



# Wellington Embroiderers' Guild

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Next meeting Wednesday December 13, 7.30pm



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# President's Welcome

Kia ora,

We'll be celebrating the start of the summer with a social get together for our last meeting of the year. Do bring a friend to enjoy some of the festivities. They don't have to be a stitcher. Just someone whose company you enjoy, and who themselves would enjoy an evening of frivolity. The quiz will include non-stitching questions so our guests can take part.

I'm happy to have enrolled in two courses for the week in Dunedin in July. We have a reasonable sized group going now and in the New Year I'll be co-ordinating some get togethers in Dunedin to ensure we have as much fun as possible. It's not too late to enrol, there are still many course places available....and think about the thread shopping!

I have been delighted to see the applications for the Conference Award. They have all been from recent new members and I am impressed with their enthusiasm and their commitment to seeking new knowledge and skills. Unfortunately, there can be only one recipient, but I would like to thank those who have taken time to apply. The award winner will be announced at the Christmas meeting.

We have many holiday projects to keep our hands busy; the Conference vegetable patch, the thistle design for the Conference Exhibition, the exhibition categories for Conference and the Diana Parkes award. I'm setting up a frame for my garden project and can't wait to get started!

Happy stitching

Cathrine





# December Meeting

December's meeting will be a very social event. Please bring along a friend - they don't need to be a stitcher, as they'll be sure to enjoy our craft fair, quiz and mince pies. This will be a fundraising event with proceeds being shared between the Guild and the Mary Potter Hospice.

Thankyou to those who crafted Christmas decorations at the last meeting. All decorations, dried fruits, fudge and lemon and ginger marmalade will be for sale at the marvelous price of \$5 for each item. What a great way to fundraise. And a raffle of course! Bring your favourite piece that you have worked on **this year**. It doesn't matter if we haven't seen it before. There will be a Viewer's Choice award on the night.

And we'll be announcing the winner of the Conference Award too, so lots of reasons to celebrate the summer days to come and the start of a New Year.





# Conference Project - The Vegetable Garden

Thank you to those stitchers who are handing in their vegetable squares already. The result is going to be very colourful and varied - exactly what we were looking for. We have 9 squares still to be allocated. So, if you have finished one and would like to do another, please let us know if you need more brown thread. Birds eye views or horizontal is fine. If you think you might like to have a go, the detailed instructions are in the last two newsletters. Or you can contact one of the committee members or Maria for the details. Please remember to ensure there is a clear 5cm edge of fabric on your piece to assist when putting together. i.e., a 10\*10 cm block would need fabric of 20\*20cm. The soil colour will give us continuity. When you sign up you will get some threads to use for the soil. If you need more the colours are DMC 3021, 3031, 08, 09, 844.

There is a height limit of 1cm - please remember that we need to travel this to Dunedin. We're pleased to see variations on the theme of vegetables such as herbs, fruits, legumes, mushrooms.....It's going to look amazing!





# Dunedin Conference 2024

With a quieter month on the horizon, now is the time to think about entering a project into the Conference Exhibitions. The categories of Regeneration, A Stitch in Time and Gold Rush give us no excuse not to have a go.

Many of you will have looked at the conference programme in the recent Threads magazine. There is something for everyone. Take time to look at the ANZEG website to find out more detail about the courses before you decide what appeals. Learn a new technique, relax and enjoy something that is stress free, or simply enjoy spending time with like minded friends, new and old. Do let Cathrine know if you are thinking of going, so we can make plans for our Wellington group to do and see some Dunedin highlights together.

A yellow poster for the Dunedin Conference 2024. At the top left is the ANZEG logo (Association of New Zealand Embroiderers' Guilds Inc). At the top right is the Otago Embroiderers' Guild logo. The text 'Everyone is invited to join us at' is in the top right. The main title 'A Stitch in Time' is in a large, stylized script font. Below it, 'A CELEBRATION OF EMBROIDERY' is in bold, dark red capital letters. The text 'Hosted by Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc on behalf of the Association of New Zealand Embroiderers' Guilds Inc' is in smaller dark red font. The dates 'Dunedin | 11-18 July 2024' are in bold dark red. A dashed line separates this from the 'National Exhibitions' section, which is in bold dark blue. Below this, '12-26 July 2024 at Dunedin Railway Station' is in bold dark blue. The exhibition categories are listed: 'Open' with 'MODERN' and 'TRADITIONAL' sub-labels for 'Regeneration'; 'Members' with 'MODERN' and 'TRADITIONAL' sub-labels for 'A Stitch In Time'; 'Small Embroideries' for 'Gold Rush'; 'Te Wero Tuia ~ The Embroidery Challenge'; and 'Young Persons' for 'My Vision Of The Future'. The website 'www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference2024' is at the bottom in white on a dark blue background.

Everyone is invited to join us at

ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND EMBROIDERERS' GUILDS INC

OTAGO EMBROIDERERS' GUILD INC

*A Stitch in Time*

**A CELEBRATION OF EMBROIDERY**

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**Dunedin | 11-18 July 2024**

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**National Exhibitions**

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Small Embroideries: **Gold Rush**

**Te Wero Tuia** ~ The Embroidery Challenge

Young Persons: **My Vision Of The Future**

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# Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Workday

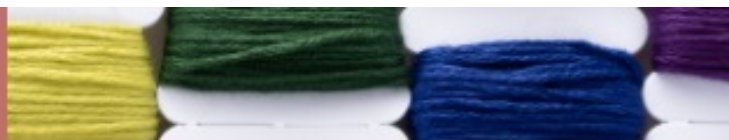
Johnsonville Community Centre  
Moorefield Road, Johnsonville  
Saturday, March 16, 2024 10.00am - 4.00pm

We'd love to see you at our workday. Catch up with old friends, make some new ones, stitch, chat and share the day.

Please bring your own lunch. We will provide morning and afternoon tea.

\$5 Entry Fee

Prizes, Diana Parkes Award, Sales Tables, Merchants, Viewers choice prize







## Diana Parkes Award

Now is the time to get started on your entry for the Diana Parkes Award, given to the work that best displays the attributes of Diana herself. She believed that telling a story was paramount. Show us your creativity and mixed media work. The award will be given at the WEG workday in March 2024. The criteria for the Award are as follows :

- An original work, completed in the last two years by a member of a Tararua Guild.
- There is no size limitation, can be 3D, can be a banner or clothing and can be a joint project.
- Each entry should be accompanied by a short statement describing the inspiration and/or the technique used ( not more than 50 words).
- The work may have been exhibited previously.

Diana Parkes, MNZM joined the Wellington Embroiderers' Guild in 1972 and was a committed member until her untimely death in 2011. Diana's work was exhibited widely in New Zealand and overseas and she won many awards. Her work was shown in WOW in 2006, 2007 and 2009. Her work remains very inspirational, and you can still refer to and be inspired by her blog, which remains online. The accompanying images are from the blog.

<http://dianaparkes.blogspot.com/>





# 2024 Calendar and Pocket Diary

The New Year is fast approaching so it's time to order your next calendar. These calendar and purse diaries are always an inspiration, with the images selected being some of the best embroideries seen in the ANZEG Extensions Exhibition and the Post bag challenge. The order form can be found in the last Threads Magazine and as an attachment to this newsletter.

**READY NOW  
ORDER  
YOURS  
TODAY!**

**\$10  
+P&H**

**\$5**

The ANZEG 2024 calendar and diary embroideries were selected from two national exhibitions: the ANZEG Extensions Exhibition, 'Chasing The Thread' and ANZEG Postbag Challenge, 'Cross'.



**A4 CALENDAR IMAGES**  
12 months with a full 2025 calendar included.  
Calendar spiral bound at the top.  
220 units available (sold out last year!)



**A6 PURSE DIARY IMAGES**  
13 months (includes January 2025) + handy notes pages at the back.  
1100 units available – an easy, useful gift to post!

Both the calendar and diary feature all New Zealand's holidays (statutory, provincial and school) as well as lunar cycles, other special days (like Mother's Day and daylight saving), AND the Conference 2024 deadlines! There's also a handy 2025 calendar, wedding anniversary gift guide, birth stones and flowers, and zodiac signs.

## 2024 ORDER FORM

All Guild or Individual orders welcome.

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I would like to order:

A6 diaries @ \$5 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SUB TOTAL + POSTAGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL BANKED:

A4 calendars @ \$10 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + \$7 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Calendars are \$10 each plus \$7 postage per order; ie, if you order 5 calendars the sub-total will be \$57. The next page has a sample.

☐ I have paid via direct credit to: ANZEG Threads, 01 771 0176530 00

Please email Amanda your order details: [embroiderynzwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:embroiderynzwebsite@gmail.com)

or post to her: ANZEG Threads, c/- A Sherman, 4 Galt Street, Haveria 4610

Guild \_\_\_\_\_ [www.embroiderynz.co.nz/diary-calendar](http://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/diary-calendar)

c/- Name \_\_\_\_\_ [www.embroiderynz.co.nz/shop](http://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/shop)

Address \_\_\_\_\_





Here is a list of the drop off points for Crafting Threads of Aroha. See next page for labels that can be printed for you to attach to any items you would like to donate.



#### Drop Off Points (as at 19 October 2023)

##### Wellington

**A-Z Flooring**, 5 Gordon Place, Newtown (Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm)

**Avis Budget Car Rentals**, 186 Victoria St, Te Aro, Wellington (Monday to Friday 8am - 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 8am - 12 noon)

**Brooklyn Community Centre**, 18 Harrison St, Brooklyn, (Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm)

**Hopper Refill**, 11 Hopper St, Mt Cook (Thursday to Sunday 10am - 6pm)

**Johnsonville Collective Community Hub**, 1/33 Johnsonville Rd, Johnsonville (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 3pm, Wednesday from 10am)

**Karori Community Centre**, 7 Beauchamp St, Karori (Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm, Saturday 9am - 12 noon, Sunday 10am - 1pm)

**Mt Vic Hub**, 24e Elizabeth St, Mt Victoria. Please call first to arrange a time, 021 765 525.

**Northland Memorial Community Centre**, 5 Woburn Rd, Northland (Monday to Friday 11am - 3pm)

**Seatoun Village Hall**, 22 Forres St, Seatoun (Monday to Thursday 9.30am - 1.30pm)

**Tawa Library**, 158 Main Rd, (cnr Cambridge St & Main Rd), Tawa (Monday to Friday 10.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm)

**Wellington Sewing Centre**, 40 Coutts St, Kilbirnie (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm)

##### Hutt Valley

**Lower Hutt War Memorial Library**, 2 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt (Monday to Friday 9.30am to 6.30 pm, Wednesday to 8.30pm, Saturday 9.30am - 5pm)

**Louise Flanagan**, ph 027 7715021 (please call/txt to arrange a time/place)

**Upper Hutt Central Library**, 844 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 6.30pm, Thursday to 7pm, Saturday and Sunday 9.30am - 4pm)

##### Porirua

**Porirua City Centre Library**, Cnr Norrie & Parumoana Sts, Porirua (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm, Sunday 12 noon - 4pm)

**t bay cafe** - 26 Whitehouse Road, Titahi Bay (Tuesday to Friday 8am - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 2-4pm)

##### Kapiti

**Kapiti Knitting & Lotto Shop**, 24 Maclean St, Paraparaumu Beach (Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Wednesday to 6.30pm, Saturday 8am - 7pm)

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# STOP PRESS:

- **Saturday Stitching at Johnsonville**

The next meeting for the Johnsonville Stitch In is Saturday 27 February 2024

- **Wednesday Evening Stitching at Seatoun**

The next meeting is Wednesday 6 December. Following the summer break the next meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

- The **Wellington Workday** will be held at Johnsonville Community Centre on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please put this in your diary. We would love to see a big turnout for this get together. We already have some traders booked. Start stitching for the Diana Parkes Award.

- **Christmas Stockings**

Thank you all for the beautiful stockings. I delivered 69 stockings to the hospital, and they were very well received and will make many children happy on Christmas morning.

Happy Christmas to everyone,  
Margaret and Susan.

- **Obituary**

We are sad to hear that our friend and stitching colleague Barbara Hercus has passed away recently.



All are welcome to come together to remember and farewell Barbara, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 12.00pm at Lychgate Funerals (Cnr Willis and Aro Steet). She was a longstanding member of the Guld and taught Embroidery/City & Guilds at Wellington High night classes. She was a valued embroiderer for the Globe Theatre Hangings project. This included her advising the Designer Raymond Boyce that the fritillaria came each from a single stems as bulbs, rather than as he had originally drawn them, multi-heads from one! He bowed to this Botanist's knowledge and redrew them correctly!!

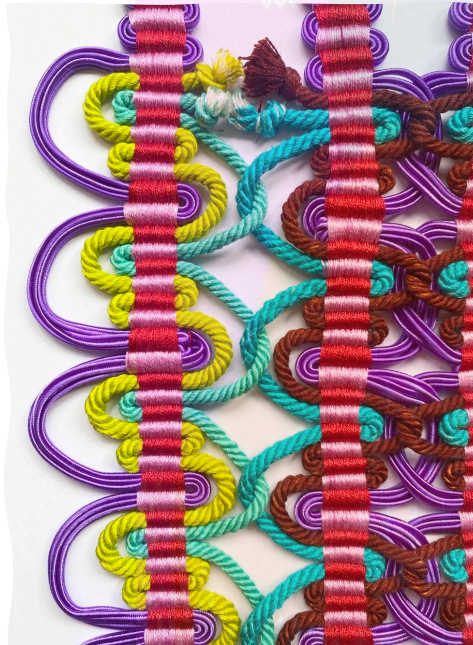


# New Challenges

Wondering what to treat yourself to for Christmas or wanting to try something new for your New Year's resolution or just ready for a challenge? Here are three online options that are highly recommended as something new. Each are easy to follow and include great videos.

Firstly, this online passementerie course with **Elizabeth Ashton** is full of colour and vibrancy. Some of you may have seen her work previously on the cover of Embroidery magazine. If anyone is interested in doing this course, it would be fun to do it together or to meet monthly to share our ideas and progress. Let Cathrine know if you are interested.

<http://elizabethashdown.com/>



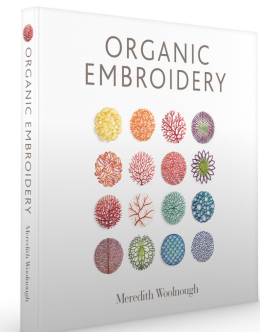
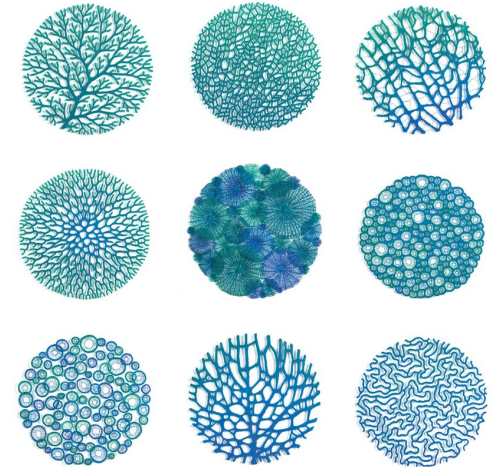


Meredith Woolnough.

Meredith is a visual artist and teacher based in Newcastle, Australia.

Meredith's online courses include Introduction to Freehand Machine Embroidery, Sculptural Embroidery and Framing Textile Art. She is the author of two books 'Organic Embroidery' (2018) and 'The 100 Embroideries Project' (2023) and teaches both in person and online classes. Her classes are suitable for beginners. Her next sculptural embroidery course, suitable for beginners begins on February 24 2024.

<http://meredithwoolnough.com.au/>





## Charlotte Appleby

Charlotte is a British Couture designer, now living in Australia.

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If you've ever wanted to consider tambour work and beading as seen on Couture fashion, this is the teacher for you. Her online courses included contemporary beading and tambour for beginners, as well as intermediate and advanced courses. Her workshops are so much fun too.

She has undertaken courses in New Zealand so maybe we should entice her back.

<http://couturebeadmasters.com/>



# Fibre Arts 2024 Whanganui Girl's College 21-27 April 2024

If you've never been to a Fibre Arts week, dedicated to having a good time, then now is the time to plan 5 days of freedom from domesticity. Fibre Arts New Zealand runs fibre arts events that provide participants with the opportunity to work with fibre artists and craftspeople who are experts in their fields. The main event is a five-day residential event with four workshops on offer targeting different levels of knowledge. Some workshops focus on techniques whilst others are designed to push the participants to think about their creative practice in a new light or in a new direction. Participants select one workshop and work with that tutor for the duration of the event. These courses still have spaces.

<http://fibreartsnz.co.nz>

## **Sonya Prchal (Whangarei) Fibre Art Enhancement**

Thread painting using sewing machine free-motion stitching techniques. Sonya will also cover design principles (balance, values, and colour).

<http://sonyaprchal-quiltartist.blogspot.com/>

## **Thorn Richards (Wellington)**

Thorn is a Wellington jeweller who tutors various workshops. We are working through what is possible and what isn't with the facilities in Whanganui. At the moment we are thinking hammered metal, soldered rings, flush setting earrings and pendants.

<https://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/w/presenters/62506-thorn-richards>

<https://www.facebook.com/TomRichardsStudios>




# 2023 Upcoming Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

Date	Description	Host and Location
16 March 2024	<b>Wellington Embroiderers' Guild Workday</b> The Diana Parkes Award will be decided with a prize of \$100. There will also be a viewer's choice prize.	Wellington Embroiderers' Guild, Johnsonville Community Centre
22 – 24 March 2024	The Embroiderers' Great Escape <a href="https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/classes-2024/">https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/classes-2024/</a>	
21 – 27 April 2024	Fibre Arts New Zealand 2024 <a href="mailto:info@fibreartsnz.co.nz">info@fibreartsnz.co.nz</a>	Fibre Arts New Zealand Whanganui Girls College
18-19 May 2024 Regional Retreat	Two days of stitching with our colleagues from the Tararua region.	Solway, Masterton
12 – 18 July 2024	<a href="http://embroiderynz.co.nz">embroiderynz.co.nz</a>	ANZEG Conference & Embroidery School, Dunedin



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2 Dec 2023 – 18 Feb 2024	 <p><b>Suffrage in Stitches</b> Ordinary people who did an extraordinary thing.</p>	Ashburton Museum. (For our distant members or those planning a trip to the South Island)
<p>First and third Friday of the month. Start time 6.30pm</p> <p>Last meeting for the year 15 Dec</p> <p>First meeting of 2024, Jan 1</p>	<p>Come and join Cathy Trewby and enjoy some slow stitching. Enjoy the process of hand stitching and learn some new skills. All welcome</p>	<p>Karori Arts and Crafts</p> <p>7, Beauchamp Street, Karori.</p> <p>Non KAC members \$5</p>
3rd March and 6 October 2024	<p>Extensions members, working as individuals or in groups, have joined the group because they choose to 'extend' themselves with design challenges, workshops using new techniques and materials and developing their design and embroidery skills. We meet on a regular or semi-regular basis for classes and sharing skills and techniques.</p> <p>contact Maria Champion-Forster <a href="mailto:championforster@gmail.com">championforster@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>ANZEG Extensions is an autonomous group of individual guild members working under the ANZEG umbrella.</p> <p>Both will be held at the Waikanae Arts and Crafts Society Building, Elizabeth St, Waikanae</p>

# 2023 Wellington Embroiderer's Guild Monthly Meetings

<u>Seatoun Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: Cathrine <a href="mailto:c.loyd@xtra.co.nz">c.loyd@xtra.co.nz</a>	<b>6.30pm-9.00pm First Wednesday of the month.</b> Seatoun Village Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun.
<u>Exhibition Group</u> Contact: Louise Day 04-568-8088	On the <b>first Thursday of the month</b> , we visit an exhibition and meet for lunch beforehand at a nearby café. Please contact Louise if you are keen to join the group and she will advise you of the location and time.
<u>Wellington City Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: Rhys Garton <a href="mailto:weg.sec@gmail.com">weg.sec@gmail.com</a>	Katherine Mansfield Stitching Circle on the last Sunday of the month, restarting in February 2024. 2.00pm till 4.00pm, at Katherine Mansfield House, Tinakori Road.
<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	<b>Second Wednesday of the month</b> Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start to meeting – 9.00pm Loaves and Fishes Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Hill St.
<u>Lower Hutt Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: <a href="mailto:katrine@xtra.co.nz">katrine@xtra.co.nz</a>	<b>1.00pm-4.00pm Second Saturday of the month</b> Hutt Art Centre, cnr Huia and Myrtle Sts. Cost \$6.
<u>Johnsonville Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: Lyn Duncan 021 1428915 <a href="mailto:lynpatduncan@hotmail.com">lynpatduncan@hotmail.com</a>	<b>1.30pm-4.30pm Third Saturday of the month.</b> First meeting of 2024, 17 <sup>th</sup> February, Johnsonville Community Centre. Gold coin koha for afternoon tea.  Please bring a piece of work for show and tell.



# Committee Members

The committee of the Wellington Embroiderer's Guild is a friendly and approachable group, committed to presenting a varied programme to our members. With the aim of facilitating the popularity of embroidery and maintaining the historical and contemporary techniques used, we also welcome new members to join. Guests are welcome to attend our meetings. If you are aware that one of our members is unwell or needs support, please let Cathy our Almoner know.

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