



Wellington Embroiderers' Guild

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Next meeting Wednesday, December.
Doors open at 7.00pm



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President's Welcome



Kia ora and happy festive season,

The December meeting will be full of cheer. Please bring something for us to sell at our taste table. Think biscuits, fudge jams and marmalades. It will help make a delicious table if we all bring something along. All items will be for sale at \$5.

Thankyou to all those people who gave feedback about the sustainability of our funding. Some great ideas and you have given us a real consensus on what we should do. We'll work on that over the holidays and come back to you in February with our decisions based on your feedback. A big thankyou to Coralie for collating the replies.

The Christmas meeting will be one of the last opportunities to buy your Christmas Calendars. Thankyou to all those who have supported this project so far. Not many to go but it would be great to sell out.

Time also to register your attendance for the Garden Party which will be a great get together to kick start the year.

Wanting a project for the summer? Think about entering an item into the Diana Parkes Award. A peek at her blogspot is very inspiring.

Happy stitching, Cathrine



Our next meeting is a time for to celebrate the end of a very successful year. We will have our famous quiz, which is always hotly contested, accompanied by bubbles and mince pies. Our sales table will be a food market so please bring something to add to the wares. All items will be available for a \$5 fee. Goodies will include dried fruits, marmalades, chocolate brownies, festive foods and biscuits. There will be a raffle of course, and this year we would like you to show off your button collection. Bring your favourite buttons, your mother's button box, or a button that holds a special memory for you. We can't wait to see them. A prize will be awarded for the best method of exhibiting them.



Registrations are now coming in for this fun event at Katherine Mansfield House. Come and join us for a garden party, bring a friend and celebrate our Diamond Anniversary. Enjoy a Devonshire tea in the beautiful surroundings of this historic house. Ticket cost of \$15 includes entry to the house, which will be hosting an exhibition curated by Jo Dixey, called Short Threads. Fifteen embroiderers from all over NZ have been inspired by a different short story written by Katherine Mansfield. Bring your stitching project for a relaxing afternoon amongst the flowers in the summer garden. There will be readings from old newsletters, minutes and other historical displays to celebrate our history. Please register on the website and pay online. Numbers will be limited.

Garden Party

We would love to serve afternoon tea at the Garden Party in china cups, saucers and plates. If you have some that would be suitable please contact Cathrine. We will be very careful with it of course.

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Also if you have a foolproof scone recipe that we could use that would be so helpful. We'll also need a small team to help rustle them up on the morning of the event. Please do put your hand up to help- it's always fun.



Merry Christmas Katherine Mansfield House

Cherie was delighted to receive the Christmas decorations that were made by members for the Christmas tree that will be displayed in the House. Thankyou to Katherine for the beautiful monogrammed letters which illustrate each name of the Mansfield family, to Susan for the dove, Sarah for the green wreath and Cathrine for the lacy elements. The tree is up already so you can spot them while visiting the exhibition *Short Threads* which is currently showing.



NEW WORK



Some excellent creatures, in two very different styles.

- These beaded elephant, camel and lion were part of a stunningly colourful mobile.
- These brilliant beetles were made by Alex(silver) and Debby (blue) at a course. Coralie had a different spin on the beetle, with vivid green insect wings stitched in

NEW WORK

- Diana brought in these two vibrantly embellished koudi quilting, dazzling the guild with jewel tones and elaborate beading.
- Mary included the front piece of a vintage Indian garment into this koudi quilt-sustainability in action.



NEW WORK



- This 'Sea and Shells' work was made by Stella, from an online course done By Bethany Waters. Stunning from every angle, it's a wonderful mix of texture, dimension and shading.
- Just in time for Christmas, these delicate Hardanger angels by Mary came from a Permin kit. Each is unique and finished beautifully.



THEME WORK- Stitching from Childhood



We took a trip down memory lane this month, with the theme of 'embroidery done as a child.'

- The pocket of an apron made by Meg, aged 8.
- A Semco needlework Lyn completed while ill, aged 12-with the original colour guide!
- This handkerchief was Lyn's first ever finished embroidery, made aged 7!
- And not by a child, but for a child-Charmaine embellished her daughter's clothing with the most delicate floral patterns.



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. A highly valued and skilled past member, she believed that telling a story was paramount. Show us your creativity and mixed media work. The Award will be presented at the Stitching Huo in March at Johnsonville Community Centre. 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 three dimensional, 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 shown in WOW in 2006, 2007 and 2009. Her work remains very inspirational and you can refer to and be inspired by her blog, which remains online. The accompanying images are from the blog <http://dianaparkes.blogspot.com/>





2026 Calendar Aotearoa New Zealand
Petals and Threads: Patterns in Nature and Needle
A collaboration between plant artist Kate McAlpine and the
Wellington Embroiderer's Guild

Thankyou for the support you have shown this project. We'd love to sell the last of these at the Christmas meeting. You can buy them on our website online, or at the meeting next week. These will make marvelous Christmas presents for your friends and family and you will be supporting the Guild at the same time. A great way to highlight embroidery.

Short Threads

Stitched works inspired by
Katherine Mansfield



Nov 12 - Feb 22

Katherine Mansfield House & Garden

25 Tinakori Rd, Thorndon

Open Tues - Sun 10 - 4

Admission \$10/ \$8

closed public holidays



Short Threads is an exhibition at Katherine Mansfield House that brings together the work of fifteen embroiderers from across Aotearoa New Zealand, each offering a unique stitched interpretation of Mansfield's short stories. *Short Threads* celebrates Mansfield's enduring influence and the creative dialogue between literature and contemporary textile art.

Our garden party will be the finale to this creative exhibition.

ANZEG News

Registered or are considering registering for the **2026 Conference in Palmerston North?**
<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference-2026> There are still spaces available in a good variety of workshops.

Opportunities for exhibiting work

ANZEG provides several opportunities for exhibiting work including at our **national conference** in Palmerston North and in the Colour Challenge. It would be great to see many entries from Tararua Region. Have a look at: <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/conference26-exhibitions> or pages 28 - 31, "Threads", April 2025.

Te Wero Tuia - The Stitch Challenge provides the opportunity for members EITHER to use the design exactly as it is, using their choice of colour and technique to depict it OR to treat the design in any way they choose and it will be judged on stitch technique/colour and creativity in interpreting the design.

If you would like to participate, but would like some support in doing it, talk to our president or someone in your guild who could support you.

STOP PRESS

- Obviously the theme for this month is Christmas but also don't forget to bring your treasured buttons for display too!
- The following themes will apply until May 2026
 - Feb – Gardens, garden tea parties or parties
 - Mar - Pulled work
 - Apr - Surface stitchery
 - May - Colourful and bright
- Our **Stitch Hui** (previously called Workday) will be held on Saturday March 14 2026 at Johnsonville Community Centre. **Please think about destashing over the Christmas holidays or helping a friend to destash as we are in great need of items for our sales table at this event.**
- Save the date for a celebratory afternoon tea at **Government House** on 8 August 2026.
- The memo from our Regional representative Susan Lennie will now be available on our website each month. Thankyou Susan for letting us use our memo as a resource for our newsletter
- Does 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.
- **Colour Challenge 2026 Green** – details for this exhibition are on page 6 of the October "Threads"
<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/gallery> shows the pieces exhibited in Colour Change 2025.
Maybe a group of you in your guild could support each other in entering this exhibition.

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/>

Diary dates

2025

(also see Calendar page 4 in “Threads“ and <https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/calendar>)

1st Sunday monthly - Kapiti Extensions Group - open to members from all guilds, meets at Waikanae Arts & Craft Rooms. Contact Donna Kennedy 0212550519 donna.kennedy72@outlook.com

18 October 2025 – 15 March 2026 Softy: Textiles from the Dowse Collection, Dowse Art Museum

<https://dowse.org.nz/exhibitions-and-events/exhibitions/2025/softy-textiles-from-the-dowse-collection>

12 November – 22 February 2026 “Short Threads” Stitched works inspired by Katherine Mansfield. Katherine Mansfield House & Garden. Open Tues – Sun 10 – 4, Admission \$10/\$8, Closed public holidays

6 December 2025 – 8 March 2026 Tivaivai exhibition, Pataka, Porirua

<https://pataka.org.nz/whats-on/exhibitions/tipurepure-au-vaine/>

2026

28 February Stitch Summer

1 March Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

14 March Tararua Region Stitch Hui hosted by Wellington Guild + Diana Parkes Award

27 - 29 March - The Embroiderers' Great Escape <https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/classes-2026/#C1>

2 – 3 May Tararua Region Guilds' Annual Retreat, Copthorne Solway, Masterton

4 - 9 July – ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North

2 August Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

10–14 August Fibre Arts Australia ‘Landscape Fragments’ in Hamilton. All details and registration:

<https://www.fibrearts.net.au/julia-wright.html>

10 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Kapiti Guild

24 October – 22 November Wairarapa Guild Exhibition, Aratoi

1 November Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

2025 Upcoming Exhibitions, Events and Workdays

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.
Fibre Arts NZ is offering three, three or four day workshops in Wellington. Details on https://fibreartsnz.co.nz/		

2025 Wellington Embroiderer's Guild Monthly Meetings

<u>Seatoun Drop-in Stitch-in</u> Contact: Cathrine c.lloyd@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 third Sunday of the month. 2.00pm till 4.00pm, at Katherine Mansfield House, Tinakori Road. Reopens in February 2026
<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.