



# Chainstitch

Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

**April 2018**

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**If you would like to share information with OEG members via Chainstitch  
please email Nicky at [nicolajagt@gmail.com](mailto:nicolajagt@gmail.com)**

## MEETING

Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke St, Woodhaugh

**Saturday 28 April - Library open at 9.45pm - Meeting at 12.00pm**

## THURSDAY MORNING WORKSHOP

**Senior Citizens Rooms, Lower Octagon 9.30am – 11.45am**

Cost: \$1 tea/coffee. You must be a member of a Guild to attend workshop.

# PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello everyone

The first snow has struck and is clear our lovely summer is at an end. Time to put the garden to bed, get the fire lit and the stitching out more often.

Wanaka was again, a great success and my thanks go to the hard-working Wanaka Committee for the ongoing success of the school. As usual, there was a great display of work to be enjoyed and the viewer's choice was for a stunning lace cloth. We were treated to a wide variety of classes and I'm sure from the feedback that everyone enjoyed their time. I joined the Stitch and Chat group. This was a lot of fun with much chat and laughter. It was great to see the different projects being worked on there. There was lace and stump work and for many a chance to revisit projects started at Wanaka in previous years.

We were also fortunate to have Allison Snapp and Alison Cole come to our last guild meeting and share their stories. I have met them a few times now and they almost feel like our own members! Both women took classes in Dunedin fitting around the Wanaka school and I'm sure those that attended gained much from these two lovely tutors.

We are delighted to announce a new award thanks to the generosity of Sharleen Johnston. Sharleen had asked that a guild member who has contributed the most to tutoring in the guild, be recognised at the exhibition every second year. This is of course, to remember Sharleens's delightful mother Peggy. Peggy was very keen about teaching and contributed much herself in this respect over the years. We intend that this be awarded for the first time at the exhibition at the end of this year.

It had been suggested that it is time for us to put our hand up again to take our turn at hosting the ANZEG, National Conference. The year suggested would be 2024. I am aware that a lot of work would be required to prepare for such an event and ask for your thoughts on this matter, both for and against. It seems a long time in advance to consider -6 years, but I believe it would take much work to organise. It would probably be sensible to have a separate committee devoted to the task and I ask if anyone is interested in being involved. Some of you were probably involved with the last time it was held in Dunedin and I'm sure your input would be invaluable. Many of you have attended conference on a regular basis and I expect you are the ones who would have the most knowledge about what is necessary. Your thoughts please.

The constitution is currently with our adviser and I hope to circulate our proposal soon. We are also working on the application form for the scholarship in memory of Gay Eaton, and the standard operations folder which will be held in the library for all to access.

May Day is coming up soon and I hope we have better weather than last year! Last year we had folk arrive from near and far in spite of the appalling weather. Please remember to contribute something for morning/afternoon tea as is our custom.

The exhibition at the end of the year will be held at the Community Gallery in Princes St, between the 10th-19th November. It will be great to see the variety of work and the skill exhibited by our members. It is always a pleasure to attend, so get stitching folks!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting and also at May Day.

Cheers  
Brenda



## In memory

### Peggy Johnston 1937 - 2018



It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the death of our long time Guild member Peggy Johnston.

Peggy and I have been friends for over 25 years, a friendship that began when we were on the Otago Porcelain Dollmakers' Guild Committee together.

Peggy was a very keen craftswoman. Her many hobbies included embroidery, porcelain dolls, doll collecting, miniatures, teddy bears, cloth dolls, leatherwork, ballroom dancing and cake icing. She tutored in many of the interests she took up and often ended up on the Committee. Any group she was President of was very well organised.

We went to the Wanaka School, together with our husbands, for many years and left the men to travel far and wide while we had a wonderful weekend of embroidery. She found it very frustrating, in later years, that her eyesight, at times, made embroidering quite difficult.

Peggy was an avid reader, especially as she didn't sleep well, and would read more books in a few months than many people would read in five years. She would get her supply of books from the library, her daughter Sharleen and me, and would go to The 24 Hour Regent Book Sale with a suitcase on wheels to get her stash home.

She was a wonderful cook and baker, and our Thursday afternoon stitching group was always treated to a "banquet" when it was Peggy's turn to host.

Although her health deteriorated over the last few years Peggy always tried to carry on doing all the things she was used to doing, always looking immaculate.

We will miss you, Peggy.

Eleanor Brown



# PROGRAMME

**Saturday 28 April**

**Ticketyboo; a stitch sampler on ticking with Cathrine Waite**



Kit cost; \$5.00 includes ticking, iron on backing and notes regarding suitable stitches. I made the sampler into a holder for needle packets but you can make it into something else if you prefer. I will provide instructions for construction of the needle packet holder.

Please bring your usual stitching tools, threads and stitch dictionary.

If you did not put your name on the list at March meeting, then please email me at [cate.waite@gmail.com](mailto:cate.waite@gmail.com)

**I will provide instructions for construction of the needle packet holder.**

## **Serviettes with Kath Cole**

Kit cost; \$5.00 includes everything

Bring your own threads including any fancy threads you may like to use.

## **Children's Class**

**Spoon Full of Sugar with Pearl Stenhouse**

**Kit cost \$5**



COMING UP....

## MAY DAY

Saturday 5 May 9.30 am – 3.30 pm

Venue - Leith Valley Bowling Club

*Entry - \$5.00*

*Kits, materials and tuition - \$10.00 - \$15.00 (Depending on the project)*

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

<b>Canvas Santa</b>	Eleanor Brown
<b>Card Purses</b>	Margaret Kennedy
<b>Pendants</b>	Jane Carroll
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Century Pin Ball</b>	Pearl Stenhouse
<b>Card</b>	Kay Hawker
<b>Miniature Garden</b>	Jan Bremner
<b>Felting</b>	Kath Cole and Liz Fleming
<b>Children - Cotton Spools</b>	Nicky van der Jagt

**Merchant Table, Raffles**

**More details to follow**

**ANZEG Postbag Colour Challenge**

**“All That Glitters Gold”**

Entries Section A - **Must be received by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

# NOTICES

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions can be paid to the Treasurer, Jane Carroll.

Full annual membership	\$60 (\$55 if paid by 31 March 2018)
Country membership	\$45 (\$40 if paid by 31 March 2018)
	Associate Membership \$30 must be current member of another Guild. State associated Guild on form.
Student Membership	\$20 if aged between 13-18 years, \$2/session if aged 5-12 years

### **Payment method options as follows:**

**Cheque:** made out to 'Otago Embroiderers' Guild'.

**Handing in at meeting to Treasurer:** Envelope with your **name on the outside.**

**Post to:** The Treasurer  
Otago Embroiderers' Guild  
PO Box 5732  
Dunedin 9058

**Online: 03 1732 0001345 00**

Payee = Otago Embroiderers' Guild  
Particular = your name  
Code = subs  
Reference = (membership type) full, country, associate or student

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## COMMEMORATIVE PANEL - 125 YEARS WOMEN IN NEW ZEALAND GAINED THE RIGHT TO VOTE

**We need your help\* We need your help \*We need your help \*We need your help\***

As part of the 125 years since Women in New Zealand gained the right to vote, Toitu has asked if we would commemorate this year by working on a panel similar to the five that were worked on by O.E.G members and gifted to Toitu for the 100 years celebration in 1993.

I have been liaising with the Toitu people and I am asking for members to contact me if you are interested in working on this. Our famous New Zealand woman for this panel will be Janet Frame. We will work on this over a set time period at times that suit the people who wish to contribute.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining the *Suffrage Panel 2018 Group* or if you have further questions. I will bring pictures of the panels already completed to Guild. All materials will be provided. I need willing people to help create this panel. Any help greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sue Lucas, email: [krystalgirl14@yahoo.com](mailto:krystalgirl14@yahoo.com)

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## ASHLEIGH QUILTERS OF THE TAIERI

30 Year Celebration and Exhibition weekend.  
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 April 2018, 10am – 4pm  
Burns Lodge  
Holy Cross Exhibition Centre  
89 Church Street Mosgiel  
Come and enjoy this exhibition of quilts with raffles and items for sale.



## **RECYLED BOOK ART REGENT THEATRE**

### **NEW FEATURE IN REGENT 24 HOUR BOOK SALE**

Artists, crafters, school students and community groups are invited to upcycle used unsaleable books into artworks to support the Regent Theatre Trust of Otago.

For over three decades the Regent 24 Hour Book Sale has been one of the highlights on the Dunedin calendar. In 2018 we are introducing an exciting new art initiative giving a second life to old books. Books as Art will be part of the 38<sup>th</sup> Regent 24 Hour Book Sale being held from midday on Friday 8 June 2018.

The organisers hope Books as Art will become an annual feature of the sale. Books as Art encourages people to transform the pages of old books into sculptures and artworks. The book art will be displayed during the 24 Hour Book Sale and available for purchase, with a percentage of the sales supporting the Regent Theatre.

*“Books as Art is a great opportunity for people to reuse books in a creative way, ensuring they have a new life.”*

*“We’ve been inspired by a similar exhibition in Edinburgh and can’t wait to see Dunedin people apply their creativity to give new life to used books. It’s the perfect challenge for a City of Literature. Books can be upcycled into beautiful art – whether its origami type page folding, intricate sculpted pages or using pages to make or cover items.”*

Entries will be judged by a panel headed by Dunedin Public Art Gallery Director Cam McCracken who will be joined by artist Nicola Jackson and a panel to be announced.

Those who want to turn their hand to making old books into art will be able to pick up free pre-loved books from collection points around the city. Books are available from the beginning of March until late May. The boxes of books for collection are at the Hub at the Otago Polytechnic, the First Presbyterian Church and the foyer of the Athenaeum.

People making Books as Art must enter their completed artworks by Thursday 31 May 2018.

For more information, please contact the organisers at [BooksasArt@regenttheatre.co.nz](mailto:BooksasArt@regenttheatre.co.nz) or the theatre at 03 477-8597.

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## **QUILTERS AND PATCHWORKERS OF OTAGO ARE EXCITED TO HOST AN EXHIBITION OF “NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD” AN INTERNATIONAL QUILT CHALLENGE.**

Thirty quilters from New Zealand, France and Japan are involved, ninety in total. Each quilter was given a topic – a natural wonder. The same topics were used in each of the three countries resulting in three different perspectives on each topic.

The quilts have been exhibited in Japan and are now here in New Zealand. They will travel to France in August for their exhibition in September.

All the quilts from New Zealand, Japan and France, 30 from each country, will be on display in Dunedin at **The H D Skinner Annex, Otago Museum**, 361 Great King Street Dunedin (Old Dunedin North Post Office) from **Friday 11 May 2018 to Sunday 13 May**. The opening hours are 10am to 5pm daily. \$5 entry.

This is a unique opportunity to compare styles of the 3 countries as the 30 subjects are interpreted in different ways and we are very lucky to be able to host an international exhibition such as this here in Dunedin.

Come and view this wonderful exhibition.

## LIGHTING

Owing to health and safety concerns, the lamps we had will no longer be available, please bring your own lamps or light to support your stitching on Thursday or Saturday meetings.

## SHOW AND TELL

We look forward to viewing your embroidery work, past or present, or as a work in progress. Please write your name and the technique used on a card to inform members.

### FIBRE ARTS NEW ZEALAND - Whanganui Girls College 22 -28 April 2018

Spaces available in Bryony Jennings and Julia Triston's workshops

See the Fibre Arts NZ website [www.fibreartsnz.co.nz](http://www.fibreartsnz.co.nz)



**Julia Triston (UK) Lace Book** Julia is a professional artist, designer, maker, educator and author in stitched textiles, and contemporary art and design techniques. Experimental workshop, using different materials and media, you will explore and study the patterns, properties and textures of lace.



#### Bryony Jennings – UK Textile Creatures - Mixed Media Sculpture

Bryony Rose Jennings is a sculptor and stitcher of surreal creatures created from cloth. Sculpt your own characterful creature using textiles, wire and a needle and thread. Inspired by your gathered and reclaimed fabric.

## EVENTS

Otago Guild May Day	Dunedin	5 May
North Otago Friendship Day	Oamaru	26 May
ANZEG Biennial Conference	Nelson	13 - 19 July
Phillipa Turnbull <i>Dunedin Leisure Lodge - Details are to be advised.</i>	Dunedin	27 - 28 July
Hazel Blomkamp	Te Anau	13 - 14 August
Otago Guild Exhibition	Dunedin	10 - 19 November

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