



The Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Inc

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Forthcoming Meetings, Events and AGM



We hope this newsletter finds you all well and safe in your bubbles. We are about to enter Covid-19 Level 3. For many of us this will be much the same as the last four weeks under Level 4. Please continue to follow the advice of the Ministry of Health. Obviously we will not be able to have a meeting and at this stage we have no idea when we will be able to have a normal meeting.

The committee has discussed the upcoming AGM on 13 May and while the paperwork is well on the way to being completed, we propose that the actual AGM will be deferred until we can all meet again in person. Our Treasurer (Sara K) has put a lot of work into producing the set of accounts for the guild and they are currently with the reviewer. We will send these out with the June newsletter at the latest. Our secretary Marie C has updated the membership form

which you will receive with this newsletter. While we realise that you are not receiving as much for your membership as you usually would during these are exceptional times, we hope to be able to get back to normal with the sales table, meetings and speakers and stitch-ins as soon as it is safe to do so. For that we do need your continued membership, so please do pay your subs as soon as possible.

In the meantime we are continuing with the monthly newsletter and we thank those of you who have made contributions for this newsletter.

As always if you would like your work to feature in the newsletter under new work or the monthly theme please feel free to send photos to wembroidersg@gmail.com, and/or post photos on our Facebook page.

If you would like to write a piece for the newsletter please also forward your contribution to wembroidersg@gmail.com

Keep Calm and Stitch

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



Maria CF 'Sue Spargo Toned-Down Circle Sampler' on Instagram

May Theme

The Theme for this month is **Harvest**. Photos to wembroidersg@gmail.com to include in next month's newsletter

Hospital Projects



As you are aware our guild supports the families of stillborns by making and stitching felt teddies and other shapes. In the previous two newsletters we have given you the shape for the teddy and the bunny. This month we have included the Angel.

Please continue to cut out your own shapes and decorate and hold on to them for now. Hopefully we will have more information in the next newsletter as to how to get them to the Guild. If you need any help or have questions please contact us via wembroidersg@gmail.com

Christmas Stockings



Each year the Wellington Embroiderers Guild is supplied with fabric from the Wellington Children's Hospital Foundation to cut out, decorate and sew the Christmas Stockings that are distributed in the Neo Natal Unit and children's ward in Wellington Hospital. Margaret Lake and Susan Wright lead the hospital project which is part of the embroiderers' social responsibility. Aware that the Level 4 lockdown was about to be put into action, we decided that the fabric should be shared between the two of us and we would use the time to cut out stockings.

Usually 50 stockings are made, but this does

require preparation before the pieces are distributed to members. As each stocking requires 4 pieces this means 200 sections are cut out. While we have evolved a way in which the pattern pieces are placed on the fabric to maximise the number cut out – it takes time. Our hands complain if we cut out too much in one session. So we have to pace ourselves.

Usually we take the stocking pieces to our May meeting for you to take home and decorate and sew together but we are looking into another means of getting these to you. However I just could not resist the urge to use sequins to decorate and sew up the first Christmas stocking of the 2020 batch!

We hope to have more information next month on how you can get these stocking pieces but if you are really keen to get started please contact Susan at s.m.wright@outlook.co.nz

Susan Wright



Vision 2020 'We ♥ 2 Stitch'

While the Conference has been cancelled the Organisers have announced that the exhibition will go ahead as a virtual exhibition.

We agree in March to replicate the 'We ♥ 2 Stitch' banner. All the letters and number are assigned and well on the way to completion, but we are also planning to scatter leaves around the edges. If you want to do a leaf (or 2) the rules are:

- 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.



Anne W Letter W (New Work)

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.

Postbag Challenge

Please note that the Postbag Challenge is still on. The Theme is Threes Company...Triangles with information available

Valuable Websites

Stitch Projects for Kids <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/resources>

TextileArtist.org

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKawDi1hUMtz84RuSjhzTjw>

Cas Holmes Sketchbook practice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96Qwoy97Lto>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtFtQ22JHPE>

2020 Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

Postbag Challenge – Register by Friday **June 26** and Final Entries to ANZEG by Friday **July 24**. See Entry form attached or [download here](#)

The Virtual Focus On Stitch Embroidery Exhibition 2020. Expressions of interest closed April 30 Final Entry to ANZEG by June 12. Exhibition available on ANZEG website 1 August.

Information available <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/news>

Guild Groups– Cancelled until further notice

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

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

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 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
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

Lockdown New Work



Marie C – Mackintosh Rose blackwork and cross stitch, by Peppermint Purple.
Both Tiny Treasures Blackwork Journey patterns (the Guild SAL) both stitched using the same 2 DMC colours
Tiny Treasures rectangle design! Designed by Liz Almond of Blackwork Journey



Anne W _ 3 Sashiko panels
Mary T Embroidered Box (from Jennifer Pudney design)

Rhiannon McK Purple velvet dress for Elenna

Elenna modelling a lovely knitted jumper made by a friend from UHSW

Easter eggs, done with blown eggshell, napkins and modge podge.

. A knitted dress for Elenna



Hospital Project

Angels for Stillborns

While our embroidered Teddies are welcomed by the Wellington Hospital this angel shape is very well received. The wings don't need to cut out in such detail if you don't want to. A simple blanket stitched edge with a ribbon bow, a charm or a piece of lace around the bottom edge is all that is needed.

