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August Meeting – Wednesday 12th August 2020

The Loaves and Fishes Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Hill Street. The hall opens 7.00pm. Tea and coffee available soon after the hall opens. Meeting begins 7.30pm.

How wonderful to see so many of you at the July meeting. The Sales Table looked like it did a brisk trade and there was an amazing array of work on display. You can see a selection at the end of the newsletter. It was good to get the AGM out of the way after such a long delay. A big thank you to Marie and Ann for making it short and sweet.

We say thank you to the three members who have stood down from the committee; Mary Trounson, Sara Keppel and Judy Wright. As a result there has been some reassigning of roles which are outlined in the Committee section of the newsletter.

It's now your chance to put your hands up to join as committee members and as Mary said in her last newsletter, it's a great way to learn how the guild operates. It's also a chance for you to have a say in how the guild goes forward. The time commitment isn't onerous so please give it a thought.

The Theme for August is **Oriental Embroidery** which fits in very nicely with our guest speaker for August.



A big thank you to the departing members for your hard work and dedication for the past few years.

Speaker August Meeting

We are delighted to have Claire Smith as our guest speaker this month. Apart from being the best travelling companion a textile addict could wish for, she is an amazing teacher with a wealth of experience in stitching styles from Korea and Japan. Many of you will know her from Nancy's.

"I am a Textile artist and costume maker who specialises in surface design (dyeing and printing on fabric). I have a Teaching Diploma, a Graduate Diploma in Visual arts and a Diploma in Costume Construction from Toi Whakaari. In 2018-2019 I studied Raranga (Maori Weaving) at Te Wananga o Aotearoa.



I have been teaching dyeing, screen-printing, fabric dyeing, quilting, and machine quilting since 1996 in New Zealand and internationally. I have exhibited my quilts and wall-hangings widely, most recently with ThroughOurHands' Group in the UK and at the Bojagi Forum in Seoul, South Korea. "

Clare Smith

Christmas Stockings for Wellington Hospital's Neo Natal Unit

Quite a few members took pre-cut Christmas stockings at the last meeting, and have kindly committed to decorating or simply constructing them.

There are still sets available, so when you come to this month's meeting please consider taking some. Please record that you have taken the fabric pieces so we can track them. The hospital buys the fabric, so we must account for it.

We have fully tested instructions for sewing the stockings which we can email to you. Just ask. Please remember to stitch a hanger to the top edge of the stocking.



World Embroidery Day 30th July 2020

Did you know that the Swedish Embroidery Guild designated July 30th as World Embroidery Day in 2011? This passionate group of stitchers felt we should acknowledge and celebrate this wonderful art. Since then, people around the world have come up with all sorts of ways to celebrate on 30th July, from getting together with like-minded stitchers, fitting as it is also World Friendship Day, to getting out and stitching in public, through to just taking a quiet hour out of one's day to commune with their needle and their favourite pastime. Here are a couple of patterns from this year's celebrations.

<https://www.kellyfletcher.co.za/news/2020/6/22/leaping-fish-a-free-pattern-for-world-embroidery-day>

<https://alittlehappyplace.blogspot.com/2020/07/world-embroidery-day-2020-cabin-in.html>

Felt shapes



What a wonderful new addition the cat was to the shapes we make to support the families of stillborns.

Please remember to bring all your felt shapes along to the meeting on 12 August. As always there will be shapes available to take away and to decorate at the meeting

Subs & Threads Magazine

A big thank you to those who have paid and returned your forms on time. The next Threads magazine is due out October 2020 so if you still have subs owing please pay this month. If you have any articles to submit to the magazine send them to Caroline Strachan by the end of August - editor.threads@gmail.com. They have had good feedback on the recent travel articles so if anyone has been on an interesting trip in the past and has some good photos and fun story, please think about telling all so we can keep dreaming of adventures abroad!

Goldwork Class with Shirley Pygott

The Manawatu Embroiderer's Guild have a two day beginner's Goldwork Class with Shirley Pygott on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November 2020 at Wood Turner's Hall, Palmerston North 9.30am – 4pm. Cost \$ 90 plus kit.



The Pohutukawa can be worked in two different sizes

One stem	kit \$34.00	Size 8 x 10cm
Multiple stems	kit \$45.00	Size 12 x 17cm

Both sizes use the same techniques but obviously much more work in the larger piece.

To Register for this class: See attachment in email.

Global 'RSN Postcard from Home' hand embroidery challenge

The Royal Needlework School is encouraging stitchers to create a piece of hand embroidered art in the form of a 'Postcard' to mark the globally impactful event affecting all of us. The challenge is open to everyone from around the world, regardless of their technical level of stitch, with the aim of making everyone feel connected through our universal love of hand embroidery.

<https://royal-needlework.org.uk/rsnpostcardfromhome/join-the-challenge/>

Vinnies Pregnancy Assist

Vinnies Re Sew had 20 wonderful quilts donated in July, including 12 quilts sent from Wanaka. Thank you to our own guild members who made some beauties. Most of them have already gone out to families in need, along with the stash we had on the shelves!



We are now running low on knitted items so if you fancy a change from stitching, 0-1 jumpers are high on the list of wants by new parents as the weather cools. We recently had these woollens donated. The classic Kiwi Fish n Chip jumper.

Did you know they were invented when an older lady was upset to hear a wee newborn baby mother did not have anything to keep her baby warm so she wrapped her in newspaper – like fish and chips. The older lady and few others swiftly got to work. They were not experienced knitters so between them they worked out a really simple pattern for a beginner which could be made out of scrap yarns. You can find the pattern here.

<https://scottishcountryhouse.wordpress.com/2011/11/12/fish-and-chip-babies-knitting-pattern/>

And if you still want to make the Quilts you can do them 60cm x 60cm quilts to fit bassinets or 60cm x 100cm for cots. Items made from cotton or wool are preferable. If you need wadding Vinnies Re Sew has just got a delivery cotton/bamboo batting if you need some. For further details contact Caroline O'Reilly at resew@vinnieswgtm.org.nz or on 027 499 4882.

Reminder: CanBead

If you find any broken jewellery or unwanted beads bring them to the meetings for donation to CanBead. They also need ice cream lids (square ones from the 2 litre packs) for making bead kit bags. Marie C still has copies of the pattern for making these.

2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

Postbag Challenge	Final Entries to ANZEG by Friday July 24
Virtual Focus On Stitch Embroidery Exhibition 2020.	Exhibition available on ANZEG website 1 August Information available https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/gallery
Wool sale, 14 Peterkin Street, Wingate Lower Hutt	Thursday 6 th – Saturday August 8 th 9 - 4pm each day
Angels of Perception Woven Form - Professional Weavers Network of New Zealand exhibition	24 July – 6 September Patika Art + Museum, Porirua
Stitch Tui 2020	Friday 18 – Sunday 20 th September. Details available at the meeting.
World of Wearableart Up Close	29 August – 9 October. Exhibition at Te Papa featuring some of the most breathtaking wearable art garments.
Fish Pie Stitch group exhibition	22 - 23rd August Karori Arts and Craft complex

Guild Groups

Your friends are always welcome to Guild groups.

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 <i>First Thursday Exhibition Group</i> 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

President	Anne Whitehead Ph. 476 7227
Treasurer	Marjorie Thomas
Secretary	Marie Cassino
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Committee member	Judy Johnson
Committee member	Sally Ross
Committee member	Caroline Birkinshaw
Almoner:	Joan Adam hjadam@extra.co.nz if you know of anyone needing congratulations or a kind word

2020 Meetings

Meeting Date	Theme Display	Newsletter Deadline
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

Links to global exhibition and articles

[Victoria and Albert Museum Kimono to Catwalk:](#)

[Rosie Lee Tompkins retrospective Berkley Art Museum:](#)

New Work

A small selection of the massive amount of new work that was bought into the last meeting.

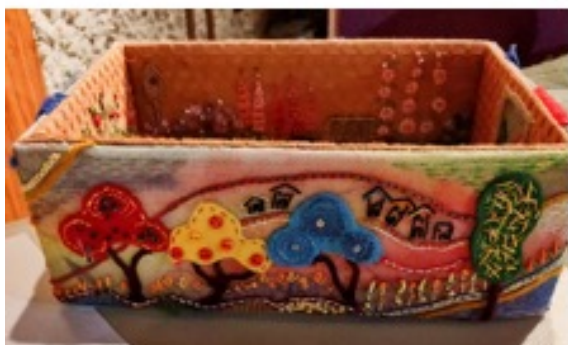


Marjorie Thomas
Applique and embroidery





Pam Bailey, box, garden with wall



Lindsay McWha, sampler



Anne Whitehead Boro hanging and cotton cushion cover



Trish Burr, level 1 needle shading



Maria Champion-Forster, Sue Spargo's stitch a long