



# The Wellington Embroiders' Guild Inc

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## Forthcoming Meetings and Events

An email was sent out at the weekend suspending all Guild meetings and stitching groups until further notice.

Events have moved on since that email and we are now all in isolation.

Please continue to follow the advice of the Ministry of Health.

As the email mentioned:

When the situation is clearer we will start to make plans for resumption of guild activities and our AGM. To keep you all occupied during this period we suggest you 'keep calm and stitch' and amaze us all at the recommencing of our Guild meetings

The newsletter will continue to be produced and while there are no meetings, members would still like to see what we have stitched. So if you would like your work to feature in the newsletter under new work please feel free to send photos to [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto:wembroidersg@gmail.com), and/or post photos on our Facebook page. If you would like to contribute to our monthly theme we would also like to see any photos.

If you would like to write a piece for the newsletter please also forward your contribution to [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto:wembroidersg@gmail.com)

When we resume meetings we would still like to see the projects in person, but assuming that you are using this unexpected time to produce new work we would love to produce the photos regularly so that the first newsletter after resumption doesn't become a large picture book.

If you are interested in our setting up a Google Hangouts group, where you can chat virtually to each other or post photos or videos, (it is similar to Skype if you are familiar with that) please let us know on [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto:wembroidersg@gmail.com)

Please keep yourself safe and we want to see you all when this is under control.

*Anne (President), Sara, Marie, Sally, Judy, Judy, Caroline, Mary and Marjorie*

## April Theme

The Theme for this month is **Surface Embroidery**. Photos to [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto:wembroidersg@gmail.com)

## Vision 2020 **CANCELLED**

Please see attached letter from the Vision 2020 Committee.

## Hospital Projects

Our guild supports the families of stillborns by making and stitching felt teddies and other shapes.

While we are in isolation we would still like these projects to continue. In light of this in the next few months we will be sending out at the end of the newsletter patterns for the various shapes we have available. Last month it was the Teddy and since Easter is coming up this newsletter will have the Bunny. Unfortunately we will not be able to keep supply cut out felt shapes but hope you will be able to dive into your own stash of felt and cut out the shapes for yourself. If you need any help or have questions please contact us via [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto:wembroidersg@gmail.com)

Our guild also makes Christmas stockings for the Children's ward at Christmas. Susan and Margaret hope to have the materials available as soon as we are out of lockdown.



## Vision 2020 'We ♥ 2 Stitch'

While the Conference has been cancelled they are attempting to at least hold the display and if that does not go ahead we will use everything at the next conference. So please continue to stitch.

The idea of what form our submission for the Guild Display at Vision 2020 would take was shown, discussed and agreed upon at the March meeting – we are going to replicate the 'We ♥ 2 Stitch' banner. All the letters and number have been taken – but that does not mean you are too late – we want some autumn colour leaves to scatter around the edges. If you want to do a leaf (or 2) and didn't get a printout at the last meeting don't worry – just use one from your garden as your template. There are very few rules – please:

- Use autumn colours - reds, greens, brown, yellow, orange.
- Use stitching as your technique – any stitching technique is fine.
- Leave a border of 1.5 - 2 cm's around the letters and number for application to the background.
- 2D or very slightly raised only.



Letter I photo supplied by Maria C\_F

At this stage we would like them completed by early June, but as we are unsure of what is happening at this stage please hold onto your pieces until we know more, but be ready to deliver in early June.

## March Meeting

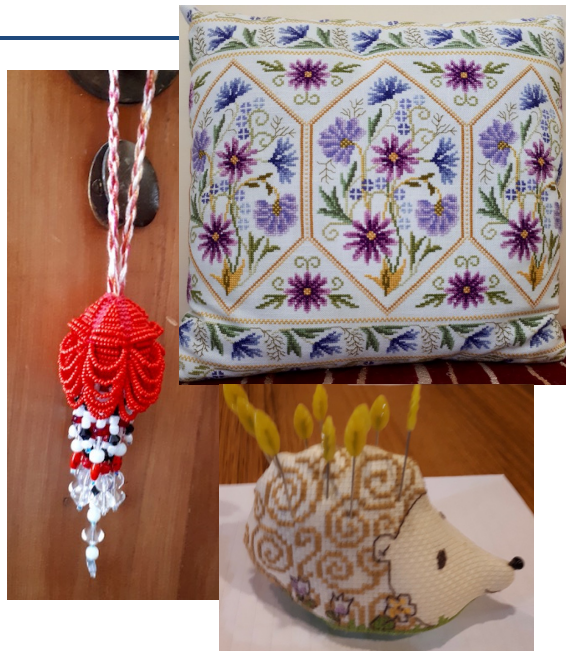


Our speaker for March was Amber McIntosh who is Head of Technology at Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt, where she also teaches amongst other things embroidery and quilting to the students from year 9 to year 13. She has incorporated embroidery in the syllabus for the last 5 years. Each year she has a project where her students can incorporate embroidery. She starts her year 9 students on blanket stitch, chain stitch and French knots and each year builds from there. She brought along samples of her students work, cushion covers for the library from year 9 and baby quilts from year 13. Both groups had incorporated applique and embroidery in their designs. She also shared her embroidery journey and showed us examples of her work a couple of them had been entered into the postbag challenge which she always enters.



Our theme of useful items was well represented this month





Marie C—shades of aubergine cushion (Mary Hickmott design), Hedgehog pincushion, design from a cross stitch magazine, and beaded tassel (Barbara Kerry class)



Suzi P, Clothing made by her mother. The wee suit for her brother (now 85yrs old)



Maria C-F, bag from paper (Isobel Hall)



Caroline S – bag made from her first embroidery class with Sarah Hooker



Joan A –Embellished silk cushion, waistcoat and workbag



Sally R – patchwork cushion with crochet roses



Charmaine D, supper throw and serviette rings



Lyn D– Japanese style patchwork bag



## Valuable Websites

<http://whf.org.nz/sewing-knitting-patterns/>

There is a movement by mainly Cross stitch designers in which they are creating small designs which are free to download. To find them you search **#bewellandstitch** and the various designers and their websites appear, some may have the chart on front page, other sites you may have to search for it via menu

## Suspension of Little Sprouts – Coronavirus Pandemic

Thank you so very much for supporting Little Sprouts for over ten years.

During this time we have been able to support hundreds of charities and provide millions and millions of dollars of baby items to vulnerable babies across NZ. And we have always been entirely powered by volunteers!

Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus pandemic we are now suspending our operations at all branches of Little Sprouts across New Zealand. This means that we will stop receiving donations of items immediately.

If you are able to hold onto your donations until we are able to open again that would be amazing.

If not, please do gift these to other community groups that support families in need.

If you are a crafter, please do keep crafting and hold onto your lovely items until such time as we can receive them again.

If you are on our Craft Angels Facebook page, our head Craft Angel Monique will be providing regular updates and you can still participate in our online crafting community.

## 2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

**10 December to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Suffrage in Stitches Summer Exhibition** Wellington Museum  
Currently closed

**16 May 2020 Upper Hutt Work Day – CANCELLED**

**20 –21 June 2020 Solstice – CANCELLED**

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

## Guild Groups– Cancelled until further notice

You and your friends are always welcome at these Guild groups, when they return.

<b>Drop in Stitch-in</b> Contact: TBC	<b>10am – 4pm</b> 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).
<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 café. 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)

**Marjorie Thomas** (Treasurer Understudy)

**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)

## 2020 Meetings – Cancelled until further notice

Meeting Date	Theme Display	Newsletter Deadline
13 May(AGM)	Harvest	1 May
10 June	Repurposed	29 May
1 July	Winter Blues	20 June
12 August	Oriental Embroidery	31 July
9 September	Urban Chic	28 August
14 October	To Have and to Hold	2 October
11 November	Holiday Season	30 October
9 December	Viewers' Choice	27 November

## New Work March



Lis S – The Pilgrim (Long Dog Sampler) can you spot the dalek or tardis - Lis introduced them to the pattern



Sara K – Japanese knot bag, made for Anna H's wedding



Joan A – 4 fobs for conference

unless otherwise specified



Suzi P – , Hundterwasser (at last!)

## Hospital Project

Our guild supports the families of stillborns by making and stitching felt teddies and other shapes. Since Easter is nearly here we are featuring the bunny shaped pattern. Use for your own projects or to support this worthwhile project. Why not use a little bit of your day to support a grieving family



About 100 of these felt characters are needed each year. Please help out.

