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What a lovely time we all had at South Taranaki Guild's Ruby celebration. I did enjoy hearing the history of the guild, learning about the candle stick trophy and viewing the exhibition, not to forget the fabulous afternoon tea.

You will all have seen the Threads magazine by now. The idea of a public stitching day - "Stitch Summer" is great. The inaugural event will be Saturday, February 22nd. Jo Dixey's idea is that in small groups you stitch in local public places.

Another date for your diary is 1st November. This is when you can register for the new Mystery Stitchery "Spot On" which Marie Burnnand has designed. Again, run over 10months and costing \$35.00. It is important that we support Marie and raise funds for Conference 2026.

Organisatiion for the Regional Exhibition – "Road Trips" is coming along slowly. For those of you who did not see the categories in my august memo here they are again:

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

Plans are well advanced for Eltham Regional Retreat. Forms for registration will be available as soon as we have finalised details for the Saturday dinner. However, to give a bit more detail now. Wendy Johnstone will be tutoring a 2-day class – Print, Create and Stitch Silhouettes. This workshop will have you playing with various printing methods on fine fabrics and paper, creating collages and stitching. It sounds fun. Unfortunately, Marie is now not available, but we are lucky to have Jenny Hunter who will tutor a 2-day class - Creative Couching. A surface stitching class that can be "free form" or "follow a pattern". This should suit both traditionalists and contemporary embroiderers. Jenny will also be our resident merchant. And just to get you in the mood the week-end challenge will be an embroidered greetings card. A small project for you to work on over the summer.

The final regional meeting for the year is on 2nd November in Hawera. I look forward to seeing you all. There will be a presidents meeting. Presidents, please let me know of any items you want on the agenda. Felicity I am sure will update us on preparations for Conference 2026 .

Coming Events:

1st November – Registration for Mystery Stitchery - ANZEG website.

2nd November – Regional Day – Hawera Baptist Church - 6 Surrey Street, Hawera.

19-23rd February 2025 Retreat at Sixtus Lodge. Celebrating 20 years.

22nd February 2025: Summer Stitch Day. Stitching in small groups in public places .

14-16, March 2025 : Regional Retreat at Eltham. Weekend of stitching plus classes with Jenny Hunter and Wendy Johnstone.

August 30 to October 11, 2025: TWM Regional Exhibition at Te Manawa, Palmerston North.

July 4-9, 2026: ANZEG Conference in Palmerston North.