



Chainstitch

Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

MAY 2016

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Welfare	Sharon Evans

ROSTER MAY

Catering	Pearl Stenhouse
Library	<i>Not open on May Day</i>
Treasure Chest	<i>Not available on May Day</i>
Raffles	Jill Davidson
Hostess	Barbara Smith

GUILD MEETING

Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke St, Woodhaugh

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 21 MAY AT 9.30am

THURSDAY MORNING WORKSHOP

Senior Citizens Rooms, Lower Octagon. 9.30am – 11.45am
Cost: \$1 tea Full membership is required to attend workshop

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

MAY 2016

Autumn is in full colour and although it has been unseasonably warmer the nights do draw in early. Today was particular cold and rain at last.

April meeting was full on with the commencement of the Wee Folk making. A huge thank you to Sue Lucas for organising and guided us through the making of our own special Wee Folk. Thank you also to the committee members who assisted Sue. This was a great night of involvement by all and I look forward to seeing finished Wee Folk and their beautiful attire. May meeting also has time set aside for assistance with this project and for those members who were not able to attend April's meeting there will be an opportunity at this meeting to start constructing one.

May meeting will also have the busy Sue tutoring name badges – we all need one of these, so if you need one or are tired of wearing your present one come do this class.

Do not forget to come to May Day, on Saturday, 14 May. Doors will open at 9.30 am with seven mini workshops on offer. Also there will be three merchants, raffles, morning and afternoon tea all on offer for a very reasonable cost.

On Saturday, 28 May at Oamaru North Otago Embroiderers Guild will hold their Friendship Day – this is a fantastic day to attend with the North Otago ladies always being very welcoming.

The April edition of Threads is available – if you have not had your copy yet they are held at the OEG rooms, please come and collect your copy.

Hope to see you all at the May Day and our May meeting.

Happy Stitching

Sharon



PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 21 MAY 9.30am

* **NAME BADGES - Sue Lucas**

If you would like to embroider any of these pieces (*pictured below*) please contact Sue.
Ability: all levels.



* **WEE FOLK FINISHING**– Committee to assist

AND on that note of WEE FOLK MAKING

Thank you for your enthusiasm at our wee folk making at the last Guild meeting. You all did an amazing job. There will be a table set up at the May Guild meeting for anyone who hasn't yet made their wee folk selves or for anyone wishing to continue to make their little person, or their clothes.

Remember if you are unsure of anything please ask any committee member and we will do our best to assist you.

Please remember that Conference is in July, therefore we need your completed wee folk person in at the June meeting, so we can organise the display for Conference. Your wee folk person should be returning to you in July or August (at the latest). Thanks, Sue



* **CHILDREN'S CLASS - Gaynor Chronican**



MAY CHRISTMAS DECORATION – RED STAR - Nikki Mortimer



Requirement List

- * 28 count evenweave linen (Permin – colour natural) two pieces of 12cm x 12cm or one 12 x 24cm
- * No 12 perle thread - 1 ball (Colour red No 666)
- * No 26 Tapestry Needles
- * Sharp scissors
- * A Quick Unpick may be useful

Nikki's Christmas decoration will be a **taught** class on Saturday 21st May for anyone who wishes to attend and learn how to do the Sardinian Knotted Stitch used on it. People are welcome to pick up the pattern only or work with Nikki who can show them what to do.

JUNE CHRISTMAS DECORATION – Sharon Evans



EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

MAY

Saturday 21 May

Altrusa Club of Taieri

Bazaar - Craft Bargains Galore - Fabrics, threads, patterns, wool, buttons
10.00am at the Senior Citizens Hall, Hartstonge Avenue, MOSGIEL (opposite New World)



MAY DAY

Saturday 14 May 2016

9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Venue - Leith Valley Bowling Club

Entry - \$5.00

Kits, materials and tuition - \$10.00

Merchants Stalls, Raffles, Fun workshops

Bring a friend, your lunch and sewing kit for a fun day of stitching

Workshops

Children's class *Jan Letts*

Keyring *Sharon Evans*

Chicken Scratch Christmas Tree *Cathrine Waite*

Contemporary stitching
Kath Cole and Liz Fleming

Gothic Rings *Nicki van der Jagt*

Brooch *Belinda McMillan*

Temari Ball *Jane Carroll*

Brooch *Anne Jaquier*

Wristband Pincushion *Peggy Johnston*

Please bring food to share for morning and afternoon teas

9.30am -10.00am	Morning Tea
10.00am - 12.00 Midday	Workshops
12.00midday - 12.30pm	Welcome and news from visiting Guilds
12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30pm - 3.30pm	Workshops
2.30 - 3.30 pm	Raffles drawn and afternoon tea

Kits unsold on May Day will be offered for sale at the June Guild meeting

NOTICES

****DATE CHANGE - MAY MEETING NOW SATURDAY 21 MAY****

The meeting in May will now be held on **Saturday 21st May** (*previously scheduled for Saturday 28 May*) as agreed at the last OEG meeting due to the scheduled visit to the North Otago Friendship Day.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Payment of annual subscriptions are still being accepted by the Treasurer.

Annual membership: Full - \$60, Country - \$45, Associate \$30,

Student - \$20 between 13-18 years. Children aged 5-12 years \$2/session.

Details of how to make your payment for 2016 are in the April Chainstitch. If you have any queries about how to pay please speak to Aggie.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL DAY at GORE

This gathering will be held on Saturday 13 August 2016.

THE SCOTTISH DIASPORA TAPESTRY AT TOITU

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who gave up their time to stitch or sit at this exhibition. You did an amazing job raising the profile of our Guild in the local community and also strengthening our relationship with Toitu.

MEDIEVAL EMBROIDERY EXHIBITION AT THE V&A, LONDON

A note from Betty Rawlings

My daughter has just sent me the link below about a forthcoming Mediaeval Embroidery exhibition at the V&A, London, which might be of interest to members, especially to anyone planning to visit London shortly. Please see the link:

<http://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/opus-anglicanum-masterpieces-of-English-medieval-embroidery>

GOLDWORK DVD

There will be a re-screening of the Goldwork DVD that had been offered at the April meeting. This is to be screened lunch at the 21 May meeting.

ITEMS for CONFERENCE

If you are sending items to conference with Anne Jaquierey:

Please ensure they are wrapped securely in bubble wrap.

Include a return paid courier package to ensure delivery back to you.

Contact Anne if you have any queries - Phone 03 455 8862

OUTSTANDING RAFFLES FOR CONFERENCE

Please return any unsold tickets, sold ticket stubs and money to Sue on May Day or the Saturday 21 May Meeting in an envelope. If you cannot attend either of those meetings please phone Sue to arrange collection. Thank you for your support.

WEBSITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Please bring any work you wish to be photographed for the website to the May meeting. My husband will take photos of any pieces you wish to be displayed on the website with your name. We will have another date in the second half of the year for taking more photos. Thanks, Sue.

THREADS

Magazines not collected at the April Guild meeting will be available at the 21 May meeting in the library.

2016 OTAGO EMBROIDERER'S GUILD EXHIBITION

The Otago Embroiderer's Guild Biennial Exhibition is set to open to the public *Tuesday 15 – Sun 20 November 2016* at the Otago Art Society, in the historic Dunedin Railway Station.

Items will be collected for display on Saturday 12 November and Sunday 13 November. The official opening is Monday 14 November. The categories for entry are:

Traditional - own Design	Excellence in Construction
Traditional - Class Work, Kit, Pattern	Beading
Contemporary - own design	Children's Award
Contemporary - class work, kit, pattern	Construction of Kit, pattern etc
Contemporary - Mixed media	Best in Show
Patchwork	President's Challenge - 2016 Heart Shaped Brooch
Small Article	

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Notes

- * Please bring items for the Show and Tell Display.
- * Bring your cup if you wish to have a tea or coffee
- * Please wear your name badge. For the benefit of others who are new to the Guild, and for those of us who don't find it easy to remember.
- * If you wish to receive Chainstitch via email please check with Julie to ensure she has your correct email address.

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE oeg.org.nz

Last word *(almost)*

History of sewing needles



The modern day sewing needles come with many attributes as seen in the earlier post on [sewing needles attributes](#).

([www.sewingmantra.com/index.php/needles/attributes-of-a-](http://www.sewingmantra.com/index.php/needles/attributes-of-a-good-sewing-needle/)

[good-sewing-needle/](#). This was not the case for the sewing needles, they were rugged and were used for a single utility. In this post we will see the history of sewing needles.

Bone Sewing Needle

- History dates back to 28000 B.C. The earliest known sewing needle is developed in Aurignacia. Hand crafted and made of bones, the needle has a split head instead of an eye.
- The early needles were hand-made out of bone, over 17000 years ago by Western Europeans and Central Asians. It was used for sewing skins and furs.
- 17500 B.C – The first needles with eyes emerge.
- 7000 B.C – Copper needles are produced in Armenia.
- 2500 B.C – Bronze needles are born.
- 1195 B.C – Secret of hardening iron reaches Europe from India.
- 500 B.C – The drawing plate is used for producing wire.
- 60 A.D – Phrygier is credited with discovering embroidery.
- 1200 A.D – The needle is advertised for the first time in China.
- 1496 – Leonardo da Vinci constructs a machine to point sewing needles.
- 1615 – Aachen shows the way by making needles from fine, pure steel.
- 1730 – Stephan Beissel founds a needle factory in Aachen, Germany.
- 1755 – First ever patent is awarded for a needle with an eye.
- 1790 – Thomas Saint applies for a patent for a machine to sew shoes.

- 1811 – Abel & Michael Morall are the first to construct a device for the pressing of eyes.
- 1845 – Elias Howe & Singer invent the sewing machine

Learn more:

[http://www.sewingmantra.com/index
.php/needles/history-of-sewing-
needles/](http://www.sewingmantra.com/index.php/needles/history-of-sewing-needles/)

<http://www.beisselneedles.com/blog/tag/aurignacia/>