



# Wellington Embroiderers' Guild

## March 2026 Issue 5326

Next meeting Wednesday, March 11  
Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start



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

<https://www.instagram.com/wellingtonembroiderersguild/>

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# President's Welcome



Kia ora,

What a busy month it has been. The Garden party was such a lovely day. A big thank you to those who supported the Guild by attending. It was a fun and relaxed afternoon where the weather improved as the afternoon wore on. A perfect way to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many thanks to all those who helped with the planning and set up and those who stayed to help tidy up afterwards. The Guild bunting looked great around the gazebo and we all tucked in to delicious tea and scones. We welcomed two foundation members, Nancy Maxwell and Adrienne Howard who were able to share stories about the Guild. We also welcomed several past presidents who are no longer part of the Guild who were each delighted to be included in the celebrations. Thank you too, Jenny Hunter for also sharing memories with us. Katherine Mansfield House was the perfect host and nothing was too much trouble.

Onwards and upwards to the Stitch Hui which will be on Saturday March 14. I'm hoping for another great turnout to show your support to the Guild. See you there.

Happy stitching, Cathrine

# March Speakers



The Guild is proud to announce our guest speakers for Pride month are Steven Sue and Arlo Campbell, creators of the Chosen Family Project.

Chosen Family are the people who understand you, lift you up, celebrate you, help you, and love you, without the need for biological bonds. A chosen family is a concept particularly meaningful to the rainbow community who often experience alienation from their biological family and community simply for being who they are. This project is an invitation to come together, find joy, and celebrate the family you've made with people you have found.

Steven and Arlo will speak to the experience of this massive collaborative project at our meeting as a part of the Wellington Pride Festival 2026



# Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Wellington Embroiderers' Guild



# Garden Party at Katherine Mansfield House

February 2026



# Stitch Hui

**Join us for a social day of stitching!  
March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10am - 3pm**

**Johnsonville Community Centre  
at 3 Frankmoore Avenue  
or off Moorefield Road**

**Raffles! Prizes!  
Tea & Treats!**

**Traders: Plume art, Country Stitch &  
Felted and Stitched**

**Bring your best work to win the Diana Parkes award!**

[weg.org.nz](http://weg.org.nz)

**Cost:** \$5 door fee

All are welcome to attend our Stitch Hui held this year at Johnsonville Community Centre. Bring along a project to work on or bring your tools and buy one of our slow stitching packs. If you would like to participate, bring along a piece of completed work to enter the Diana Parkes Award (check out the criteria below). We will have traders selling beautiful unique threads, hand dyed fabrics, detailed patterns and fine tools. There will be tea, coffee and baked treats to enjoy all day and we will be opposite the Johnsonville Mall if you need to pop out and buy something for lunch or of course bring your own lunch. **Wellington Embroiderers' Guild members are asked to bring a plate.**

The winner of the Diana Parkes award will receive a \$100 voucher sponsored by Stitchbird and there are two also two Stitchbird gift cards of \$50 each donated by the Wellington Embroiderers' Guild for the Viewers Choice award winners - one for a kit or pattern-based work and the other for original work.. If a work has won a viewers choice award at another Guild's event then it will not be eligible for the prize but we would still love to see it.

# 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/>



Hi All

I want to give a big thank you to those of you who have completed and handed in their tiles for the Guild Display Project. They are completely and utterly fabulous. I hope you had as much fun stitching them as I have had looking at them.

So far I have had 22 out of 36 tiles returned, which is only 61%. This means I still have 14 tiles out there hopefully partially stitched or finished ready to hand in at the March meeting. If you live near me in Ngaio I can arrange with you to pick it up or for you to drop it off to me.

If for any reason you don't think you will be able to stitch the tile allocated to you please contact me via [tkpepp@gmail.com](mailto:tkpepp@gmail.com). I will arrange for you to return the artwork so it can be given to someone else to complete. I do not want a mad scramble at the 11th hour to find people to stitch these so please contact me as soon as possible.

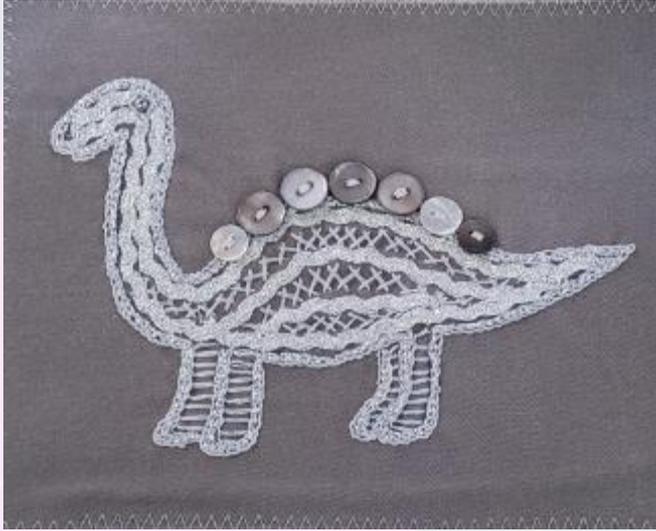
If you are having trouble starting, breaking the project down in steps always helps me. Firstly, choose your fabric and mount it in your hoop or frame. Secondly, use your favourite method to transfer the design onto the fabric. Thirdly, choose your threads according to the design colours. You will not be able to get an exact match but make sure all the threads work together. Lastly, choose your stitches and enjoy the process. I will mount the work onto the tiles for you but I need you to make sure there is a 5cm margin around the work.

I have attached a photo of the incredible completed tiles to keep you inspired.  
Regards

Katherine Pepperell



# NEW WORK



‘Merlin’s dinosaur’ - a gift from Joan A for a young relative - silver and striking!



Mary’s practice with so many Hardanger stars last year has paid off-look at these lovely hardanger tealight holders.



Jo’s figure drawing inspired canvas work is always innovative-the model was stitched at a live event, and accentuated with further patterns later. Fast and slow stitching together!

- Maria created these interesting textural fabrics in a class with Eszter Bornemisza, via Fibre Arts
- Marcelle brought in this vibrant long stitch kit from Ribbon Rose.
- Stella took vintage linens, some from her childhood bed, to make this lovely bag!
- Alex's collection of gorgeous needlepoint cushions has grown again, this time with these beautiful anemones.



# THEMED WORK

## GARDENS AND TEA PARTIES

Joan made this intricate 'Knot Garden' in 1994. Such a stunning range of patterns and colours!

Jo based these gold and canvas work pieces on the unique gardens of the artist Derek Jardin-textural, eerie and striking!





Sara showed us this wonderful and beautifully framed and finished- picture of an English Garden.

These are a few snippets of Stella's late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century embroidered tablecloths.

There were so many incredible details, I could have looked at them for hours.



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Entries for inclusion in the Changing Threads National Contemporary Textile and Fibre Awards are now open until the 23rd April. Selected finalists will be showcased in an exhibition at Refinery Artspace Nelson from 05th June - 18th July 2026. The awards will be announced at the gala opening event on 05th June from 5.30pm.

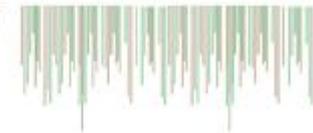
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# CHANGING THREADS



CONTEMPORARY  
TEXTILE FIBRE  
ART AWARDS



Awards  
held 5th  
June 2026



# STOP PRESS

- The following themes will apply until May 2026

Mar – Rainbow colours

Apr - Surface stitchery

May –Pulled work

- Our **Stitch Hui** ( previously called Workday) will be held on Saturday March 14 2026 at Johnsonville Community Centre. **Please bring a plate** to help with morning and afternoon tea
- We need helpers for the kitchen roster for the Stitch Hui. If you could please let Cathrine know if you can help for 30 mins.
- Save the date for **Solstice stitching**, Saturday only June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Save the date for a celebratory afternoon tea at **Government House** on 8 August 2026.
- Hutt Art – The textile Art Group has recently published their classes for 2026 <https://www.huttart.co.nz/textileart>
- Teshigoto - Japanese Handicrafts – this may interest some of you who are interested in Japanese embroidery techniques  
Thistle Hall, 293 Cuba St, Te Aro, Wellington Tuesday 3 March 2026 - Sunday 8 March 2026  
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/teshigoto-japanese-handicrafts/wellington?>
- Colour Challenge 2026 is Green – details for this exhibition are on page 6 of the October Threads magazine.

## Diary Dates 2026

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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>

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

27 - 29 March - The Embroiderers' Great Escape <https://embroiderersgreescape.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

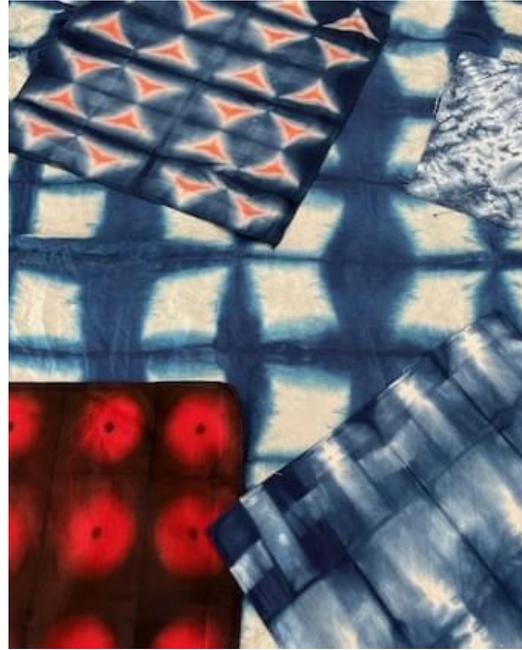
24 October – 22 November Wairarapa Guild Exhibition, Aratoi

1 November Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms

# Classes in March/April



Beginners Long and Short  
Tutor : Jo Dixey, Hutt Art. Sunday 15  
March



Indigo Dyeing  
Tutor: Clare Smith  
Karori Arts and Crafts Sun 8  
March



Delectable Strawberry  
Tutor: Katherine Pepperell  
Hutt Art Sun 12, 26 April, 10 May

## 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](mailto:wembroiderersg@gmail.com)  
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# 2025 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: <a href="mailto:weg.sec@gmail.com">weg.sec@gmail.com</a>	<b>Katherine Mansfield Stitching Circle</b> 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>	<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>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> Johnsonville Community Centre. Gold coin koha for afternoon tea. Please bring a piece of work for show and tell.