



Textile and Fibre Arts Network

Newsletter 4, April 2015

Website <http://www.textileandfibreartsnetwork.org.nz/>

Network Update

There is a lot happening in the Network for 2015, so please forward this newsletter to interested members, friends etc.

Our AGM is coming up, to be held as follows:

-Saturday 23 May, 1.00 pm

-Christchurch Bridge Club

-Nova Place, (a small street off Barbados St. Barbados St is one way, so enter from Bealey Ave end. Nova Place is on the left just after you cross Salisbury St).

Each Guild and group can have up to two delegates on the Network Committee. Do consider whether you would like to be involved with our dynamic group, (and let your Committee know). Nominations for delegates are not taken at the AGM, but come through each Guild/Group Committee. Please forward any nominations to Ros McCarthy ros.mccarthy@gmail.com

Hot off the press!

Rosemary McLeod will be our guest speaker at our AGM,

Known to many for her newspaper columns, Rosemary has also been a collector of home textile items of the 1930's-1950.

A travelling exhibition of her collection was curated at the Tauranga Museum and will move to Auckland later this year.

Rosemary has written two books, "From Thrift to Fantasy" in 2006, that won the Montana book award, followed by "With Bold Needle and Thread" in 2013.

Rosemary will bring a selection of items with her. While Rosemary will talk about her collection, her topic will be "The Secret life of Aprons".

If you have a family item from that period (tea cosy, embroidery, apron, peg bag, etc,) do bring it along to the meeting.

We invite anyone interested to come along & hear what Rosemary has to say. Entry is by ticket only (available from your group delegate or from Network Secretary ros.mccarthy@gmail.com). There is

no charge for your ticket but a donation towards Rosemary's expenses would be greatly appreciated. Tea & coffee will be available at the conclusion of "The Secret Life of Aprons".

Brochure Update

This has been completed and will shortly be distributed to all Guilds, Groups and retailers. A huge thank you to the retailers who supported us with this update. The brochure will be available to the travelling public via the Museum Information Centre for 15 months, (This cost has been funded by the Network from fundraising money).

Combined Exhibition:

Celebrating Textile Art - *A fresh look at contemporary textiles*

12-24 October, 10am- 3pm daily

Linwood Community Arts Centre

Work from members of the Textile and Fibre Arts Network is sought for

display. Preference will be given to exciting new work created in the last 12 months. Work previously exhibited outside Christchurch may be exhibited. Any textile item is eligible for entry- embroideries, woven and knitted items, bags, boxes, quilts, items of clothing etc.

Information on entry criteria and entry forms will be available at meetings and in newsletters. We would also love you to have a go at the challenge.

Challenge topic: "Shaken, not Stirred"

This topic is to encourage Network members to create an original work of any size featuring more than one textile discipline. Shake yourself out of your comfort zone and mix in something different! Embroider your felt, weave a quilt, lace on your knitting? Anything goes. Just have fun!

Request for tutors

As part of the above exhibition, we would like to offer short beginner workshops in textile arts and crafts. If you would be interested in taking a 2 hour workshop, please let our secretary Ros know at ros.mccarthy@gmail.com

De clutter sale update

Once again thanks to those who donated items, helped with the set up and on the day, and especially those who spent up large. A very successful fundraiser this year, with special thanks to Joanne Mitchell, Geraldine quilter, who donated a vast quantity of quilting fabric and accessories. We have raised over \$4,500 so far and there is still quite a lot to sell. Unsold items will be passed onto community groups that our Guilds and groups support. There are some quality plastic stackable storage bin drawers that are a great buy at \$15 each. A good size for your craft room or garage. Contact **Julie at 357 1409** if interested.

FABRIC SALE



23 MAY 2015 10am - 4.30pm

Christchurch Bridge Club

21 Nova Place, off Barbadoes St

◆ **DISTRESSED THREADS**

Hand treated fabrics, felt bags, charms and more

◆ **STITCH**

Fat 1/4 & 1/2 metre Kaffe Collective, Amy Butler, Cotton & Steel and more. Assorted habby and Guterman Threads.

◆ **Margaret Haverland from Artfull Sewing Designs**

Precut sale fabric in metres, half metres and fat quarters.

Hear Rosemary McLeod

The Textile and Fibre Arts Network have their AGM at the venue at 1pm with their Guest Speaker **Rosemary McLeod** presenting “**The Secret Life of Aprons**”. You need a ticket from your local group or email ros.mccarthy@gmail.com. There is no charge for your ticket but a donation is appreciated.

Bernina are shifting! This is expected to take place on the first weekend in May.

Their new address and phone number are as follows

Ph. (03) 366 8916

3/574 Colombo St (City Centre)

Opposite South City Mall.



Australian Quaker Tapestry Talk Sunday 3 May 12 -

Aspire Canterbury at 314 Worcester Street Linwood, in the Alzheimer Room

Cathy Davies and Tessa Spratt are visiting Christchurch in May, giving us the opportunity to see and hear about their inspiring work co-coordinating ***Friends in Stitches***. A delightful visual chronicle highlighting some of Australia's Quaker history, this colourful modern narrative crewel embroidery brings Australian Quaker History to life.

Cathy and Tessa are bringing 9 completed panels and will share their creative journey with us since 2007. This is not a professional work of art, although much of the work you might think so! The panels have been lovingly created by Quaker groups all over Australia. The panels highlight Quaker beliefs and the way these beliefs are carried forward in their daily lives. Cathy and Tessa will also tell us how these panels are created and share with us the Quaker Stitch, the first new stitch adopted by the British Embroiders Guild for many years.

There will be time for questions. Tess and Cathy will also have for sale cards with envelopes (\$2.50) and kits (around \$20).

This is a FREE event and all are welcome.

For further information contact Deborah Williams on 359 3478.