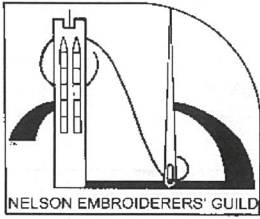


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Hi everyone, Happy New year to you all – but gosh it looks as if this year is going to whizz by just as fast as last year did! Did days pass this fast when you were chewing your pencil, and feeling all hot and bothered while sitting in arithmetic classes, back in the day..? They sure didn't for me!

Summer has finally arrived - woohoo! We will enjoy celebrating it with our annual visit to Paretai Lodge – the Girl Guide camp in the Lee Valley (129 Lee Valley Rd, from Brightwater). This is generally a lovely day out in the countryside as we enjoy the charm of the Lee River meandering down a tree-clothed valley. Fresh air, quietness and beauty – what a stunning spot to spend stitching with friends! The date is Saturday 22nd February, and the day begins at 9:30 a.m. concluding around 3:30 p.m. Please bring your lunch, and a small plate of goodies for morning/afternoon tea. There will be a small kit available – nothing too arduous – in fact it is rather a wee sweetie and we think you will love it! (Kit cost = \$6). The committee have agreed there is no door charge to attend, so bring your friends and neighbours along to join us - organize your ride, organize your stitching basket, and we'll see you there! (Jo McLean has written a 'needs list' for the kits further on in this Newsletter.)

And in line with 'new brooms sweep clean' (!!) we will be making some changes to the table arrangement at meetings – just as an initial experiment to save so much squiggling around on your chair! We will also have a table near the exit door (kitchen end) so that if you need to leave early you can slip out without too much disturbance, so please choose to sit at that table if you know you will want to leave before the meeting concludes. (We do have Warnes Stadium booked for 7:30 – 9:30 although meetings generally finish 8:45/9 ish.) Also the topic of 'should we/shouldn't we have a cup of tea at meetings' has been the subject of quite a bit of committee discussion over the past few months, and we've reached a decision in it! Since we are wanting to encourage you to bring your stitching to meetings, we will *not* serve tea/coffee except at our June and December meetings where we plan to have a mid-winter celebration, and end of year Christmas break-up. So do have your cuppa at home before you arrive, so that you aren't sitting parched all evening!

Changes too to the Show 'n Tell table – re-sited so that you have access from all sides. (We are hopeful you won't feel too disorientated when you arrive on Weds 12th!) We anticipate a rather large Show 'n Tell table this month as we assume you have been busy finishing all sorts of projects in the 2 months since we last met – hopefully the new arrangement gives enough room for all to display their items beautifully.

And you should have all received the Guild Quarterly Report which was sent out a couple of weeks ago. As requested by many, we will shorten up the business side of meetings and therefore give you more time for Show'nTell, looking through the Library, and catching up on conversations with your stitching friends. This Report will be sent to you every 3 months enabling you to keep up to date with the business side to whatever extent you wish. Lots more to talk about but space has run out, so happy stitching and we'll catch up again soon. Regards, Rosemary

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Calendar: February

1st	Sat	10.30 - 4pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
8th	Sat	9.30	Extensions Group: Enquiries Cheryl Curtis 027 447 0700
11th	Tues	10.30 - 12.30pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
12th	Wed	7.30pm	Monthly Guild Meeting Warnes Stadium, Songer Street, Stoke <i>Hostesses: Carolyn Brown, Sandra Neill</i>
15th	Sat	9.30 - 4pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
17th	Mon	7pm	Committee Meeting, Champion Road
22nd	Sat	9.30 - 3.30	Paratai Day
25th	Tues	10.30 - 12.30 pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road

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*Last day for content for
March Newsletter*

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Show and Tell from the December Meeting:



Betty's sister made these cute ornaments.



Morris the cushion was created by Sue Conway.



Beautiful decorations from Angela.



Karen's contributions to the Christmas theme. A bauble that didn't bauble and a biscornu that didn't biscornu.



A close up of some of Paula's work. This kit was designed by Kim's son.



Paula has been busy!



Rosemary's gorgeous dolls.



Paula's cute, and wobbly trio of Christmas cheer.



Cards made by Dana, using a Cuttlebug embossing machine



Peggy has created a beautiful cushion for her first Great Grandson.. The three Christmas trees are hers also.



Jane's sampler came from Elaine Dickens.



Christine's beautiful work, the kits are from the Fox Collection.



The photo doesn't do justice to the lovely colours in Carol's crewel work cushion.