



## The Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Inc

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### February Meeting – Wednesday 19 February

**Please note the change from our usual meeting date.**

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.

Our February speaker is Kirsty Jackson from CanInspire [www.caninspire.org.nz](http://www.caninspire.org.nz) who provide Art Therapy in the form of jewellery making classes to people experiencing illness, trauma or loss. If you have any unwanted beads or jewellery you can donate please bring it to the meeting. Kirsty will make it up into kits for the CanInspire group.

The Theme for this month is Holiday Stitching, either a piece commemorating a holiday or what you worked on during the holidays. It does not need to have been finished.

### In Remembrance

Recently Marie- Nui Biss and Valerie Carson passed away. They were both long standing members and both served as Guild Presidents. Their obituaries will follow in the next newsletter.

### Blackwork Stitch Along

This year we are focussing on Blackwork. We have decided to do a year-long stitch along using Tiny Treasures, a free pattern by Elizabeth Almond of [www.blackworkjourney.co.uk](http://www.blackworkjourney.co.uk).

We have started emailing out the links to the pattern to those signed up there is still time to get involved if you are interested. Just email [weg.sec@gmail.com](mailto:weg.sec@gmail.com) or let Anne W or Marie C know you want to sign up.

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



Sally R – Tiny Treasures Noel by Elizabeth Almond of Blackwork Journey (New Work – December)

### Regional Workday 21 March

At the February meeting we will be circulating lists for various duties involved with the Regional Workday. These duties include: Help with set up, clean-up, kitchen and welcoming duties, as well as volunteers to help man the sales table. Please volunteer for one or more of these so the workday is a success. If you won't be at the meeting you can also email the Guild to volunteer - [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto: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 so please either use the Park and Ride, local side streets or even better public transport which is particularly good as the hub is only metres away from the Community Hall. If you do drive, watch for the parking restrictions, the wardens sometimes check these at the weekend and we have heard via the grapevine the mall is patrolling their carparks so best not to park there.

## Solstice 20-21 June

With the success of last year's two day event we will continue with a two day event this year, with a get together on the Friday night to meet the tutors. 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. Also if there is a tutor you would like to see at Solstice please let one of the committee know at the February meeting or email to our email address [wembroidersg@gmail.com](mailto:wembroidersg@gmail.com).

## December Meeting

Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets. We made \$248.00 for the Women's Refuge which was very gratefully received. The raffle winners were:

- Inspirations book – Cara from Sew Exquisite
- Hamper –Susan P
- Neck Light – Caroline S

There were many entries to the Viewers' Choice award. Thank you to all those who entered. It's great to see so much wonderful embroidery and so many different techniques. It shows that embroidery is alive and well. The winner for the second year in a row was Mary T with her blackwork Biscornu Christmas



Biscornu Christmas Tree-own photo

Tree by Irene McDiarmid. Mary said "I was so taken with Judy J's Biscornu Tree the previous year that when I found the pattern in Oamaru I had to make it. I used a grey Cashel linen and stitched the design using Cottage Garden Threads Lyrebird Walk (1206)".

A very close second with another blackwork piece "Save the Stitches" by Elizabeth Almond of Blackwork Journey was Marie C.

As part of the evening members made the most of the opportunity to purchase fabric and threads from not only our own sales table but Catherine Rozendaal (Country Stitch), Felted and Stitch and Creative Craft Supplies. The evening rounded out with our usual Christmas Supper prepared by Churton Park New World.



Anne W awarding Mary T the Viewers' Choice Award

## Vision 2020

We hope to have further details on the Guild display for the conference at the February meeting.

## Sophie Standing 4 Day Thread Painting Workshop

Cheryl Houston from Auckland's *All Things Bernina* is organising another NZ tour of Sophie Standing workshops. The Wellington Region workshop will be held 13-16 March 2020 at Bernina NZ in Lower Hutt. The **Cost is \$875 with deposit \$300 and bookable through *All Things Bernina* 09 832 6994 or email [allthingsbernina@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsbernina@gmail.com)**

See some of Sophie's work here:

- Web: <http://www.sophiestandingart.com/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sophiestandingart/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sophiestandingart/>

## 2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

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

**7 March 2020 Colbert Embroidery Class by Lyn Heath** Community Leisure Centre, Ferguson Street, Palmerston North Cost \$40 contact Gloria at [manawatueg@gmail.com](mailto:manawatueg@gmail.com)

**13-16 March 2020 Sophie Standing 4 day workshop** Bernina NZ Lower Hutt

**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](http://www.embroiderersgreatescape.com)

**20 –21 June 2020 Solstice**

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

## 1st TEG – 13 February

With our regular first Thursday of the month falling on Waitangi Day the exhibition meeting will be on the second Thursday which is the 13th February.

We will meet at Pataka to view Creative Fibre Wellington: “Four Seasons”. This is a beautiful exhibition and includes imaginative works by Caroline Smith and Suzi Penny. Congratulations. If there are other Embroidery Guild members represented apologies for not mentioning you by name.

We will meet at 12.00pm Cafe Kaizen and thence 1.00pm to view exhibition.

I will send you a reminder with details of other exhibitions also on at Pataka.

*Louise Day*

## Johnsonville Stitch-in 16 February

Our first Johnsonville Stitch in for the year will start at the earlier time of 1pm as it will feature a shared lunch. Bring your stitching, a gold coin koha and a plate of food to share. We would also love to view any embroidery you wish to share with us.

## 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 March**.

## Guild Groups

You and your friends are always welcome at these Guild groups.

Please note there the Johnsonville stitch-in in February is starting with a shared lunch beginning at 1pm.

<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@extra.co.nz](mailto:hjadam@extra.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

Meeting Date	Theme Display	Newsletter Deadline
19 February	Holiday Stitching	<b>31 January</b>
11 March	Embellished Useful eg clothes, bags, boxes	<b>28 February</b>
8 April	Surface Embroidery	<b>27 March</b>
13 May(AGM)	Harvest	<b>1 May</b>
10 June	Repurposed	<b>29 May</b>
1 July	Winter Blues	<b>20 June</b>
12 August	Oriental Embroidery	<b>31 July</b>
9 September	Urban Chic	<b>28 August</b>
14 October	To Have and to Hold	<b>2 October</b>
11 November	Holiday Season	<b>30 October</b>
9 December	Viewers' Choice	<b>27 November</b>

## New Work December



Moonhee H – a Ramie patched bojagi and a long mat with close up





Lis S –, Linen and Threads mystery sampler, 2018 design



Susan, needlefelted baubles



Sarah H – Hundertwasser



Suzi P – bears, angels and indulgences



Charmaine D – lotus leaf bojagi, metal and silk organza





Cathy T - modern mending (Anna Hicks Class)



Caroline O'R –Barbara Wheeler top made as part of 'Waste for Warmth' exhibition



Margaret T, screen printing own design on linen

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