



# Chainstitch

Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

July 2020

## A message from our president, Mary Flaherty

Sometimes I think the major benefit of being able to embroider is to lose yourself in colours, stitches, projects and designs for a time every day. The news this week that Victoria is back in lockdown for six weeks, and all borders are closed and then last night Hong Kong has had another outbreak of cases and all restaurants are closed, makes us all realise how fragile we are as the world grapples with this pandemic.

I have enjoyed catching up with members/friends at Thursday morning embroidery and also at project group. It will be lovely to see as many of you as possible at our first meeting since lockdown on the 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Sanitizer will be available and tables will also be wiped down with liquid that kills 99.9% germs! There will be four Christmas decoration classes for members to do. The cost of these will be linked to the photo in this Chainstitch and will include Kit and Tutor cost. Jenny will start the beginners' group at this meeting too.

The 'Show and Tell' table will include embroideries finished during lockdown. From the amount of work I have seen on Facebook there should be plenty of beautiful work to enjoy. There will also be a display area for your Christmas decoration worked from your stash during lockdown.

We will be donating items to the food bank so please remember to bring a little something for those in need. It was suggested last year that toiletries as well as food items are very much appreciated. Please don't bring a plate as suggested in the June Chainstitch, as the Wanaka Embroidery School has donated a large chocolate brownie slice from frozen direct, which was to be used for catering, but as you know the school was cancelled. The committee will serve hot soup and bread for lunch and there will be biscuits and tea and coffee as required.

Our meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> will be at 11.30 a.m. As there will be an important announcement to be made I would prefer everyone brought their stitching and sat on the chairs.



**Friend** by Hone Tuwhare

Do you remember  
that wild stretch of land  
with the lone tree guarding the point  
from the sharp-tongued sea?  
The fort we built out of branches  
wrenched from the tree, is dead wood now.  
The air that was thick with the whirr of  
toe toe spears succumbs at last to the grey gull's wheel.

*Oyster-studded roots  
of the mangrove yield no finer feast  
of silver-bellied eels, and sea-snails  
cooked in a rusty can*

Allow me to mend the broken ends  
of shared days:  
but I wanted to say  
that the tree we climbed  
that gave food and drink  
to youthful dreams, is no more.  
Pursed to the lips her fine-edged  
leaves made whistle – now stamp  
no silken tracery on the cracked  
clay floor.

Friend,  
in this drear  
dreamless time I clasp  
your hand if only for reassurance  
that all our jewelled fantasies were  
real and wore splendid rags.

Perhaps the tree  
will strike fresh roots again:  
give soothing shade to a hurt and  
troubled world.

## **COMMITTEE DETAILS**

President	Mary Flaherty
Vice President	Sue Lucas
Immediate	
Past President	Brenda Burton
Secretary	Di Daly
Treasurer	Jane Carroll
Chainstitch	Aimee Richardson
Catering	Christine Cook
Library	Barbara Blake
Hostess	Colleen Bradley
Programme	Sue Lucas, and Jane Siddall
Treasure Chest	Pam Wilson
Website	Shelley Scoular

## OEG CONTACT INFORMATION

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Guild postal address: Otago Embroiderers' Guild,  
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Dunedin, 9058

## MEETING INFORMATION

### Guild Meetings:

Leith Bowling Club, 2 Duke Street, Woodhaugh. Meetings in 2020 are as follows:

- Saturday 25 July 2020, doors open 9:30am – Mid-Winter Christmas meeting
- Saturday 22 August 2020, doors open 9:30am
- Saturday 26 September 2020, doors open 9:30am
- Thursday 22 October 2020, doors open 6:45pm
- Thursday 26 November 2020 – AGM will also be held at this meeting

### Thursday Workshop:

Contact: Jan Letts, 021 254 7816

Senior Citizens Rooms, Lower Octagon, every Thursday from 6 February to 26 November 2020, from 9:30am – 11:45am.

To attend Thursday 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; 7:00pm – 9:30pm.

### Christmas Group:

This group no longer meets. If, however, someone is interested in organising it then please contact a member of the committee to discuss.

## MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS MEETING

Our next guild meeting is on Saturday 25 July 2020. This will be our Mid-Winter Christmas meeting and four Christmas decorations will be taught. Soup and bread rolls will be provided for lunch, and morning tea will also be provided.

The 'Show and Tell' table will include embroidery projects finished during lockdown. There will also be a display area for Christmas decorations worked from your stash during lockdown.

We will be donating items for the **food bank** as well. Please remember to bring something for those in need. 😊

There will be four classes taught on the day. The details and pictures of each project are included below. All prices listed below include the \$5 tutor fee.

### **Class One - Red Star**

**\$5 (if you bring your own materials) or \$12 (if you order a kit).**

Learn an old Italian stitching technique called Punt é nu (or Sardinian Knotted stitch) and make a small Christmas decoration. Notes and pattern supplied.

#### **Requirement List**

- 28 count evenweave linen (Permin – colour natural or any colour you wish to use) two pieces of 12cm X 12cm or one 12 X 24cm
- No 12 perle thread - 1 ball (Colour -red or any colour you wish to use)
- No 26 Tapestry Needles
- Sharp scissors
- Quick Unpick may be useful.



You can choose to bring your own materials (listed above), in which case the class fee is \$5 or purchase a kit to use on the day, in which case the class fee is \$12.

Any questions and to order a kit order please contact Nikki Mortimer

### **Class Two – Accordion Bauble**

**\$10 (including a kit).**

Learn to make an accordion bauble. All materials will be supplied.

Any questions please contact Shelley Scoular.

### **Class Three**

**\$5 (all materials provided).**

Learn to make this lovely Christmas decoration. The image below is the same decoration, with a different pattern used on each side. Material and thread will be supplied.



Any questions, please contact Sharon Evans who has kindly organised this class, or Vicky Miller, who will be teaching on the day.

## **Class Four**

### **\$15**

Last, but not least, Jane Carroll will be teaching this beautiful Christmas decoration. All materials will be provided.

Please contact Jane to order a kit.

## **LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY – THERE WILL BE CHOCOLATE!**

Dear Embroidery book lovers; in the March Chainstitch I made a plea for all the library books to be returned from last year and LOTS of you made comments that yes, you had one somewhere and would bring it to me, which was wonderful! And then lockdown happened! Not that I'm complaining, you have to feel lucky to be living in NZ just now. But it breaks a librarian's heart to know that every library book currently issued is now overdue. ....Can you hear a very small violin playing?



ANYWAY, can you please bring all library items back to the July 25th meeting? All people returning items will be offered a chocolate as a thank-you for remembering!

Or give to a friend to bring back, or give to me at project group?

Or email me with your name and the item name (and number) and let me know you still want it but will be returned soon? (sorry email replies won't earn a chocolate, but still helpful):

[barbara.blake@xtra.co.nz](mailto:barbara.blake@xtra.co.nz)

Please come visit the library too – we have done some sorting and tidying and we also have a new heater which makes it a more pleasant place to spend time!

You may just find a treasure to take away and read and spark up the next project!

And please return your library books and magazines – did I mention there will be chocolate? 😊

Many thanks,  
Barbara  
OEG librarian

## **AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 STITCHES**

Your patterns for months 15 (March) - 19 (July) will be available for collection at Guild on Saturday 25th July. Please remember to sign these out of the folder as you have in previous months.

### **A REQUEST PLEASE...**

Please bring your Around the World in 80 stitches at whatever stage you are at. Be it that you have your colours picked, just started, half finished or completed. I am writing a small article on our Guild doing this stitch along and need some photos to accompany the text. Thanks, Sue.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2020

You can now pay subs for 2020. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as you are able to. The committee has decided to keep the subscription fee at \$55 given that we are not able to have meetings as usual. The different membership options and prices are described below:

- Full annual membership: \$60 (reduced to \$55 if paid by 31 March 2020)
- Country Membership: \$45 (\$40 if paid by 31 March 2020)
- 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, student)

## INTRODUCTION TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are five new members on the committee this year. This is the final introduction to all of our new committee members.

Hello I'm Pam Wilson and I'm looking after Treasure Chest this year. I started doing embroidery approximately four years ago when I was looking for something different to do after work in the evenings. Now I'm addicted! I've grown up doing crafty things thanks to my Mum who has taught me a lot of her own skills and inspired me to try all sorts of different crafts.

I've lived in Dunedin for almost three years now and I absolutely love it here. I'm a civil engineer so during the day you might see me around town in my hi-vis. Outside of work you might find me learning to dance (mainly Lindy Hop) or learning to play the bagpipes. I also enjoy spending time outdoors with my friends and family.

I'm thoroughly enjoying my role on the committee so far and I look forward to meeting everyone throughout the course of the year!



## 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.

For example, 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.