



Wellington Embroiderers' Guild

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Next meeting Wednesday, September 10
7.30pm



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President's Welcome



Kia ora,
September is the month for a walking tour to each of those wonderful exhibitions showcasing embroidery. Check out the poster details in the newsletter below. Particularly our very own Petals and Threads exhibition at Te Auaha. Thankyou to all the embroiderers who have made the exhibition come to fruition. All members will have all received your invitation to the opening by now so I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to show that the Guild is in fine form. We will also be selling calendars and cards at this event and at subsequent Wednesday night meetings and through our website. Please help us to make this a great success by buying up large for Christmas presents for your friends and family. Please also send the link to the online auction to your friends and family to join in the fun.

Looking forward to seeing your vintage donations for Old St Paul's Fair at the next meeting too.

Happy Stitching

Cathrine

September Meeting

Cherie Jacobson is the Director of Katherine Mansfield House & Garden and has recently returned from a month-long Winston Churchill Fellowship. Her Fellowship enabled her to visit 26 historic house museums in England and Ireland and meet with their staff to learn from their work. In this talk Cherie will highlight some of the houses she visited with a focus on textiles.

Image: An unfinished wool and silk embroidered panel (1860-65), designed by William Morris and made by May Morris, on display at the Red House in Bexleyheath.



Petals and Threads **Patterns in Nature and Needle** **OPENING NIGHT**

You and a guest are invited to celebrate the
opening night of the **Petals and Threads** exhibition
with



**The Wellington
Embroiderers' Guild
and
Kate McAlpine.**



Come and see Kate's stunning collection of native
plants transformed into works of embroidery.

Drinks, Calendars and Works for sale.

WHEN/WHERE:

Te Auaha - 65 Dixon st, Te Aro
6pm Thursday, 18th September

RSVP:

PetalsAndThreads2025@gmail.com
by Monday, 1st September

Profits donated to NZ Plant Conservation Network & WEG



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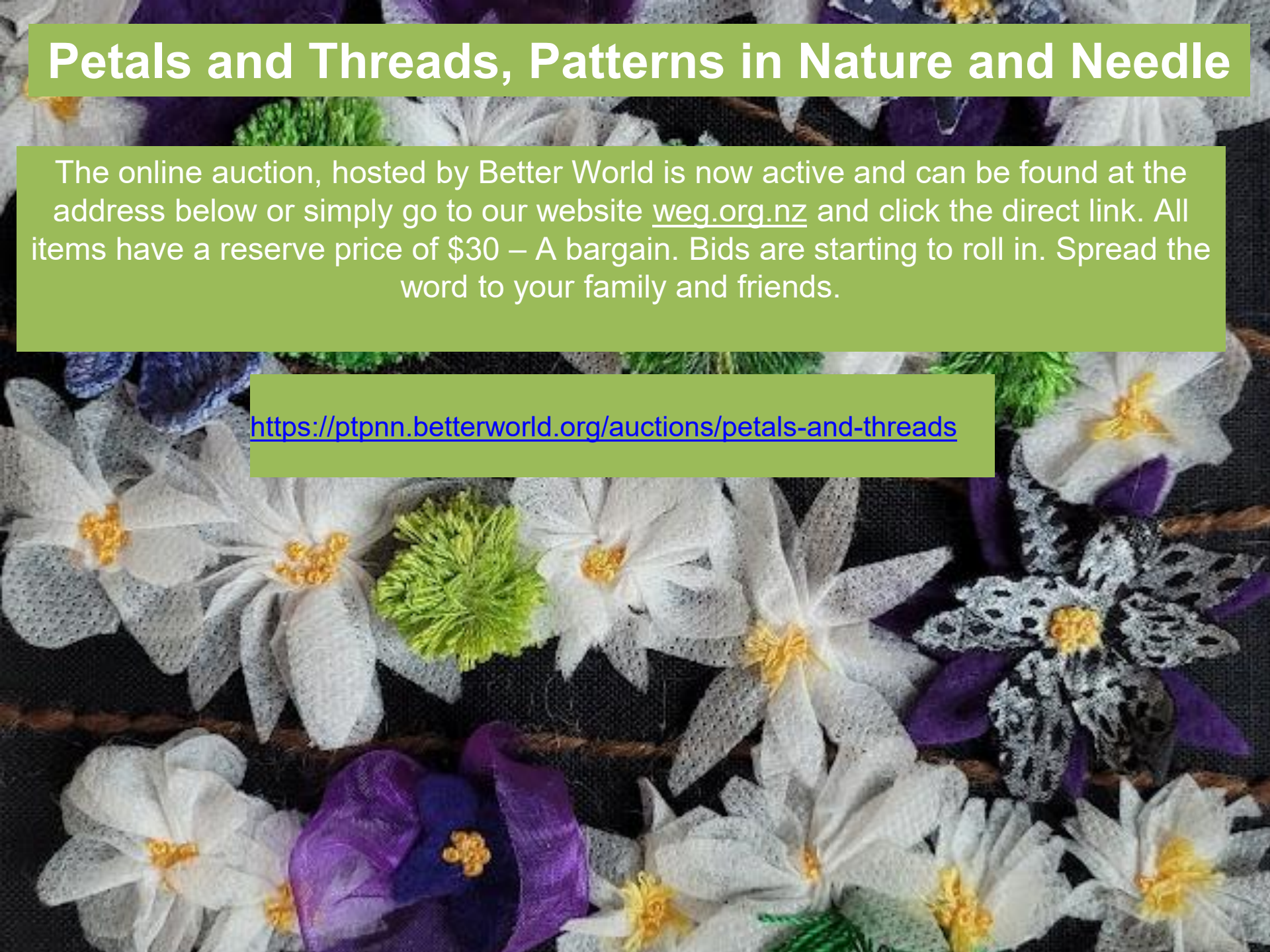
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Petals and Threads, Patterns in Nature and Needle

The online auction, hosted by Better World is now active and can be found at the address below or simply go to our website weg.org.nz and click the direct link. All items have a reserve price of \$30 – A bargain. Bids are starting to roll in. Spread the word to your family and friends.

<https://ptpnn.betterworld.org/auctions/petals-and-threads>





WEG Workshop

Petals and Threads

Patterns in Nature and Needle

Workshop: Hands-on Plant Art

WITH
Kate
McAlpine



Saturday 27th September
1:00pm-3:00pm



65 Dixon Street, Te Aro,



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In this workshop you'll be using nature as a resource, including seeds, seed pods and leaves. Participants will explore techniques for combining traditional embroidery with natural materials to make one-of-a-kind textile art pieces.

All materials will be provided and the workshop is koha.

Any questions email:

PetalsAndThreads2025@gmail.com or
register on our website [click here](#)



WEG Workshop

Petals and Threads

Patterns in Nature and Needle

Embroidery Workshop: **Stitching with Nature**

HOSTED BY

The Wellington
Embroiderers' Guild



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Orders for our fundraising calendar can be placed on our web site and will be available from 18th September. The calendars will also be available for sale at \$25 at the Opening Night and at subsequent branch meetings. These will make marvelous Christmas present for your friends and family and you will be supporting the Guild at the same time. A great way to highlight embroidery. Packs of cards of all works will also be available.

NEW WORK



Alex has been very busy, and we are very lucky to see the incredible results! The silver dragonfly was made in a class led by Cathrine, the rose and bee are beautifully finished cross stitch, and the cockatoo is from a cushion cover. Check out the fantastic texture achieved with all those different stitches.



NEW WORK



A very diverse range of new work!

- A compelling experiment in merging silver and gold, completed at high speed by Jo.
- Els is miniaturising her embroidery terrariums with this 'fairy bed'-in a walnut!
- Mary completed another stunning Kogin bag with a butterfly motif. Beautifully finished, and what a shade of blue!



NEW WORK



Coralie and Marlene created these gorgeous and functional bohaji pieces at Solstice.



Coralie also created this subtle and fascinating study in blue, while Marlene completed this vibrant kawandi work.



THEME WORK-WHITTEWORK



The technique-based theme works are prompting members to bring in some beautiful work from the distant and not so distant past.

Charmaine made this intricate whitework cross, embellished with the most delicate red beads.

Mary brought in not one, not two, but four stunning vintage tablecloths featuring a variety of techniques.



STOP PRESS

- This month's theme to compliment the new work table will be **Folk Art** Embroidery
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- Don't forget to pick up a tile for the conference project if you don't have one
 - If anyone has any special stories about the Guild we would love to hear from you. We are looking to include our history, member stories, past minutes and meeting notes in our newsletters - anything from the 1960's onwards. We will use them at events and in our newsletter.
 - 30 August - 21 September - Taranaki/Whanganui/Manawatu Regional Exhibition "Road Trips" is at Te Manawa, Palmerston North. Manawatu Guild's Regional Workday is being held in Palmerston North on 13 September at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street, so you could combine a trip to the workday and exhibition.
 - **CHIFFON SCARVES** – Are you looking for chiffon scarves? Maria has found some at Retro America in Sanson. They re \$5 each but it would be best to check them in person first – the fabric used is different between colours so may not be suitable for your use. I checked that the different types of fabric melted and they did when She used a heat gun . They have many colours and are situated at 5 Dundas Rd – on the way out of Sanson when driving to Whanganui/New Plymouth, on the right hand side of the road and in the same complex as Viv's kitchen.retroamerica.co.nz



Saturday 20 Sept 2025 10am-1pm

Love to craft and create? Discover fabulous fabric and haberdashery bargains for sewing, crafting, and more. Find modern gems, vintage treasures, and help clear someone's stash! Enjoy a cuppa and sweet treats in our café. All for Mary Potter Hospice!

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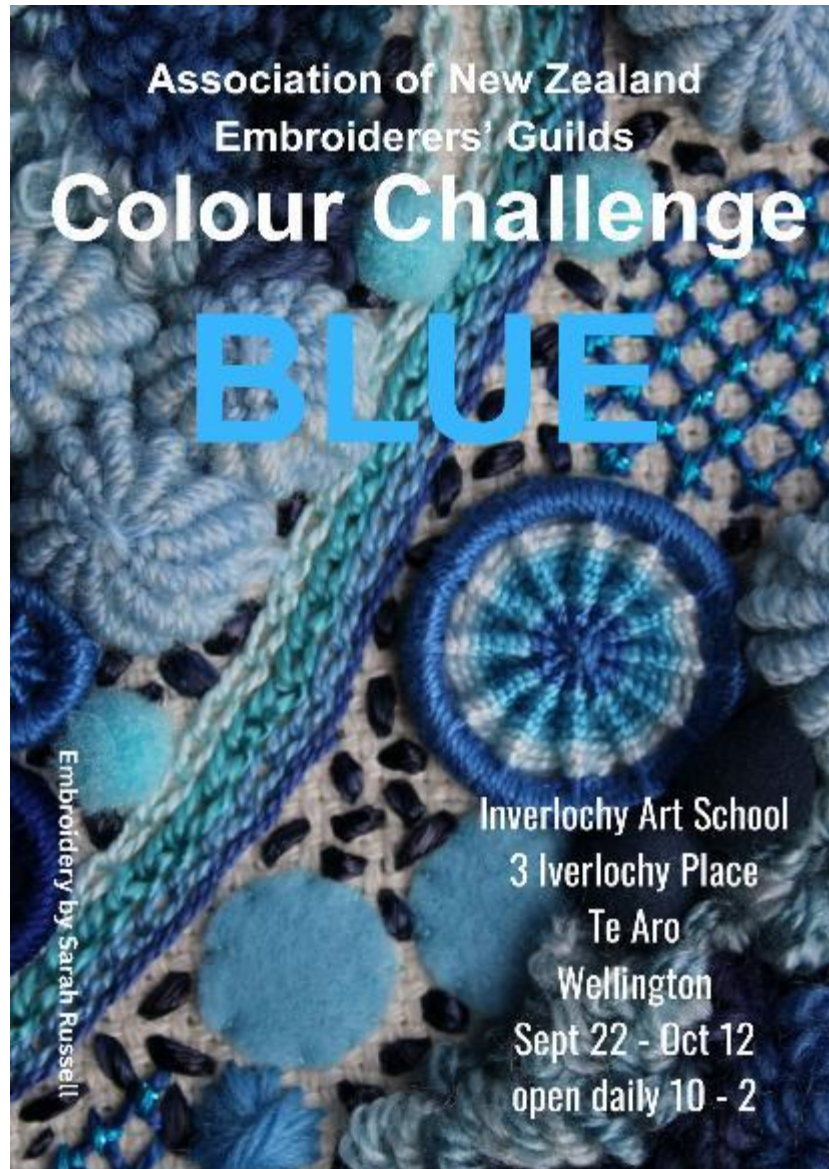
**ST ANNE'S HALL
NEWTOWN
WELLINGTON**



fabricabracwgtn@gmail.com
www.fabricabrac.co.nz



This event supports a great cause in Mary Potter Hospice and has become a favourite outing



So many new exhibitions to visit in September that a walking tour is definitely the way to go. Take in Inverlochy House, Old St Paul's and Te Auaha, Dixon Street. And of course, mingle with those WOWsers who will be in town too.



Glimmers of Gold

79 tiny gold humans

by Jo Dixey

Old St Pauls
34 Mulgrave St
Wellington

Sept 1 - 30
open 10 - 4 daily
entry by donation

A gorgeous new exhibition pops up in Old St Paul's vestry this September featuring 79 hand embroidered golden humans by Jo Dixey

Jo is constantly fascinated by the short interactions we have as humans that leave us with calm or happy feelings; feelings that can last for the rest of the day or sometimes much longer.

'This can be sharing a smile with a stranger on a beautiful day or even in the rain, chatting with people in a long queue, collectively watching a great movie. Being open to these moments enhances our lives and the lives of those around us,' Dixey says.

'In psychology, these tiny moments that stimulate positive feelings are called glimmers.

Gold is a chemical element with the symbol Au and atomic number 79.

'Welcome to Glimmers of Gold.'

On Sunday 2 November, Old St Paul's is putting on a Craft & Curio Market as part of this year's

Wellington Heritage Festival

We will be doing our usual embroidery demonstration and interactive stitching on a slate frame. We will be calling for volunteers to help man this closer to the time. We will also be running a stall selling vintage items on the trestle next door. This is a fundraising exercise for the Guild so look at what's in your stash that you think might fit the bill and bring it to a monthly meeting for us to collect. **Great opportunity to destash.** Fabric fat quarters and threads welcome but any other vintage item would be welcome too



Textile art classes 2025

EMBROIDERY | WEAVING | APPLIQUÉ | SLOW STITCH | SCREEN PRINTING



Check out the amazing range of courses run at Hutt Art. Our own members Sue Swan, Katherine Pepperell and Jo Dixey are running courses that include Gold Work and Or Nué, Stumpwork strawberries, Blackwork, and Petroglyphs.

Class information and enrolment — www.huttart.co.nz/classes

Hutt Art
The vibrant Heart of the city's creative community

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9–11 Myrtle St, Lower Hutt 5010 | Phone: 04-566 0102
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Welcome to the Wellington Embroiderers' Guild

Founded in 1966, we are a society formed to encourage people to participate in and excel at embroidery.



How the guild promotes embroidery and community:

- By holding meetings and events, so that Guild members and others can stitch and discuss embroidery.
- Promoting co-operation and exchange of ideas among people interested in embroidery. Particularly through collaborative and individual projects.
- Encouraging people to achieve a high standard of design and stitch technique in a friendly and constructive social environment.
- Hosting embroidery classes.
- Providing information about embroidery – both socially and through our extensive embroidery library collection.
- Co-operating with other embroiderers and with organisations that relate to embroidery.
- Being an affiliated member of the Association of New Zealand Embroiderers' Guilds (ANZEG).

<http://weg.org.nz/>

Please do send us photos of your work to include on the website so that Lauren can rotate the images to provide variety, and to highlight different techniques. Also, if you have any interesting news or events to share she will be happy to advertise them. wembroiderersg@gmail.com
<http://weg.org.nz/>

2025 Upcoming Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

Date	Description	Host and Location
1 September	Glimmers of Gold Jo Dixey	Old St Paul's
19 September	Petals and Threads: Patterns in Nature and Needle	Te Auaha Gallery, Dixon Street
22 September	Association of New Zealand Embroiderers Guild Colour Challenge BLUE	Inverlochy Art school, 3 Inverlochy Place
13 September	Manawatu Regional Workday,	Palmerston North
4 October	Tararua Region Stitching Hui	Kapiti Guild
13 – 14 September	Otepoti Dunedin Embroidery School – www.oeg.org.nz	

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Date	Description	Host and Location
2 nd and 4 th Friday of the month. Start time 6.30pm	Come and join Cathy Trewby and enjoy some slow stitching. Enjoy the process of hand stitching and learn some new skills. All welcome	Karori Arts and Crafts 7, Beauchamp Street, Karori. Non KAC members \$5
1.00pm-4.00pm Second Saturday of the month	<u>Second Saturday Stitchers</u> Contact: katrine@xtra.co.nz	Lower Hutt Hutt Art Centre, cnr Huia and Myrtle Sts. Cost \$6.

2025 Wellington Embroiderer's Guild Monthly Meetings

<u>Seatoun Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: Cathrine c.loyd@xtra.co.nz	6.30pm-9.00pm First Wednesday of the month. Seatoun Village Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun.
<u>Exhibition Group</u> Contact: Louise Day 04-568-8088	On the first Thursday of the month , 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: weg.sec@gmail.com	Katherine Mansfield Stitching Circle on the second Sunday of the month. 2.00pm till 4.00pm, at Katherine Mansfield House, Tinakori Road.
<u>Monthly Meeting</u>	Second Wednesday of the month Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 start to meeting - 9.00pm Loaves and Fishes Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, Hill St.
<u>Johnsonville Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: Lyn Duncan 021 1428915 lynpatduncan@hotmail.com	1.30pm-4.30pm Third Saturday of the month. 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 Marjorie, our Almoner know.

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