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Hello All

It is with regret that we as a Guild will not be meeting one another at the next Guild meeting, which was supposed to be at Warnes Stadium on the 8th April 2020, as the result of this awful virus Covid-19. We will keep all of you informed of when we will be resuming the Guild Meetings. As I write this, I have just had a call from the Committee at Warnes Stadium to say their hall is closed until further notice.

So to STOP the spread of this virus, we are asked to stay at home.

SO no-more excuses ladies, this should not be too difficult for us all, as I am sure you all have something to keep you busy stitching away on, to finish a project or two. What a wonderful pastime embroidery can be, in sunshine, rain or viruses!

Margaret Lee's Beading, Japanese & Chinese Class has been cancelled and will be done, in the foreseeable future, also the Vision Conference 2020, in Masterton has also been cancelled, but DO NOT stop stitching for the Guild Display piece, as this may still go ahead.

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Broadgreen Stitch n Chats have ceased too, Saturday & Tuesday, as Broadgreen has closed it's doors to all visitors to the House.

While in isolation please keep in touch with your fellow members, by using your comprehensive Membership list, every member should have one, if not e-mail me on lacenflosslady@outlook.com.

Your Committee is finding alternative ways to have our meetings, as we are now having to use audio, and not face to face contact.

Well it does not have to be all doom and gloom, life is what you make it, use this time wisely, relax, read a book, call a friend, have a bubble bath, go for a walk, keep in touch with a fellow stitcher, if you have a means of sending pictures of what you are doing to a friend or what you have finished stitching and proud of, do not think they will not be interested just send it, you may be surprised, also you may have enlightened their day.

Keep Well, stay strong and stitch away.

Best regards
Christine W
NEG President

Diary Date events are not taking place in April.

We will let you know when they are on once again. In the meantime keep on stitching and keep in touch with each other by phone, mail or email. Stay safe and well.

The 10c Club

\$10.50 was collected in March. Thank you for supporting the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind. It is appreciated.



Library

Enjoy the books you have out and take good care of the them whilst on extended loan.

Notices

Embroiderers Conference Vision 2020 and Covid-19

Urgent message to all Guilds

It is with great regret that the Conference Committee, together with A.N.Z.E.G. Executive, have made the decision to cancel Vision2020 due to the unprecedented situation that Covid-19 has forced on us all. The increased restrictions on travel and large gatherings means that it will be impossible to hold the Conference as we had planned it.

Please give us time to sort out the ramifications of this decision and we will be in touch with all those registered as the plan ahead becomes clearer.

We are working together to put in place an alternative as far as the BGM is concerned and will do our utmost to make sure that we keep you informed of all decisions. We are also working on keeping the exhibition alive for 2020 and a notice with revised conditions will be posted on the ANZEG website by early April and will be circulated to all Guilds.

During these difficult times, please look after yourselves and those around you.

Kia kaha,

Trish and Tricia

Workshops

Catherine Ashton has indicated that she is prepared to organise for the monthly project to continue to be distributed, whether it be by email or delivered to your mailbox. Thank you Catherine.

I have spoken to Christine at Crafty or Wot and she is interested in running a Sashiko class later in the year if there is sufficient interest. Check out her website www.craftyorwot.com or info@craftyorwot.com to see samples of the wide range of kits, fabrics and threads she has available.

I feel sure we all have plenty of stitching to keep us busy during our isolation so I'll look forward to seeing heaps of beautiful work on the Show and Tell table when next we get together.

Take care.

Peggy 035424042 Peggy.B@xtra.co.nz

TAST from Annette Garcia

TAST or Take a Stitch Tuesday is a hand embroiderer's challenge that suggests a different stitch to learn or experiment with each week. TAST 2020 started in January and we are up to week 11. There are two levels of TAST

TAST

This is to give a solid foundation of stitch techniques. The first 20 or so stitches in TAST are foundation stitches. You need to know these in order to master the more complex stitches. Most of the other stitches are either based directly on the foundation stitches or at least on the same hand movements you learnt in the foundation stitches

Beyond TAST

For people who have done TAST, or are experienced embroiderers, Beyond TAST offers a more complex stitch to Explore. These will be announced each week alongside the TAST stitch.

Both versions are "guilt free" challenges, with a loose structure so you can swing in and out of it – joining in some stitches and skipping others – if need be.

The TAST page showing all the stitches to date is...

pintangle.com/category/challenges/take-a-stitch-tuesday

and the explanation page is: pintangle.com/tast-faq

TAST is run by Sharon Boggan and she has Facebook and Instagram pages where embroiderers can share their TAST work.

Janet Hackney

Janet came to Tuesday Stitch & Chat and we look forward to seeing her again. She sent the following email.

Hi all,

Thank you all very much for making me feel so welcome at Broadgreen House on Tuesday morning.

I really will get organised to come earlier on my next trip, whenever that will be.

The Guild I belong to is the NIEG. The Northern Ireland Embroidery Guild and you can find details of that on the website if you google NIEG

We have an exhibition on at the moment and I'm sure there will be photos of the work on the website.

We meet every third Saturday in the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum near Holywood in Co Down.

We have a local or UK speaker in the morning with an afternoon workshop on the Saturday and then a full day workshop on the Sunday.

We don't meet as often as you do as the Guild draws its members from all over N. Ireland.

I have attached a photo of the exhibition poster for your Newsletter as well as some of my work and the photo I took of you on Tuesday.

Thank you once again for a lovely friendly morning. I took myself into Broadgreen house while I was there which was fascinating too.

All the very best and please do get in touch if you make it as far as N. Ireland one day, especially on the third Saturday of the month.

Best wishes Janet



Some of Janet's work



NEG members at Tuesday Stitching and Janet



“A Stitched and Coloured Memory”

Northern Ireland Embroidery Guild - 40th Anniversary Exhibition

Oriel Gallery, Clotworthy, Antrim Castle Gardens, 4th March – 19th April
Mon, Wed & Fri 9.00 – 5.00, Tues & Thurs 9.00 - 9.30, Sat & Sun 10.00 - 5.00

Guild viewing Sunday 8th March 2.30 – 4.30



Message

Virginia Sullivan contacted the Guild. She has worked on a wedding piece of Cross Stitch and has finished all but the names and date. She doesn't feel confident doing the lettering and wonders if someone in the Guild would finish this for her. She lives in the Enner Glynn area and is willing to pay for the work done. The wedding is in August. She lives in the Enner Glynn area.

If you can help her please contact her on any of the following:

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She lives in the Enner Glynn area.

Paratai - Report from Carol Barker

Paratai was a fun day. Many chose to work on their own stitching, while five of us had a go at Dorset buttons. Well, I thought they would be fairly easy but how wrong I was. Whilst everyone produced at least one beautiful button, I managed to complete a couple, but not to my satisfaction. Now I have another project to tackle during our Covid19 lockdown.

We had lots of laughs and discussions on how to deal with the many roosters that crowed all day, and we watched their antics keeping the hens in order while having our lunch picnic style outdoors.

It was a lovely day of friendship and stitching. Thank you, Peggy, for organising the day.

Next Newsletter will probably be in May 2020

Items for the May Newsletter to catherinewhitwellmot@gmail.com throughout April please.

Show and Tell



Jean van Ginkel, WAW 2019, Hundertwasser, freestyle on canvas.



Dana Pratt, "A Doodah", printed photo onto fabric and embroidered



Cheryl Curtis, embroidered box, a Jane van Keulan kit



Heather Miller, a 63 square quilt, using her stash with lace, old embroideries and hankies. Jean and Carol are hostessing.



Diane kept us guessing about what this object is used for - an umbrella for dog walking.



Pauline Stott encouraged by Koe to stitch this Jacobean, blackwork and cross stitch piece



Sharon Page-Moreton, NZ Laughing owl and ladies face.



Cards made by Christine and Sandra for Almoner.



Lesley Stanton, Margaret Lee beading class.



Sandra Neil, WAW Canvas work, Needle case. Apologies for mislabelling last month.