

# Chainstitch

## Otago Embroiderers' Guild March 2019

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

I do hope everyone enjoys the Wanaka Embroidery School. A huge amount of work is done by the Wanaka committee to make this event happen so a big thank you to you all. It is always exciting to work on a new project and master challenging techniques but when this takes place in a beautiful setting like Wanaka it makes for a very memorable weekend.

Nikki Delport Wepener is speaking at our gathering on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March so make sure you all come as this should be very interesting.

The Mt Felix Tapestry has commissioned another panel to be worked on while the exhibition is in Dunedin. This is in memory of Jimmy McNish who was in the military hospital during WW1 and when he returned to Dunedin he started the RSA Choir. Shelley is organising possible days to work on the panel so if you are interested and have the time please contact her.

Our April meeting is on the 27<sup>th</sup> April at Toitu which should be a very interesting day so please don't turn up at Leith Bowling Club rooms. The day starts with a talk from Claire Orbell about the Suffrage panels which she presented at The Costume and Textile Symposium of New Zealand in 2018. It is suggested we arrive at 10.00 am to be seated for this talk which starts at 10.30 am.

The Shirley Pygott classes in the Southern Region are being held from the 12 – 17<sup>th</sup> April. Classes in Central Otago are full but there may be spaces at West Taieri. Please contact Sue Elliot if you are interested. The Garston Friendship Day is to be held for the 25<sup>th</sup> time at the Garston School in April and the Southland Guild celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Plans are well underway for May Day on the May 11<sup>th</sup>. This event will be advertised at the Wanaka Embroidery School and to local guilds in this area.

It has also been circulated to members who may be interested, to put in a CV, to be part of the organising committee for the 2024 Conference, which at this stage may be held in Dunedin. We would like these in by May, so if you feel you would like to be involved please send to our secretary Di Daly.

I was very disappointed to see so many spaces on the roster still to be filled. Please make sure you put your name down for a duty when you sign in for our next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

I leave New Zealand on the 26<sup>th</sup> March to spend three weeks overseas with our family. We are very much looking forward to our trip as all our family will be together for several days in Hong Kong.

Cathrine Waite will be taking over while I am away so if you have any concerns please contact her and I am sure she will be able to help.

And should you want a book to read try 'Threads of Life' by Clare Hunter. This is a History of the World through the Eye of a Needle. It is a chronicle of identity, protest, memory, power and politics told through the stories of men and women, over centuries and across continents, who have used the language of sewing to make their voices heard. Even embroidery has its voice in International Women's Day where women's ideas

and experiences equally influence the design and implementation of the innovations that shape our future societies.

Happy stitching

## Mary

### 2019 COMMITTEE

President	Mary Flaherty
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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.

**Thursday evening meetings; doors open 6.45**

January 24

February 28

**March 21 - talk by Nikki Delpport-Wepener**

May 23

October 24

November 28

## **Saturday meetings; doors open 9.30**

**April 27 - meeting at Toitu settlers' museum; numbers need to be known so please write your name on the sheet at the March meeting, if you intend to go to this event.**

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.

## **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**

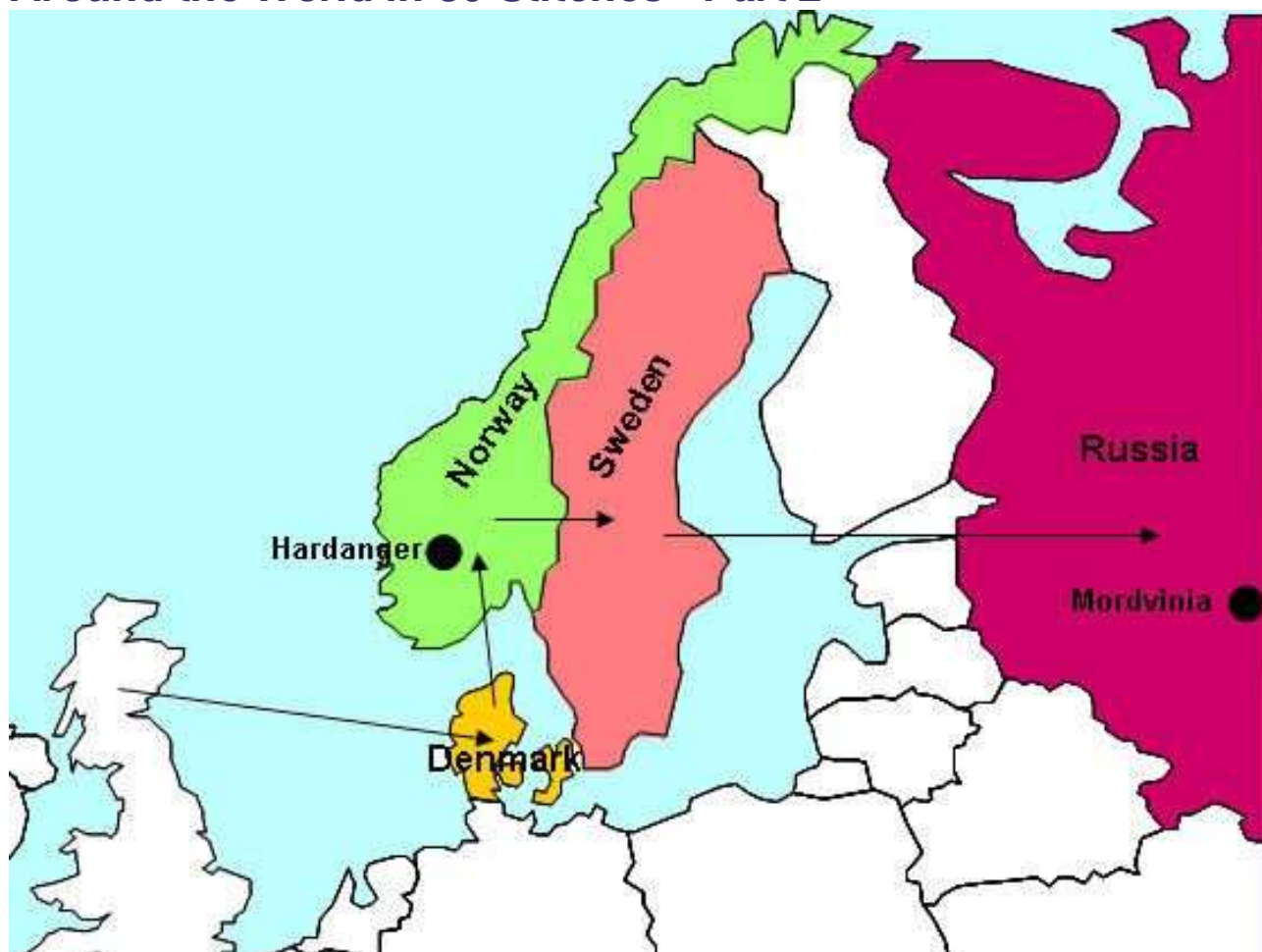
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**Code: subs**

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

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 STITCHES

### *Around the World in 80 Stitches - Part 2*



This month we cross the North Sea to Scandinavia and visit Denmark to work a Danish Knot. Then we travel on to Norway to discover Hardanger embroidery. *Don't panic!* Instructions for “no-cut” Hardanger are also given. Then we travel to Sweden to work Swedish Split Stitch and we finally cross the border into Russia, to work Mordvinian Star Stitch.

Vicki will have the folder for collecting your copies of Part 2 at Guild this month. **Please remember to sign out your patterns.** Thanks, Sue.

### **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 663 or email [margcotton10@gmail.com](mailto:margcotton10@gmail.com)) if you have anything to contribute and she will arrange to collect it from you.

## **Library**

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.

## **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.

## **Mount Felix Tapestry request**

The Mount Felix Tapestry is showing at the Otago Settlers Museum at the moment. There are more than forty tapestry panels which tell the story of the World War 1 New Zealand Hospital in Walton on Thames. You can read about this in your April 2018 issue of Threads or at their website: [www.mountfelixtapestry.co.uk](http://www.mountfelixtapestry.co.uk).

The organisers of the tapestry have had more panels designed and sent with the tapestry as it tours the country for guilds and the public to work on. Otago is being sent one about Jimmy McNish who was from Dunedin and founded the RSA choir. They would like us to start stitching this and this would be a great way to carry on the successful embroidering in public which we did at the University Bookshop and hopefully get more people interested in embroidery.

We have decided to have two sessions at Otago Settlers Museum while the tapestry is here (March 15 until April 29). The dates and times for these are:

- Sunday 31 March, 1.30 pm until 4.30 pm
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1.30 pm until 4.30 pm

If you would like to attend please let me know (Shelley Scoular [sms@isotago.co.nz](mailto:sms@isotago.co.nz)) or just turn up on the day.

## **Book Reviews**

You will see from Mary's intro that she has written about a new book she has. If you have bought or seen anything that you think will interest our members then please email me and I can include your review in Chainstitch. It does not have to be a comprehensive review; just a few lines about why you enjoyed the book. I have recently purchased *Stitched Memories; telling a story through cloth and thread* by Tilly Rose; published by Search Press. While not an embroidery technique book it gives some interesting ideas about drawing onto cloth, stitching on paper, making a fabric family memory journal. It is a lovely book to browse over a cup of tea!

## **Introducing another committee member:**

### **Shelley Scoular**

Hello, my name is Shelley Scoular. I have been a member of Guild for about five years and this is my third year as a member of the committee. I used to look after the Treasure chest and now I do the website, which has been a massive learning curve, but a great experience.

I have been doing embroidery since primary school. My Mother and Grandmother were both keen embroiderers. I like all sorts of embroidery, but particularly black work and gold work. I also like lots of other crafts, especially knitting and crochet.

In my work life I am a librarian.



# Reminders

## **March meeting roster:**

Catering: Nick Van der Jagt

Raffles: Nikki Mortimer

Library:

Treasure Chest: Jan Bremner

Hostess: Aggie O'Leary

## **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. Although there is a theme for each month's Show and Tell please do not feel restricted by this; it is fine for you to include any items.

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