



The Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Inc

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July Meeting – Wednesday 10 July 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.

We would like to have a debrief on Solstice at the July meeting. What worked well, what needs improving what would you like to see at Solstice, etc? Also as the national conference is only a month later next year do you want a Solstice and if so in a reduced form or the current one? Please bring your thoughts to the meeting or email your thoughts to the guild's email address.

At the Johnsonville Stitch-in in May Trish Weble introduced us to the fobs that are going into the goodie bags for Vision 2020. As a continuation to this we would like you to bring along your favourite fob design to share.

The **theme** for the meeting is Fantasy, so bring along whatever inspires fantasy to you.

Extensions Meeting

The next Extensions meeting will be on Sunday 7 July at Waikanae Arts & Crafts. Maria Champion-Forster will be leading us in an exploration of and experimentation with stitch. If you would like to come along please contact Lyn Duncan lynpatduncan@hotmail.com. Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be a member of Extensions. *Lyn Duncan*

June Meeting

We were lucky to have Trish Hughes address us at the June meeting. She spoke to us about ANZEG and her personal journey into stitching. In her own words:

I was in Wellington to attend the OGM, the meeting held in the year between Conferences. As a result of the meeting over the weekend of 6th – 9th June I am happy to report that there will be some changes. All Executive members are getting generic e-mail addresses to help with continuity when personnel change. We are also reviewing the Constitution and the new Rules for the Association will be circulated soon for consultation before the final document is presented at BGM in Masterton. A full report from the OGM will follow once I have been to Palmerston North over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd June.

On a personal level, I described my adventure with stitch – starting back when my grandmother taught me to knit and crochet at the age of 3! My mother wasn't a needlewoman – she preferred to knit – so I took it upon myself to learn. My first pieces involved Florentine canvas work and I did many cushions as a teenager. One was still in use in my father's house when he died 2 years ago (some 40+ years later) – slightly worse for wear but still doing the job. I also taught myself cross stitch and that skill saw me through my nursing training – in the UK. Mum was from Wellington and she went to the UK in 1952 – I did the return journey in 1982. I had to see where my mother grew up and as I have dual citizenship it was an easy move to make. My operating theatre skills were transportable and so I was able to get a job at Waikato Hospital in Hamilton. I had a love of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and was fortunate to end up in charge of the theatre dealing with these specialities. More fortunate than I knew at the time as it was while working there that I met my husband of 31 years Phillip – then a Senior Registrar in O&G! We married in 1988, having spent some time in Brisbane, and then spent 12 years travelling in the Middle and Far East – 3 years in Hong Kong, 5 years in Al Ain (125 km outside of Dubai) and then 3 years in Brunei. When we were in Brisbane prior to our marriage I was lucky to attend 2 weekends dedicated to Torchon bobbin lace and together with my cross stitch it was those activities that became my friends as we travelled. Working full time (with a decision not to have children taken early on) and living in very hot and sometimes humid conditions meant that getting out to socialise was often difficult but I was

happy in my own company with my embroidery and lacemaking to keep me company. The year 2000 saw us return to NZ and settle in Whangarei – Phillip's Mum was still living there and it was the natural choice. We had a Lockwood house built, got the cat (sadly no longer with us) and then the garden went in. I'm not a gardener so tried to make friends in other ways. While at a Tupperware party I met a leading light in the Whangarei Embroiderers' Guild – the start of an amazing journey.

I joined Whangarei Embroiderers' Guild in 2002 and found that there were so many embroidery techniques that I had never heard about. I attended every class available and soon found that my principle love is for counted work. I joined the committee in 2007 as Newsletter Editor and Vice President and then served 3 years as President 2010 – 2013. From there I went on to be the Northern North Island Regional Rep between 2014 and 2018 and that led to my present position as President of the Association in 2018. I am enjoying meeting so many talented embroiderers from around the country and also learning from Guild members what it is that they want to see happen within ANZEG in the future.

Thank you for making me so very welcome and I look forward to meeting you again at the Winter Solstice and then in Masterton." *Irish Hughes*

Korean Culture Festival, Exhibition and Workshops

Some of you will remember the Bojagi Exhibition at Thistle Hall in Cuba Street. Now there is another opportunity to see this beautiful Korean style of embroidery "Jogakbo, pieces of memories" at Te Auaha, 65 Dixon Street (cnr Cuba St) from Monday 8 to Saturday 13 July.

In conjunction with the exhibition Moonhee Han is offering free workshops as follows:

- 1) Mon 08 July 12:20pm- 12:50pm
- 2) Tues 09 July 12:20pm- 12:50pm
- 3) Wed 10 July 5:30pm- 6:00pm
- 4) Thurs 11 July 12:20pm- 12:50pm
- 5) Fri 12 July 5:30pm- 6:00pm
- 6) Sat 13 July 1:30pm- 2:00pm

Register at the 'Wellington Bojagi' booth at Michael Fowler Centre during K-Culture Festival on Sat 06 July or email at info-nz@mofa.go.kr

The K-Culture Festival is on Saturday afternoon 6 July at the Michael Fowler Centre. *Lyn Duncan*

2019 – 2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

6 July 2019 12- 5pm K Culture Festival (Aspects of Korean Culture) Michael Fowler Centre

9- 13 July Jogakbo, Pieces of Memories

26 July 2019 Final Entry Date for ANZEG Postbag Colour Challenge Outside The Square.

These will be displayed at the Hamilton Craft and Quilt Fair in September. Entry form available through [ANZEG website, Education](#).

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 2020 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

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

Solstice 2019 in Pictures



Photos by Caroline O'Reilly
and Anne Whitehead



Guild Groups

You and your friends are always welcome at these Guild groups

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 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 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
10 July	Fantasy	28 June
14 August	Solstice Projects	2 August
11 September	New Beginnings/ New Life	30 August
9 October	Traditional Stitching	27 September
13 November	Christmas	1 November
11 December	Viewers Choice	29 November

New Work June



Joan A - Workshop by Victoria Villasana
@ May WEG 2019 (own photo)



Anne W – Autumn Leaves
cushion (own photo)



Judy W – Pohutakawa Heart
(own photo)



Joan A - Funky Ladies from design by Sue
Thomson (own photo)