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Where do I start? I have big shoes to fill. Felicity has served us well as Regional Representative and I for one will need her expertise for a while yet. Thank you, Felicity, for your support to the guilds in this region over the past 6 years.

It was great to see so many members of our region at Conference. The Exhibition was amazing and I was very proud of our Junior members. Their group entry was photographed in the Otago Daily Times.

Heather Lofthouse , New Plymouth, ably led the thanksgiving celebration which was appreciated by many. The collection from this went to Breast Cancer Research.

Ingrid Ames, co-convenor with Robyn Wilson of ANZEG Conference 2026 spoke at Conference of "Threads for Connection" which is to be held in Palmerston North. Classes will be held at Palmerston North Boys High School. The Distinction Hotel will host several of the events. Palmerston North is busy during school holidays so book your accommodation early. Better to cancel than miss out. Felicity Willis is Conference Liaison Person.

Nikki Delpert Wepener, the keynote speaker, will be in Palmerston North teaching on 8th and 9th August. There are a couple of places in the class still available . Contact Felicity if you are interested.

Please note the Regional Exhibition Categories have changed slightly. More from the Manawatu Exhibition committee soon. Categories are now:

- 1) Traditional – original 'Over the hills and far away'
- 2) Traditional – published pattern/kit/workshop 'Highways & byways'
- 3) Creative Challenge – original 'Are we there yet?'
- 4) Young persons 'I spy with my little eye...'
 - a. Original
 - b. published pattern/kit/workshop

Junior Entries



New Plymouth Guild Juniors - Elvina Kwong, Lily Hopkins, Alice Gernhoefer and Madison Armstrong -winners of the group section.



”Stefanie Haisman won first prize in her section for “Macy, My Robo-Maid”



Macey Ogle won second prize in her section for “Leila”

Isabella Ogles’s entry “Folded Jeans”



Coming Events:

July 30: World Embroidery Day

August 8-9: Butterfly Feeding class with Nikki Delport-Weipener, Taranaki Manawatu Whanganui Region, Village Books and Craft Studio, College Street, Palmerston North. Registration forms from Felicity or your guild secretary.

August 9: World Cross Stitch Day

August 17-18: Little Landscapes Workshop with Jo Dixey, South Taranaki Guild, Hawera. Details to come.

September 21: Regional day hosted by Manawatu Guild. Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 59 Ferguson Street, Palmerston North, 10am to 3pm. Traders: The Embroidery Shop, Masterton and Mr Sharp – scissor sharpening.

September 29: South Taranaki Guild 40th Birthday Afternoon Tea.

March 14-16, 2025 : Regional Retreat at Eltham. Weekend of stitching plus classes with Maree Burnnand and Wendy Johnstone. Details to come.

August 30 to October 11, 2025: TWM Regional Exhibition at Te Manawa, Palmerston North (also trying to arrange second showing of the exhibition in the Taranaki area after these dates). Details and confirmed dates to come.

July 4-9, 2026: ANZEG Conference “Threads of Connection,” Palmerston North.