contact: Lynn Newman 566-1561	1.00pm-4.00pm (second Saturday of the month) at the Hutt Art Centre, cnr Huia and Myrtle Sts. Cost \$6.
1st TEG First Thursday Exhibition Group Contact: Louise Day 568-8088	On the first Thursday of the month 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.

Committee

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Marie Cassino (Secretary)

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2019/ 2020 Meetings

Meeting Date	Theme Display	Newsletter Deadline
13 November	Christmas	25 October
11 December	Viewers' Choice	29 November
19 February	Holiday Stitching	31 January
11 March		28 February
8 April		27 March
13 May	AGM	1 May
10 June		
1 July		20 June

New Work November



Jeanette A- fold up playhouse



Jeanette A- Mouse



Sabine G – Cave Paintings



Susan W – 4 Cross stitch decorations



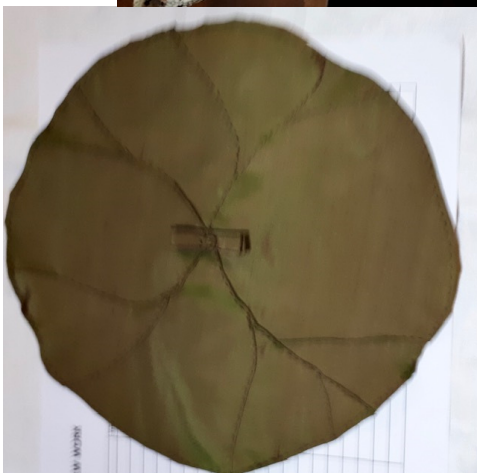
Anne W - Round Robin "fish pie"



Judy W Angel and bear



Joan A – 7 woven bags (woven on cardboard loom)
And cushion crocheted by her mother, made from
nylon pantyhose



Charmaine D – small lotus leaf. Korean stitching



Suzi P– Elven necklace

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