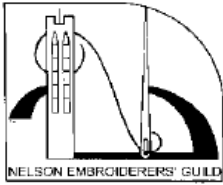


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Presidents Preamble

Hi everyone – February already! And have we had a summer so far...? Not sure about that as summer = burnt off grass, but our lawn is still robustly green here and smiling after all the rain we've had. A new sight for Nelson at this time of year!

I hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season, and you're geared to go for an active, interesting and exciting 2026. The Committee had a Planning Day yesterday and we have all sorts of surprises up our sleeves ready to be rolled out month by month for you.

An update though, we have lost one of our Members to South Canterbury. Jean van Ginkel has in this past week, re-located to Geraldine to be closer to her daughter. She is familiar with that town, so I am sure she will settle quickly. However, she will be missed here as we have enjoyed seeing her stunning work and chatting with her. Her health is not as vigorous as it has been in past years so a bit of family pampering will go a long way. We will be staying in touch with her though as we can't let her sneak down there without our noticing! I am sure she would appreciate a phone call from any of you in the next wee while just to help her continue to feel part of us.

But to get our Guild year started – we have our first monthly meeting for the year on Wednesday 11th, and I am expecting the Show'nTell table to be groaning under the weight of all your holiday achievements! Do fill your bag filled with specialness and let us all take a peek. We represent a hugely wide range of stitching preferences and styles, so I'm sure inspiration will be there in abundance on that table.

We also have our annual day out in the stunning Lee Valley at Paretai Girl Guide Camp (21st 9:30 – 3:30.) A wonderful way to kick off the stitching year – enjoying one another's company, achieving a few stitches and catching up on the holiday comings and goings of us all. Remember to bring your lunch and a small plate of goodies for morning/afternoon tea and check Jo's instructions about what to bring for the wee surprise stitching. We are making this free entry, so do bring your friends as this day out is an excellent way to introduce them to the Guild and all the interesting projects we love to do!

Meantime enjoy February – a shorter month, but I am sure we will all fill it to the brim with stitches!
Hugs Rosemary

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What's Coming Up February

7th	Sat	10.30 - 4pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
10th	Tues	10.30 - 12.30	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
11th	Wed	7.30pm	Monthly Guild Meeting Warnes Stadium, Songer Street, Stoke <i>Hostesses:</i>
14th	Sat	9. 30 - 12.00	Extensions Group: Enquiries Cheryl Curtis 027 447 0700
21th	Sat	9.30 - 3.30	Paratai Day, No stitch and chat at Broadgreen
24th	Tue	10.30 - 12.30	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
28th	Sat	9.30 - 1.00	StitchSummer, Richmond Library

March

7th	Sat	10.30 - 4 pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
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21st	Sat	10.30 - 4 pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
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April

4th	Sat	10.30 - 4 pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
8th	Wed	7.30pm	Monthly Guild Meeting Warnes Stadium, Songer Street, Stoke <i>Hostesses:</i>
11th	Sat	9.30 -12.30	Extensions Group: Enquiries Cheryl Curtis 027 447 0700
14th	Tues	10.30 - 12.30	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
18th	Sat	10.30 - 4 pm	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road
22nd	Wed	10am -12pm	Tuku Part 1 Richmond Library
28th	Tues	10.30 - 12.30	Stitch'n Chat: Broadgreen House, Nayland Road

*Last day for content for
March Newsletter*

Friday 20th February

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December Show and Tell



The photo doesn't do justice to Paula's mythical creatures.



Paula's needle must have been red hot by the time she finished all this lovely work.



Well done Rosemary - it was a while in the making, but the result was worth waiting for.



Christmas decorations beautifully created by Jane.



From a WAW class



Heather tells us that this is another project that has taken a while to complete.



Angela's coif needlecase is intriguing.



This stunning picture has been embroidered by Esmee, a student from the Victory Embroiders.



Ever wondered what to do with all those threads in your Ort pot. Jo has the answer.



Christine created this star using lots of beads and patience.



Jane finished embroidering her Christmas picture just in time for Show and Tell.



Christine's "just because I can" needlecase.

My apologies for the lack of detail. There was too much going on at our Christmas celebration, and I forgot to take notes.

Stitch Summer

Come along to stitch at the Richmond Library on Saturday 28th February. You will be stitching "alongside" stitchers all over New Zealand - ANZEG members will be showing off their embroidery skills in venues all over the country.

We will be located in the lounge area at the rear of the Library. This will be an ideal chance to continue with your Paratai project.

From the Events Co-Ordinator

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2026. I hope you have all had a great Christmas. We headed south to Waimate to my sisters for Christmas, picking up my brother at Christchurch Airport on the way. He had flown in from Brisbane. It was a momentous time as us three kids hadn't had a Christmas together for over 35 years. Lots of catching up to do, lots of eating done and if we had a drink for each of those years, lots of drinks!!!!

With WAW done and dusted, we have another busy year ahead. Plenty of outings and projects available and maybe a workshop or two.

Our first get-together will be at Paretai on 21 February. The gates will open at 9:30am, with morning tea first up. Please bring your own lunch and a plate for morning tea.

There will be a project available and I would like to thank Catherine for making this for us.

For the project you will need:

Fabric -

A piece of Linen/Aida 28 or (25) count or any even weave fabric, around 8 inches (20cm) square. One piece at this stage but the project will take 2 of this size. To prevent fraying maybe zig-zag the edges.

Stranded Cotton -

9 shades of one colour or 9 different individual colours, your choice.

If using 25 Count you could use Perle 12 as an alternative to Stranded. Instructions will be given on the day.

Your normal sewing bits and pieces - needles, scissors, magnifiers, and maybe pen and paper for any notes you would like to make.

Websites

If you are keen on Blackwork, I have been advised of another website for a Blackwork stitch project. Thesteadythread.com

They have Charts available for purchase as well as free charts for Monthly SAL's (Stitch A Long) from 2025 and 2026. Check it out if you are interested.

That's about all from me for this month. The Committee has a Planning Day on 31 January and lots of ideas will be discussed.

Cheers Jo

I had a joke about a needle in a haystack - but can't find it!!!

Christmas Tree Festival.

Thank you to all those who let us use your decorations for this year's entry.
 Our tree was 34th out of 72 entries. The winner (who gets a free entry 2026) was
 Woodlands Retirement Home. There were over 13500 votes in total.
 Thank you also to Marion and Jackie who joined me with the decorating and dismantling.
 I will return your decorations at the February meeting.
 Kaye Fitchett.

This poem was sent out by the President of Creative Fibre, unfortunately there was no mention of the original author. I have altered the focus to reflect embroidery instead of all things woolly.

Summer holidays unspool slowly,
 days stretched like thread between fingers.
 The air hums with cicadas and ideas.
 Stitching progresses softly on the porch,
 needle moving while shadows shift.
 A half-finished sampler learns the shape of patience.
 Delicate loops bloom like seafoam,
 one stitch catching the next,
 a tide pulled through a needle.
 Stitching turns fabric into promise,
 the thread sings, the fabric listens,
 Stitch by stitch, a pattern appears.
 And stains the day with colour,
 indigo dusk, marigold noon,
 By evening, the sun loosens its grip,
 projects rest in baskets like sleeping cats,
 and summer, threaded through it all,
 holds fast.

Have a great month. My brain is slowly returning to normal after a lovely long holiday in Wellington.
 Sandra