



# Chainstitch

Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

**April 2019**

## **A message from Vice President, Cathrine Waite:**

We all hope Mary is enjoying her trip to Hong Kong and spending time with her family. People always said that when you retire you wonder how you found time to go to work and I am certainly finding this to be true - so far at least. I have to ensure that I keep my diary up to date or I am likely to forget where I should be or who I am supposed to be meeting! Since our grand daughter moved out and went flatting I have now got my own 'embroidery room'; doubling of course as 'spare room' and I am looking forward to spending some rainy winter days holed up in there catching up on the many unfinished projects. We have certainly enjoyed some lovely autumn weather so far although as I write this, it is pouring down with rain and I see that our landscaper has called it a day and departed.

It has been disappointing to the committee to find that we are still short of members offering to fill gaps in the roster. This is particularly a problem for the Saturday meetings. A group such as ours cannot function without the assistance of its members and I encourage you to put your name down to help out, the tasks are hardly onerous or time consuming. Several of our members help in many ways such as committee work, tutoring, attending events such as days at other guild meetings and friendship days, outreach events and organising the Thursday, Project and Christmas groups. However, many of these people graciously also put their names down for the roster and we, the committee, appreciate this. We hope that you will think about how you too can help out.

Yours in stitch  
Cathrine

## **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
Library	Vicki Miller

Programme Sue Lucas  
Treasure Chest Jenny Madill  
Website Shelley Scoular

## **CONTACT INFO:**

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If you could like to share information with OEG members via Chainstitch please email Cathrine Waite at [cate.waite@gmail.com](mailto:cate.waite@gmail.com)

## **MEETING INFORMATION:**

### ***Guild Meetings:***

Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke Street, Woodhaugh. Meetings in 2019 are 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; 7.00-9.30 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; 7.00-9.30 p.m.

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

If you have not already paid your Subscription then unfortunately you have missed the cut off for reduced rate and payment is now \$60. 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**

**Reference: membership type, e.g. full, country, associate or student**

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

We are delighted to welcome FOUR new members: Aimee Richardson, Barbara Blake, Pam Wilson and Jane McMillan. I am sure you will help them out wherever possible and make them feel part of our Guild.

## **NOTICES**

### **WHAT HAPPENS AT THE MONTHLY GATHERINGS?**

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that there is some confusion about just what happens at our monthly gatherings in lieu of a formal, minuted meeting. As you know it was voted in 2018 to no longer hold formal meetings because people felt that they took too much time away from stitching. It is recognised, however, that some information still needs to be disseminated to the members, such as monthly financial report and any notices that are of interest to our members. This provision of the financial report and notices is a non minuted, informal event; you can choose whether you move from the stitching tables to the seated area or not, you can continue to stitch. You are however, requested to not talk and to turn your cell phones to silent mode. It must be recognised that some of our members may be hard of hearing and they may find it more difficult to understand what is being reported, if there is chatting going on around them.

## **LEARNER'S GROUP**

Assistants required for the Learner's/Children's group (our future members) at May Day and our Saturday meetings. Jan Letts and I have worked out some activities so you won't have to come up with a project, but help with teaching stitches would be wonderful! I am hoping to include some ongoing stitch practice e.g. a sampler, as well as 'one-off' small pieces.

There are 5 days you could help - May Day, June 22, July 27, August 24 and September 28. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this.

JENNY MADILL 03 474 0060 [madnel38@gmail.com](mailto:madnel38@gmail.com)

## **APRIL PROGRAMME**

Sue has organised a great event for us at Toitu Otago Settlers Museum for our meeting on Saturday 27 April. We will meet at 10 a.m. at Toitu when the museum opens and starting promptly at 10.30 a.m. Claire Orbell will present a talk that she gave at the Costume and Textile Symposium of New Zealand about the Suffrage Panels. There will be the opportunity to view the six suffrage panels and to discuss how the sixth one was made; the original panels were made by Guild members in 1990 and the sixth was done in 2018. You will also have the opportunity to view some of the samplers in the Toitu collection.

Some small motifs taken from existing samplers in the museum's collection have been graphed and will be available for purchase so bring along some fabric of a thread count that you prefer, and threads and your sewing kit. You can enjoy some time stitching at the museum.

You can bring your lunch or enjoy something from the cafe at the museum.

And don't forget to view the Mount Felix Tapestry panels before this exhibition closes on 29th April. You can add a stitch or two to the panels that are currently been worked on.

## **Around the World Part 3**

You can collect your part three from Sue at Toitu on the 27th.

This month we are continuing our journey through Russia to discover the "Point Russe" and Russian chain stitch. We then cross the border into the Ukraine and work some techniques used in Ukrainian whitework.

## **REMINDERS**

### **MOUNT FELIX STITCHING**

Sunday 14 April 1.30-4.30 at Toitu.

### **MAY DAY**

Saturday 11 May 9.30-3.30

Guild members are asked to please bring a plate of food to share with visitors during morning and afternoon teas. Please invite your friends and family to come along. Entry is \$5 and kits, materials and tuition will be between \$10-\$15.

## **TAIERI ALTRUSA**

The Taieri Altrusa organisation is collecting items for a sale. Items wanted are fabric, threads, wool and any other related products. Please contact Margaret Cotton (phone 4883 664 or email [margcotton10@gmail.com](mailto:margcotton10@gmail.com)) 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. And I remembered to correct Margaret's phone number this time!

## **ANZEG CONFERENCE 2024**

### **Call for CVs if you are interested in convening or helping with this event**

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**. Your letter can be posted or given to Mary, Di or Cathrine at a meeting. You can also email to our Secretary, Di Daley.

## **NORTH OTAGO FRIENDSHIP DAY**

Saturday 25 May.

## **SHIRLEY PYGOTT CLASSES**

This is a southern regional event being held 12-17 April. Please email Se Elliott if you are interested in attending.

## **Introducing the rest of the committee:**

### **Di Daly**



Having retired from full time management in 2016 I was keen to increase my activity in my interests. Having time to spend on my hobbies has been so good. I made sure I had things on so I was not at home. Embroidery has been a passion that I never really had time for. Joining the Guild and taking on the Secretarial role has been fantastic for me. I enjoy meeting you all and having a task is a great way to get to know you all. I have discovered that I have a secret desire to do Stump Work. Watch this space.

My other passions are Bridge which I have also committed some time to: directing, running a practice session and convenor of Women's Pairs and Alternate Wednesday. Bridge is a challenge and it's great to give something back. My passion for cryptic crosswords means I can spend a lot of time after breakfast without

getting much done. I have moved into a little town house which has just enough garden for me to indulge without being over-worked.

Happy stitching.

Di

## **Brenda Burton**



Hello,

My interest in embroidery began as a child when my grandmother embroidered my name on a silk sponge bag. As a young adult I traveled to England where my aunt, who was a talented stitcher, introduced me to long and short stitch, further getting me hooked.

It was when I had children that I first joined the guild, and I particularly enjoyed stitching with others on the oncology panels.

Life became too busy as the family increased and it was only a few years ago I returned to the guild. I enjoy the friendship and stitching and the fact that getting together with others keeps you focused on completing work.

I have been president for the last two years and am now on the committee as immediate past president.

Brenda Burton

## **Vicki Miller**



Hi, I have been a guild member since about the mid 1990s. This is my second time on the committee, I was on for 4 years and my role was catering which was very enjoyable as it was a great way to meet a lot of our members. After a break I returned to committee four years ago as librarian. I like to do a variety of stitching but I particularly love stump work and traditional whitework. I enjoy being a member of the guild and meeting lots of people and learning new things.

Vicki

## **Cathrine Waite**



This is my second time on the committee. I have held the posts of librarian, secretary, kitchen helper and now as Chainstitch editor. My mother was a great seamstress, knitter and crocheter. In the late 60s mum made me a lime green crochet dress with bell sleeves. I do wish I still had it. I do, however, still have a cardigan with koalas on the front that mum made me when I was about three or four - when my mother died I made sure I got hold of the pattern for this cardigan which has all her handwritten notes on it. As well as embroidery I also knit and sew and am interested in family history and the history of clothing.

You have now met all the members of the current committee. Next month you can meet some members who have held the post of president.

**Check out our website at  
[www.org.org.nz](http://www.org.org.nz)**