



NELSON EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

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Presidents Thread

Christmas Greeting Ladies

It is the Jolly Season again, where everyone goes mad & rushes around like there is no tomorrow. Those that are sensible stay home and Stitch.

Some of you folk will be spending some quality time with family & friends, or by yourselves doing your crafts be it Embroidery or Knitting etc. Enjoy these times and reflect on this crazy year, it has been. For us in New Zealand Christmas will be quite normal really. Something to be thankful for.

Our Christmas Tree in the Christ Church Cathedral looks lovely with all our Doves flying high, thank you to Angela Shaw & Sandra Neill for putting up the Tree at the Cathedral and to all who made a Dove or 2, 3 or 4. Be sure to visit it and all the others too.

The Challenge for 2021 is FEATHERS, decided by your Committee, to be held at the June 2021 meeting.

Remember to take a few Books out of the Library as you have until February meeting to bring them back, lots of research for future projects.

There will be no Stitch n Chat on 5th December or the 19th December, there will still be Tuesday Stitch n Chat on the 8th December.

This is our last meeting for 2020, so I hope to see you all on the 9th December, with your Christmas Bling on, your Committee will be providing a light supper, we will be making "Christmas Flowers" so bring your materials cut out and stitching supplies and enjoy the evening.

Happy Stitching, Christine W



Diary Dates

December 2020		
5	10.00 – 4.00pm	Marlborough Christmas Party: Blenheim
8	10:30 – 12:30pm	Tuesday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
9	7:30pm 3.30pm	Guild Meeting, Warnes Stadium, Songer Street, Stoke Hostesses: Kate Hanna, Melanie Storey, Jackie Bethwaite A Display of Work by Children's Embroidery Group, Victory Centre, afternoon tea provided.
12	9:30 – 12:30pm	NEXT (Extensions): Happys, Bateup Road, Richmond
19	10:30 – 4:00pm	Saturday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road

January 2021		
16	10:30 – 4:00pm	Saturday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
26	10:30 – 12:30pm	Tuesday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
30	10:30 – 4:00pm	Saturday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
28	7.00pm	NEG Committee meeting: Nick Smith's Electorate rooms, Waimea Rd

February 2021		
6	10:30 – 4.00pm	Saturday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
9	10:30 – 12:30pm	Tuesday Stitching: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
10	7.30pm	Guild Meeting: Warnes Stadium, Songer Street, Stoke Hostesses: TBA
20	10.30 – 4.00 pm	Saturday Stitching; Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
27	9.30 – 4.00 pm	Paretai Day Stitching at Lakehouse, Richmond
25	7:00pm	NEG Committee meeting: Nick Smith's electorate rooms, Waimea Rd

The 10c Club: \$35.10 has been collected for the Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind Dog Appeal.

Accounts

NEG Bank Account number 03 - 0703 - 0462017 - 00. Please put your name in reference and identify what it is for.

Notices:

1. Children's Group: The NEG (Victory Centre) Children's Embroidery Group invites all Guild members to come and see "A Display of Work" at Victory Community Centre, 3.30pm, 9th December, Afternoon Tea provided.

2. Cathedral Christmas Tree: Our tree will be in the Cathedral display which runs from 27th November to 17th January.

3. Exhibitions

Karen Richards recommends a visit to this website: <http://cahoonmuseum.org/>.

Library News: Hello everyone, our December meeting is the time to get your Christmas reading sorted! Please write Feb 21 on the library cards. There has been some feedback from a few members re the Stitch Magazine – that it is not very exciting these days. If it is the strong feeling of you all that this magazine is a bit boring, please LET ME KNOW, we can always review this.

I have rung Minerva books in Wellington and they had 2 copies of the Guiliana Ricama magazines, so as a xmas present to myself, I have ordered them. I will bring them to guild night so you can all look and decide if this magazine is worth having for the Guild, price will be around \$45.

Stitchers' Seek Corner – Borrow, Share, Sources

A member is looking to borrow a Slate frame on a freehand stand. Please ring Christine McGuigan.



Workshop Report – December

While most of you are maybe thinking about Christmas and Christmas presents, I have been thinking of Guild Meeting Projects, Workshop Projects, 6 Monthly Projects and Saturday Stitching Projects for 2021. In doing this, I think I have almost covered all the ideas that were put on the Wish List for 2021

Guild Meeting Project – December. This is the Fabric flowers that were on display at the November meeting. Please refer to separate article on requirements.

Guild Meeting Projects – February. Dorset Buttons. Whilst I believe that some members have already done these at Paretai, I have a list of people who have not. For those who have done them, there will be a further 2 styles of button to do, to stretch you a little.

Mini Sampler. Our first 6 month Project – A Mini Sampler will be on display for you to check out. This will be in 6 Parts with one part being handed out at each meeting.

There will be clipboards for both these projects at the December meeting. Please put your name down if you wish to take part in these, so the relevant photocopying of patterns can be done.

Materials for these will be in the first newsletter of 2021.
Happy Stitching
Jo



Colourful Fabric Flowers

As shown at the November meeting our project for December Guild night will be the beautiful fabric flowers. Heather Miller will be talking you through the making of this.

You will need to bring:

- **5 x 6 ½ inch circles of fabric.** This can be different patterned pieces or all plain fabric. Patchwork cotton is good as it holds the shape of the petals. Bright colours are fun. There will be some fabric available if you wish to swap pieces in and out.
- **A large button for the flower centre.** This can be a fancy button you may already have or a button to cover with fabric in a contrast fabric colour and/or some beads to embellish. **This button should be 4cm in diameter, no smaller.**
- **Felt for the back of the flower.** This needs to be about a circle 7cm in size.
- **Your sewing kit,** which should contain - a medium size sewing needle, cotton thread (white or cream will be fine), fabric scissors, strong fabric glue or maybe a glue gun.

We will supply

- The wooden stick for the stem
- Felt for the back of the flower, if required
- Fabric glue
- Glue gun

Before the meeting, **please cut your circles and iron them in half then in half again.** This will give you a head start. We will have an iron available, if necessary.

Catering

A big thank you to all that supplied a plate for Christmas Decoration Day, a lovely array of food, great effort.

I have a couple of plates that were left behind and would love to find their home so if you think one belongs to you, these will be at the next meeting for pick up.

The 2021 Kitchen Roster will be passed around at the December meeting, please fill in your name and number into a month that suits you otherwise I will be filling in the gaps with names and yours could be one.

Cheryl Curtis



Recipes from Christmas Decoration Day

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| <p>1. Cheese Log:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ½ C chopped dried apricots ¼ C chopped glace ginger 2 Tbs sherry 250 g cream cheese ½ C grated cheddar cheese 1 tsp grated orange rind | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine apricots, ginger & sherry. Cover and leave for 2 hours. Beat cheeses together Add orange rind, apricots and ginger Wrap in gladwrap and refrigerate till firm Form into roll and cover with poppy seeds |
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½ C poppy seeds

- 2. Chicken Salad:** 2 chicken breasts, poached, cooled and shredded
 Chopped celery and spring onion, to taste
 3 – 4 Tbs Best Mayonnaise
 Seeds from 1 pomegranate or chopped green grapes
 Celery seeds (optional)
 ½ C roasted slivered almonds or chopped pistachios
 Salt and pepper to taste.

Combine all ingredients, refrigerate and serve in ½ capsicum or vol-au-vents.

3. Peanut Butter, Chocolate & Caramel Brownie: See Website for method:

www.whittakers.co.nz/en_WW/recipes/whittakers-peanut-butter-chocolate-and-caramel-brownie/

225g butter	Preheat oven to 180 deg
450g sugar	Line 20cm x 30cm tin with paper
250g Whittakers Peanut Butter Choc	
8ml vanilla essence	Melt butter, sugar, choc, essence and stir
45g cocoa powder	Sift cocoa & flour, add to choc mixture, and
175g plain flour	to flour alternately with eggs.
5 eggs	

Caramel: 80g salted butter, 390g sweetened. condensed Milk, 1 – ½ Tbs golden syrup.
 Melt together in a pot with frequent stirring, till it looks like peanut butter.

Assembly: Pour ½ brownie mix into tin, dot over with caramel and swirl around with skewer. Pour over second ½ of mix, top with caramel and swirl through with skewer. Don't overmix if you want to find chunks of caramel in brownie.

Baking: Bake for 30 minutes at 180 deg. Cool in tin and cut into squares.

Newsletter Editor:

My apologies for any errors and/or omissions in this newsletter. Thank you for your support, I'm hoping to improve as I go. Please send any notices and contributions towards the newsletter to my address by end of each month: nadianegnz@gmail.com or to the NEG email address: nelson.embroiderers@gmail.com.

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Jacki Hart, Etui



