



Chainstitch

Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

June 2019

A message from our President, Mary Flaherty

The weather over the last few days has certainly meant our winter clothes are surfacing. On Sunday 2nd of June, Kevin and I decided to stroll on the new walkway from Broad Bay to Portobello. It was a cold sunny winter afternoon, the harbour was beautiful and the views spectacular. The harbour walls have been built of stone and they are splendid as is the seating and planting areas dotted along the way. It took us an hour and a half with a toilet stop as well as an ice cream stop. It is well worth doing.

The North Otago Friendship day was a lovely stitching day out for embroiderers. The guild members provided delicious food as well as tea and coffee at our convenience. I enjoyed meeting new people, looking at different pieces of work and sitting at the table with three of our members who were excellent company.

It was a privilege to be at the opening of the Tapestry Trust at the Eastern Southland Gallery in Gore last weekend. The tapestry hangings looked amazing and were very interesting to examine. Drinks and food were provided and the speeches celebrated this event. The Eastern Southland Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition was also on at the Gallery so it was a great to be able to view some beautiful work from their members as well.

I would like to remind you all that the tutor's fee for classes on Saturday 22nd and in fact for each day of a class tutored on our guild days is \$5.00 per tutor. Please make sure you add this to your kit fee or hand to your tutor. A lot of preparation is done for these classes and this is a small token to say thank you to the tutor.

Show and Tell table this month is – latest piece you have started. I sometimes think starting is easy but finishing takes a lot longer. I have just finished a piece of Nikki Delpont Wepener's work I started in a class with her in Hong Kong 18 months ago. This tortoise would never win a race for speed!

Our July meeting is a mid-winter Christmas Celebration where members will have a chance to stitch some Christmas decorations. It should be a fun day for everyone.

I leave NZ on the 4th of July and will be back on the 17th so if you have any queries please direct them to our secretary Di Daly.

This is extract from 'Owheo' by Sue Wootton which she rewrote for the Celebration of Otago University in Words and Music.

The footprints of a mayfly strutting
on the pollen-dusted riverskin- is to cross
a long korero, whose strands and trails
and traces whisper, babble, surface and disappear,
a telling in the valley of its knowing,
if we would but learn to hear.

The last line is a reminder to us all to listen, understand, respond and respect one another!

2019 COMMITTEE

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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

Deadline for July Chainstitch is Friday 12 July.

MEETING INFORMATION:

Guild Meetings:

Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke Street, Woodhaugh. Meetings in 2019 are as follows:

Thursday evening meetings; doors open 6.45

October 24

November 28

Saturday meetings; doors open 9.30

June 22

July 27

August 24

September 28

Thursday Workshop:

Contact: Jan Letts, 021 254 7816

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

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

June Programme

Around the World Part 5

This month we are visiting Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia to discover Croatian stitch, Montenegrin stitch and Plaited Slav stitc



Barbara Smith's - Effie Style Bag

Join Barbara to recreate this gorgeous wee bag that contains needleweaving and a variety of stitches. The finished bag can be used as a small gift or lavender bag. Student's to supply your materials, no kits are available; requirements:

13 x 30 cm piece of 28/32 count linen

Pearl 12 in Ecrú

Embroidery threads: 4 variations of a shade

Ribbon to match cotton to make a finger cord

13 cm embroidery hoop.

Barbara will bring some bags of lavender.

Anne Jaquiere-Newall's - Wild Gorse in Winter Part 1 (Part 2 in August)

Join Anne to create one of her little pictures. Kits are \$30.00 each payable to Anne on the day.

NOTICES

New members:

We welcome two more new members: Colleen Bradley and Kirsten Maclean-Horrell. I am sure that you will look out for all our new members and make them feel welcome.

From Jenny Madill:

BEGINNING STITCHERS

There are four more Saturday meetings where we will be having a Beginning Stitchers group. With Jan Letts help, I have organised the activities for each day. It would be wonderful to have a little extra help for these learners. (We had children and adults on May Day!) You won't need to come up with a project but your tips and experience would be valuable.

Please let me know if you would be willing to join us at the June, July, August or September meeting.

Another request = could we borrow some hoops for the 22nd - approx 7inch/18cm.

Jenny Madill
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03 474 0060

Workshop Update 10 May 2019

Greetings fellow stitchers!

2019 is racing by, and the comment I have heard that at my age a year is a lesser proportion of my life and is the reason it is rushing by, is no consolation the knowledge that once again Christmas will be on me and I won't be organized again!! I thought therefore, that it was time to report on the Thursday Workshop Group for the beginning of 2019 before I have to write an end of year one!

The variety of work being stitched at workshop is great to see, and the usual chatter round the table while this is being done is wonderful to hear. Although the school holiday periods and recently the wet/cold days means reduced numbers at times, we know that once some of us have fulfilled their Grandparent duties, we will get back to Thursday stitching when we can. After all, attendance every week is not compulsory!!

We have had really good numbers attending each week so far, ranging from 15 to 27 turning up and that is really pleasing. The swapping of ideas, useful hints and support happening during the mornings is great for everyone there.

As I have said before, everyone is welcome to join us for stitching UFO's, or current projects, a chat and coffee any Thursday, we would love to see you. Reminder - Every Thursday morning, 9.30am to 11.45am in the Age Concern building – Lower Octagon. Through the front door and out to the room at the back on the ground floor.

Jan Letts
021 254 7816 / 4530411

Check out of the new library and storage space!

Make sure you pop downstairs to see our new library and storage space. The Bowling Club members have moved out some unused equipment and provided us with additional storage. They have also built us some new shelves. This will make a great difference to us and we thank them for all their hard work.

Early notice of needs list for Vicki Miller's August class

Vicki will be teaching us how to make a small bear.. The kit cost for this is \$20.00 including the \$5.00 tutor fee. Please note that you will need to bring the following items:

Sharps needles

Small sharp scissors for cutting fabric

Your usual sewing kit

Small amount of black stranded cotton to embroider your bear's nose

Small amount of stuffing for the head

Stiletto if you have one. Vicki will have one that you can borrow.

Evacuation Procedures

Can you all please ensure that you check the notice on the wall in the Bowling Club rooms re Evacuation procedures and meeting points.

In Case of Snow on a meeting day

If you are in doubt that a meeting is being held due to inclement weather then please check the guild website and listen to radio cancellations.

OEG EXHIBITION 2020 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

The Power of Poetry

Embroider a line or lines from a published poet and then embroider your interpretation to represent the imagery in the lines. The piece must be titled – An extract from (title of the poem) by (poet). This can be presented in different ways to fit within a 5 inch (13cm) by 8 inch (20cm) radius. It can be much smaller provided it fits within the measurements provided. It could be a plaque, or a needle case, or a small box or a little book. That is entirely your choice.

e.g. An extract from 'Hunger' by Laurence Binyon

I am Hunger

Embroider examples of physical, mental or spiritual hunger.

Or

An extract from 'To Autumn' by John Keats

Seasons of mist and mellow fruitfulness

Close bosom friend of the maturing sun

Embroider images of autumn literally or figuratively.

Children's poetry, humorous poetry and NZ poetry are wonderful sources of inspiration.

REMINDERS

Please remember to pay \$5.00 to your tutor at all classes.

Introducing a past president of our Guild:



Sharon Evans

As a member of the Otago Embroiderers' Guild it is has been a pleasure and privilege to be elected as a President of the Guild. I was elected at the 2014 AGM and serviced in this office until 2017 AGM and then had one year as immediate past president. The time allowed me to not only get to know how the guild functions within it's own group but also its association with other guilds and the governing body of ANZEG. I think the most enjoyable part of holding the position was getting to know the members on a one to one basis, stretching my memory to remember each member's name and making them feel welcome to guild days and feel comfortable enough to have their say as to how our guild functions. At the time of being elected I thought that the job would be a daunting one, but as it turned out the time in this office went by very fast and holds very special memories for me.

ROSTER FOR JUNE

Catering: Glenys Clements

Raffles: Liz Fleming and Robyn Ashton

Library: Barbara
McCabe **Treasure**

Chest: Kath Cole

Hostess: Belinda
McMillan

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website at
www.oeg.org.nz**