



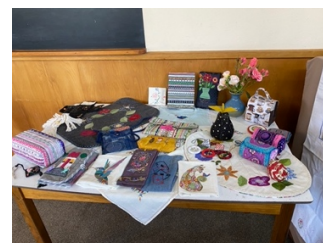
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2022 HAWKES BAY/GISBORNE REGIONAL MEMO – 20 November

Hello Everyone

Another month gone and another month closer to Christmas and my oh so dreaded 50th birthday. I hate to admit that I am turning fifty.

I had a wonderful trip to visit Wairoa and Gisborne Guilds. Wairoa put on a shared lunch for me which was delicious and very welcomed after my early morning start.



After a restful sleep, I visited Gisborne Guild. After an update about Hawke's Bay Stitch Away, we got into stitching. I think it is wonderful that both Wairoa and Gisborne Guilds are able to get together to do projects and keep embroidery alive.



I am in awe of the projects everyone is doing. I really enjoy being able to travel around and see everyone's work. I get so inspired by it all. Thank you everyone for your hospitality.

A part of the discussion at conference was about how to get new members and make visitors feel welcome. Here are some suggestions that may be helpful for you that you may like to discuss at your next meeting so everyone is prepared when new people come along.

1. Guilds are more about friendship and belonging so be inclusive and talk to any new person. Find out some things about them. Introduce them other members within your guild.
2. Assign a buddy for the session. Change the buddy if they express coming to another meeting.
3. Give them the basics about the group – where and when you meet, the name of the building and the address and basic costs of attending the meeting plus annual subscription fee and what they need to bring.
4. Find out what they enjoy doing and encourage them to bring it along to show others or get advice on next steps. Guild members have a wealth of knowledge.
5. Do make sure they are on your email list so they get all the information they need. If you send out a newsletter have a welcome space in it so you can list new members. This is also good for the regional rep to know who is new in each guild.
6. Any question is a good question. Make sure your members can explain, show and tell if necessary. Encourage questions as that is how we all learn.
7. Let a new member settle in for at least six months before asking them to join committees, provide morning tea or get assigned a job.
8. Let them play. Let all members play. The foundation of Extensions is PLAY!

Remember we were all new once.

Gisborne Embroiderers Guild 2022 Xmas Decoration Workshop:

Having done some Dorset buttons earlier in the year, Gisborne Embroiderers Guild decided to try some Xmas ones on larger rings for our workshop this year and Patricia provided 4 examples for us to choose from. Not all were finished on the day. They also put up a display of previous years decorations and were joined by a few members from Wairoa as well. It was a fun day - chatter, laughter and the occasional concentrated silence.



ANZEG Modules:

I am still interested in getting a group together if you are interested in completing a module. This can happen via zoom or google meet if it is hard to meet physically. The module book with instructions for all modules available to complete is \$25. I have some which I can get to you. It is \$100 to have your work assessed. You need to provide your own materials to construct and present samples and two completed pieces of your own work e.g. folders/books/design boards to present your work and research (you decide what to use).

Packaging and postage is your responsibility to send your work to the Module Administer for assessment plus return postage. We could all share costs if we needed to hire a room to run a support meeting with mentors and other participants which I will happily organise. I have decided that I will start a module sometime early in the new year.

ANZEG News:

You should all have your Threads Magazine so please make sure you read the information about National Exhibitions as the criteria has changed to encourage and enable more people to enter.

Next year's ANZEG Postbag Challenge theme is "Cross" – could you give this a go? Maybe your guild could brainstorm some ideas together to get creative juices flowing.

ANZEG Resources are available to work on individually or in groups – find details on the ANZEG website –

<https://www.embroiderynz.co.nz/resources>

I know there has been a bit of disappointment regarding the instructions of some of the folios. This has been discussed at Executive Level and an audit is going to be undertaken and see which folio projects need some changes made.

Gisborne Guild are running a raffle full of wonderful knitted goodies. It will be drawn at their AGM on Thursday 8th December. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Email Kate Snow if you would like a ticket and find out details of how to purchase online.



As this is my last newsletter for 2022, Abby and myself would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Keep safe and enjoy the festive season.



What's On Elsewhere 2022:

October – November 20th

October 10th – November 6th

SUFFRAGE IN STITCHES, Upper Hutt Central
South Taranaki Stitchcraft Guild Biennial Exhibition,
Hawera

What's On Elsewhere 2023:

Feb

March 18th – 19th

March 24th – 26th

ANZEG Tutoring Course
Dunedin Embroidery School Part 1
Embroiderers Great Escape -

<https://embroiderersgreatescape.com/>

May 27th – 28th

Hawkes Bay Stitch Away

October 9th – 10th

Dunedin Embroidery School Part 2

Happy Stitching

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