

# Chainstitch

# Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

## February 2019

#### A message from our President, Mary Flaherty:

It was wonderful to see so many members at our first meeting on the 24th January. The committee adjusted very quickly to a change of space and set up efficiently which helped the evening to run smoothly. There were plenty of positive and energised comments at the end, in particular what is offered on the programme for this year. I was very impressed with the display on the 'Show and Tell' table – stitched or partially stitched work from the holidays. Well done to those who shared these beautiful pieces with us.

The Southern Friendship Day was a very special day for those of our members who attended. I really appreciated your representing our Guild at this event.

This month we start our Stitch Along project 'Around the World in 80 Stitches' as well as the first meeting for the modules. I have just gathered my material and threads for the former.

The theme for our Show and Tell Table this month is 'Stitched Hearts in all forms'. Valentine's Day has its effect on our embroidery!

March is going to be a very busy month with the Wanaka Embroidery School from the  $15-17^{th}$  as well as classes before and afterwards. Nikki Delport- Wepener will be speaking at our Guild meeting on the  $21^{st}$ . The Mt Felix tapestries will also be on display at Toitu.

The committee is having plain cards printed with our logo on the front to be used for any occasion. When these have been printed we will display them at a guild meeting for you all to see.

There are still gaps on the roster. If you haven't had a chance to do so then please put your name down for a duty. Your help makes for a smoother running of our Day and Evening Guild meetings.

'What's in name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell so sweet. '

> Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare



#### 2019 COMMITTEE

President Mary Flaherty Vice President Cathrine Waite

Immediate

Past President Brenda Burton

Secretary Di Daly Treasurer Jane Carroll Chainstitch Cathrine Waite Catering **Christine Cook** Vicki Miller Library Programme Sue Lucas **Treasure Chest** Jenny Madill Website Shelley Scoular

### **CONTACT INFO:**

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Website: <u>www.oeg.org.nz</u>

Guild postal address: Otago Embroiderers' Guild,

PO Box 5732, Dunedin 9058

If you could like to share information with OEG members via Chainstitch please email Cathrine Waite at <a href="mailto:cate.waite@gmail.com">cate.waite@gmail.com</a>

## **MEETING INFORMATION:**

## **Guild Meetings:**

Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke Street, Woodhaugh. Meetings in 2019 will be held as follows

## Thursday evening meetings; doors open 6.45

January 24

February 28

March 21

May 23

October 24

November 28

## Saturday meetings; doors open 9.30

April 27

June 22

July 27

August 24

September 28

## Thursday Workshop:

Contact: Jan Letts

Senior Citizens Rooms, Lower Octagon, every Thursday from 9.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. To attend workshop meetings you must be a member of the Otago Embroiderers' Guild. There is a \$1 charge for tea/coffee.

#### Project Group:

Contact: Sharon Evans, 027 665 4590

Meetings are held in the Mornington Presbyterian Church hall

Second Thursday evening of the month; 7.00-9.00 p.m.

#### Christmas Group:

Contact: Pearl Stenhouse, 021 262 8289

Meetings are held in the Mornington Presbyterian Church hall

Third Wednesday evening of the month; 7.00-9.00 p.m.

Please note that there is a fee to attend this group. Fee covers rent of the venue.

## Subs: a note from our Treasurer, Jane Carroll

Subscriptions can be paid to the Treasurer.

Full annual membership: \$60 (reduced to \$55 if paid by 31 March 2019)

Country Membership: \$45 (\$40 if paid by 31 March 2019)

Associate Membership: \$30. This category is for members of other guilds. Please state the name of

your Guild on form.

Student membership: \$20 if aged between 13-18 years; \$2 per session if aged between 5-12 years.

### Payment methods:

Cheque: made out to 'Otago Embroiderers' Guild'

Please hand to Jane at a Guild meeting; in an envelope with your name on the outside

Or you can post your cheque to:

The Treasurer

Otago Embroiderers' Guild

PO Box 5732, Dunedin 9058.

#### Online into bank account 03 1732 0001345 00

Payee: Otago Embroiderers' Guild

Particular: YOUR NAME

Code: subs

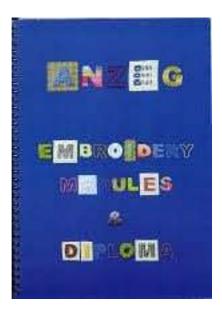
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## **Guild programme 2019: a note from Sue Lucas**

ERRATA (Mistakes to be corrected) in The 2019 Guild Programme

- \* Jenny Madill's phone number is **474 0060**
- \* our Guild website is www.oeg.org.nz

#### **Modules Group for February**



Please bring your Module book (if you have one).

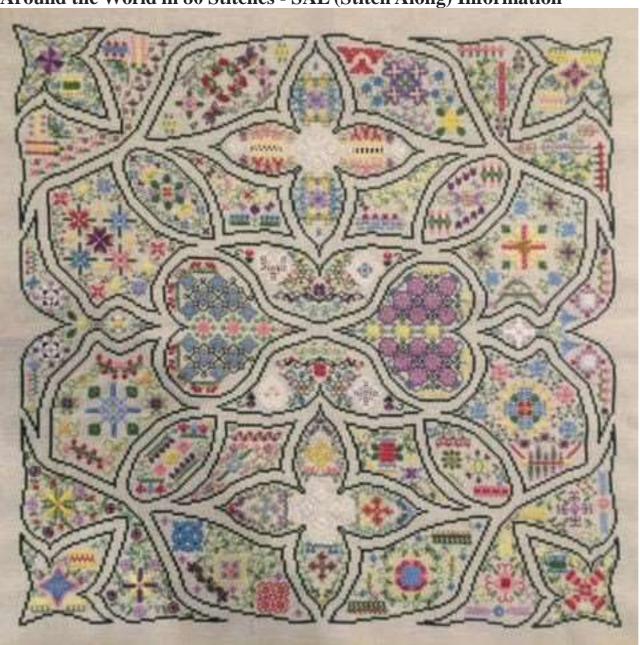
Note paper & pen.

Ideas

We will look at the structure of the individual areas, pick the area to study and plan our first steps. Because this will be mostly self-guided study the areas chosen will not necessarily be the same. We are lucky to have the lovely Jeanette Trotman on hand (who is an examiner for the Modules) who has offered to guide us in the right direction and answer any questions that may arise.

Any questions please contact: Sue

Around the World in 80 Stitches - SAL (Stitch Along) Information



by Satoko H, PA, USA

If you would like to join us on our journey around the world and have not already signed up, please read the following excerpt which will give you all the information you need.

The cost for the two years of printing is \$26.00 for over 100 mostly colour printed pages. That's just over \$1 a month! Or you may wish to download the pattern and print it at home. Please let me know if you intend to do either.

A quick note: I have been asked about what happens regarding patterns when members are away. If you know you are going to be away please see me and I will give you your patterns for the

upcoming months before you go. Otherwise I will make sure they are kept safely for you until a convenient time to collect them.

### **Material Requirements**

There are 2 versions of Around the world in 80 Stitches — a speciality stitch version which is not suitable for working on Aida cloth, and a cross stitch version which can be worked on Aida.

Both versions are worked in 12 colours — you will need three greens, eight floral colours and white. You will also need one metallic thread plus two colours of beads to compliment your chosen threads. Some of the techniques used in the design work well in Perle thread—both Nos 8 and 12. But if you prefer, you can just use stranded floss. If you choose to use Perle threads, many of the techniques using these threads are traditionally worked in white, but you can, of course be creative! If you choose to use a lot of white in the SAL, it might be advisable not

If you choose to use a lot of white in the SAL, it might be advisable not to use white fabric, as the stitching will not show up well.

I have designated one thread as metallic but, of course if you don't want to use a metallic, you can substitute a non-metallic thread.

As stitching methods differ, it is hard to estimate the thread requirements for this design, but you will need 4 8-metre skeins of six strand floss in the darkest green. For all other colours, if you are using hand-dyed floss, I would suggest purchasing at least 2 skeins, just to be sure.

## To work the Sampler

**Design size:** 237 stitches wide x 237 stitches high.

Finished stitched size:

14/28 count - 43cm (17") wide x 43cm (17") high

16/32 count - 38cm (15") wide x 38cm (15") high

Add 20cm (8 inches) to above measurements to allow for framing.

	Colour
•	Dark green
*	Medium Green
ᆂ	Pale Green
*	Floral Colour 1
^	Floral Colour 2
π	Floral Colour 3
	Floral Colour 4
<b>•</b>	Floral Colour 5
$\Psi$	Floral Colour 6
×	Floral Colour 7
•	Floral Colour 8
_	Metallic thread
•	Bead 1
•	Bead 2

This is a free Stitch Along designed and run by *Papillon Creations*. For copyright reasons you must be registered with them.

To register, visit the website at https://www.papillon- creations.com, follow the link to *Join Mailing List* and follow the instructions.

Please contact **Sue** if you have any questions or problems registering.

\* You may download and print the patterns out for yourself or I will print the entire pattern out for you for \$26.00. The pattern consists of more than 60 double sided mostly colour diagrammed pages.

Please pay the printing money to the Guild Bank account. Please indicate to Sue by **Sunday 25 February** if you wish to get a copy printed as I will be getting this printed on the Monday.

Thank you to those who have already signed up to the email and paid the \$26.00 to the Guild bank account.

Payment Details are as follows Internet Bank Account details:

Online into bank account 03 1732 0001345 00

Payee: Otago Embroiderers' Guild

Particular: YOUR NAME

Code: SAL Reference:

or

Send/give a cheque for \$26 to Jane Carroll (Treasurer) to Otago Embroiderers' Guild for \$26.00

The last date for ordering the photocopied notes is Sunday 25th February. I need to get everything printed and organised before the meeting on Thursday 28th February. Thank you for your understanding.

Sue phone 4895739 email krystalgirl 14@ yahoo.com

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 STITCHES Part 1

Please bring your colours and fabric and sewing kit to Guild. If you need help finalising colours I can help. The first instalment of your pattern will be waiting for you and this is where we are travelling to:

We start our World Trip in England, with an adaptation of 'Norwich' stitch, then we travel north to discover 'Berwick' stitch and a composite 'Wessex' stitch named after the Island of Lindisfarne. We then cross over the border to work 'Scotch' stitch.



By Catrina R., WA, USA

#### **Fabrics:**

Shirley Wright from Elna Sewing and Jan's Patch has a stock of embroidery fabrics. Shirley's shop is at 30 Ascot Street, St Kilda. Website <a href="www.elna-janspatch.co.nz">www.elna-janspatch.co.nz</a> Phone 0800 104 700 or email contact@elna-janspatch.co.nz

Ginny from The Lavender Farm/Crafty Byre in Bush Road, Mosgiel is happy to order fabrics in for you. The shop is open Wednesday - Saturday from 10.00-4.00. Phone 4896 191. Note that the days the shop are open are Ginny's 'summer hours'; the days change during winter.

Jenny at Wisteria Cottage has an excellent range of both 28 and 32 count fabrics. Wisteria Cottage is just north of Oamaru and while Jenny does not have a web site, she is very quick to reply to messages via Facebook. Search Facebook for Wisteria Cottage Oamaru.



## **Name Tags - February Evening Class**

This will be a class where members can investigate surface stitchery to create their own name tag. Please bring a copy of your name in a font you wish to use to fit a self covering button (approx 3" or 7 cm wide). If you have a favourite colour range please bring this, there are

threads at Guild that may be used. Please also bring your needles, small hoop scissors and any stitch dictionaries you may own. You do not need to have the button or stitch dictionary to do this class. You will need to buy a button to finish this project. If you have fabric you would like please bring this or I will supply some basic fabrics.

Any questions please contact Sue phone 4895739 email krystalgirl14@yahoo.com

### Library

Vicki reports that there some new magazines in the Guild Library; Stitch numbers 114 and 115 and Inspirations Issues 100 and 101.

If you have any suggestions for books that you think would benefit the Guild then please let Vicki know as they may be able to be purchased for our Library. There is a set annual budget for books and magazines. There is a suggestion box in the Library also so you can put a note in there if you have any ideas.

#### **Notices**

The **Taieri Altrusa** organisation is collecting items for a sale in late May. Items wanted are fabric, threads, wool and any other related products. Please contact Margaret Cotton (phone 4883 664 or email <a href="margcotton10@gmail.com">margcotton10@gmail.com</a>) if you have anything to contribute and she will arrange to collect it from you. Margaret will be at the evening Guild meeting on 28 February and is happy to collect items from you then.

A **ride is required back to Dunedin** after the Wanaka Embroidery school for our inaugural scholarship winner, Alaina Van Koten. If you can help with this can you please either see Alaina or talk to a member of the committee.

The Dunedin group **Stitch Kitchen** is planning a workshop to commemorate the anniversary of women's suffrage with a community workshop making pennants with embroidered messages. The workshop might be run at Toitu, liking in with the Suffrage and Beyond exhibition which finishes in July. Fiona from Stitch Kitchen wonders if there are any Guild members interested in working with them on the workshop, to teach simple embroidery techniques. Please contact Fiona at <a href="mailto:info@stitchkitchen.nz">info@stitchkitchen.nz</a> if you are interested.

#### Needle Books

The Waikato Guild have the blue covered needle books available for \$25.00 plus postage. Cathrine is in Hamilton until beginning of March and is able to bring the order for books back with her. If you want to order a book please bank your \$25 into the Guild account (details under subs) with your name and Needle book as reference OR see Jane at the meeting on 28th February. All orders must be received and paid for by our Guild meeting on the 28th February. These books are a very handy guide to various types of needles.

#### **ANZEG Conference 2024**

It is a possibility that we will be asked to host this conference in Dunedin in 2024.

Because of the complexity and importance of this the committee would like to call for applications from anyone interested in being involved in the planning of this event.

Please send a CV and a letter outlining any relevant skills or experience you have to the Otago Embroiderers' Guild by the end of May 2019.

### **Introducing two more committee members:**

#### Sue Lucas

My name is Sue Lucas, I enjoy reading, growing roses and hanging out with my 9 year old son, Flynn. At the moment Flynn is teaching me all about Pokemon cards and characters! This is my second time on the Committee. Last time I was on the committee I did the Programme for a year and then two years as the Secretary I was also responsible for getting our Guild website up and running with Aggie O'Leary and then I managed the website for a couple of years. This time I am organising the Programme for 2019 which I have been working on for the last month or so and I am looking forward to sharing this with you. I love all types of Embroidery, I am keen to try it all. I do find that I come back to Stumpwork and Three dimensional embroidery as a way of expressing myself. My favourite time period is  $17^{th}$  Century so I am drawn to anything from this time also. My favourite tool is a hands free hoop or frame. I love to stitch double handed and it keeps my work so much tighter and cleaner.

Me with my two boys. My husband Ray and son Flynn and some of Flynn's Pokemon toys.



#### Jane Carroll

I have been an OEG member for many years. I have been the Treasurer for the last three years; this can be quite a challenging role. I work full time in various roles at the University but unfortunately none of them allow me to stitch. When stitching I like counted work but also enjoy learning other forms of surface stitching. This year my resolution was to stitch every day but this has not quite happened although I have thought a lot about stitching.



## **Reminders**

## February meeting roster:

Catering: Margaret Brewer and Carol Stewart

Raffles: Jean Mulholland and Carol Stewart

Library: Sharon Evans

Treasure Chest: Lorna Jackson

Hostess: Barbara Smith

#### SHOW AND TELL

We look forward to viewing your embroidery work. Please write your name and the technique used on a card to inform members. The theme for February is 'Hearts'.

Check out our website at www.org.org.nz