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Dear Guild Members

Regional news

Thank you Wellington Guild for hosting the recent regional stitch hui. Congratulations to the following winners.



Winner of the Diana Parkes Award was Billee Mutton with 'Poroka' (above left).

Winners of Viewer's Choice for original work was Sarah Russell for "Beneath the waves" (left) and work from a kit or class, Ingrid Ames (above) for her village (kits from The Nutmeg Company).

We were fortunate to have good weather for Stitch Summer and raise awareness of embroidery in all sorts of places. Some young girls chatted to Kapiti members at a local market and were excited when shown a Sue Spargo book of designs as they appealed to them. Thank you everyone who participated.

Regional Brochure – Thank you Beverley Hamlin for coordinating and editing the details for the updated regional brochure and Sarah Hooker for use of the photo of her work.

Regional Retreat 2026

There are still spaces available at retreat. Remember the closing date for registrations is 2 April. Donna Hardie, ANZEG President will be joining us for part of the weekend.

Reminder re Viewer's Choice at Retreat

"Viewers Choice". There will be two categories with a prize for the winner of each:

- 1) work from a kit, pattern or class and
- 2) work from an original design.

Work can be entered in any of the Taranaki regional events such as regional stitch days hosted by a guild, exhibitions or the regional retreat more than once in a calendar year, but if it is a winner at any of these events, it cannot be re-entered.

Taranaki Regional Group meeting was held in Greytown on 22 March to make it easier for the Wairarapa President & Secretary to join us. Discussion included how guilds set subscriptions; essential information guilds need to hold and how to store it; information, plans and policies guilds are willing to share with each other so they can build on what others have learned/developed; guild reports giving us a chance to learn from each other; planning support for new office holders & planning educational opportunities. It may sound boring, but there's a real sense of camaraderie within the group and knowing who to contact for ideas and support has been a real advantage.

ANZEG news

Conference

The Threads of Connection Conference newsletter No 3 was recently sent out to guilds. You can still register for workshops until 31 May, although will incur a late fee for registrations after 31 March.

During the Association Day on 5 July, regional meetings are held, providing an opportunity for members to ask questions and discuss ideas/concerns relevant to the region. Let me know if there's anything you'd like added to the agenda.

Open Forum questions on Association Day. If there's something you would like raised at this session the closing date to send it to the ANZEG Secretary, Janna Young anzegsecretary@gmail.com for inclusion is now 31 May. You may wish to discuss it in your guild before sending it.

Your Threads magazine will soon be out for you to enjoy. The article about embroidering handkerchiefs for the Governor General will be in the October edition.

Educational opportunities

Hutt Art

Textile Art classes – many opportunities to extend your skills - see <https://www.huttart.co.nz/textileart>

Karori Arts & Crafts

Ribbon embroidery with Cathrine Lloyd one day class <https://www.kacc.org.nz/store/products/ribbon-embroidery-with-cathrine-lloyd>

New exhibitions

- **7 March – 19 April Jeanette Verster “From Flat to Fabulous”** Toi Gallery, Pataka
<https://pataka.org.nz/whats-on/exhibitions/from-flat-to-fabulous/>
Jeanette Verster creates three-dimensional works using a mathematically precise folded grid structure as a foundation for abstract painting and stitching.
- **“Reimagined Threads” Hutt Art Weavers and Embroiderers with guest artist Jeanette Verster** April 21 to 3 May – see poster on page 4

Lots to inspire and do.

Susan

Diary dates

- 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
- 31 January 2026 - 19 April 2026 Caroline McQuarrie: “The land, again” Aratoi, Masterton
<https://www.aratoi.org.nz/exhibitions/2026-02/caroline-mcquarrie-land-again>
- **2 – 3 May Tararua Region Guilds’ Annual Retreat, Copthorne Solway, Masterton**
- 4 - 9 July – ANZEG Conference, Palmerston North
- 2 August Tararua 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
- 31 October Tararua Region Stitch Day hosted by Wairarapa Guild
- 1 November Tararua Extensions at Waikanae Arts & Crafts Society Rooms



Reimagined Threads

Hutt Art Weavers and Embroiderers

Guest artist Jeanette Verster

April 21st - May 3rd

Open daily 10 - 4

Anzac Day 1 - 4

Hutt Art 9/11 Myrtle St Lower Hutt

