



Chainstitch

Otago Embroiderers' Guild Inc

November 2019

A message from our President, Mary Flaherty

It was wonderful to have a few really warm days over the weekend after a very cold October. I enjoyed getting out into the garden even though I wilted after an hour. 30 degrees was almost too hot for me.

The 28th of this month is our last meeting for the year and is also our AGM. I hope you will all attend as after the official meeting is over we are going to have a fun quiz which I am sure you will all enjoy. Please remember to bring a Christmas plate and something for the food bank, in particular toiletries and a Christmas treat for those in need.

I do hope you have enjoyed the year and the many embroidery opportunities the Guild has provided for you. The Guild committee is planning an exciting programme for next year so it will be good to see you all again on the 30th January 2020.

But before that we have Christmas and the holiday season. I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday season, some relaxation and hopefully some time to enjoy stitching.

I am going to leave you with a beautiful Christmas poem written by Eileen Duggan

A NEW ZEALAND CHRISTMAS

What a grace upon it that He chose that country –
We have kind oxen and our straw is sweet.
We have shepherds too now and stables and a manager.
Had we but one imprint of his little feet!

For my heart goes crying through these days of summer.
Through the sleepy summer, slow with streams and bees,
Had my land been old then there He might have lighted,
Here have seen his first moon in the ngaio trees.

And my heart goes crying through these days of waiting
While His lilies open and His tuis sing,
Had my Lord been born here angles might have ringed us,
Standing round our islands, wing wide to wing.

Had my Lord been born here in the time of rata
Three dark-eyed chieftains would have knelt to Him

With greenstone and mats and the proud huia feather,
And the eyes of Mary watching would grow dim.

The sky would be a tumble of summer constellations,
Our own, alas, hidden, that cluster of loss,
Exiled from sight by some great thoughtful angel,
Lest He too soon should look upon a cross.

Oh my heart goes crying through these days of waiting,
We too have oxen and our straw is sweet,
We too have shepherds and stables and a manager.
Oh for one clear footprint of His little feet!

Committee

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MEETING INFORMATION:

Guild Meetings:

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

Thursday evening meetings

November 28 AGM; note start time of 6.00 p.m.

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

Subs: a note from our Treasurer, Jane Carroll

You can now pay subs for 2020

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

November meeting and AGM

Remember start time is 6.00 p.m.

Please bring a small plate to share.

Please also bring items for the food bank; suggestions are toiletries, baby food, treat foods. Try to bring along something that you would like to have in your cupboard over the Christmas period.

AGM Quiz

Please come along and enjoy an evening of fun at the Quiz. See how you go and how much you know. Spot prizes and fun to be had. Thursday 28th November after the AGM.

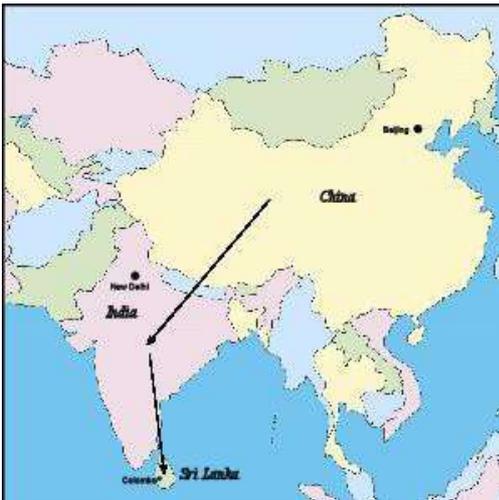
Around the World Stitch Along

This month there are three parts available to pick up and stitch over the Christmas period. Including a visit home to New Zealand in Part 12. I have seen some gorgeous stitching of these pieces at Guild. Well done I love how different they look. They are turning out beautifully. Keep up the good stitching.

Please remember to sign out the patterns you take; the sign out sheet is at the front of the folder.

Part 10

This month remain in China to stitch Pekinese stitch. We then move on to India to work Indian Herringbone. Finally we cross the sea to Sri Lanka and work Ceylon stitch.

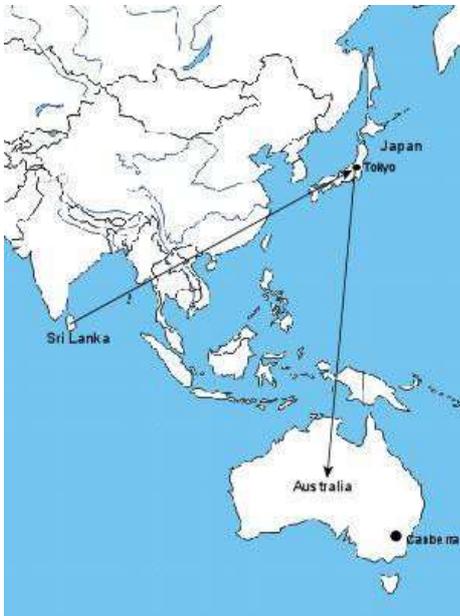


Part 11

This month move on to Japan to work Japanese stitch and Japanese darning. Then we cross the sea to Australia to work a Wessex Stitchery stitch invented by Gay Eaton, which she named Victoria.

[Supplementary note to our New Zealand stitchers](#)

A number of you have written to us pointing out that Gay Eaton was a New Zealander and not Australian. Of course you are right. However, she named some of the stitches she devised after places in Australia, as well as the many others after places in New Zealand, and that's where we go next month.



Part 12

This month we stay in Australia to work another of Gay Eaton's stitches— Bendigo stitch. Then we move to her home of New Zealand and work Dunstan stitch and Dunedin stitch.



NOTICES

New member: Isabella Foster

Library Books

Please return all library books. We are trying to sort out the library and do a stocktake so check under your bed and down the back of the sofa and return any books you have borrowed from the Guild Library.

Beginners Classes 2020: offers of assistance with this group would be gratefully received. Please see a member of the committee.

First meeting in 2020: will be held Thursday evening, 30 January.

2020 May Day and Guild Programme

Please contact Sue Lucas if you have any suggestions or offers for classes, speakers or activities for 2020.

Email sue at krystagirl14@yahoo.com

Phone: 489 5739 OR 021 902448

Otago Guild 2020 Exhibition Dates

Our 2020 Exhibition is planned for 13-21 November 2020 in the Community Gallery, Princes. Street.

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.

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.

Check out our website at

www.oeg.org.nz

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