



# *Textile and Fibre Arts Network*

## *Newsletter 10 May 2016*

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

### **TAFANetwork News**

#### **AGM reminder**



Jo Dixey, well known embroiderer and quilter will be our guest speaker at the Network AGM on Friday 20 May. Jo will take two workshops, quilting and embroidery, over the weekend of 21 and 22 May. All welcome.

#### **Workshops**

Don't miss this opportunity to attend classes with national tutor Jo Dixey. Jo is a professional embroiderer and has taught quilting at the last two national Quilting Symposia.

**'Free cut houses'** still has several places available.

**'Silk Shading- Long and Short Stitch'** has two places left.

Workshop details and registration form can be found in the attached PDF. Payment can be made by cheque (or internet banking- just let us know.)

### **Annual General Meeting Friday 20 May, 7.30 pm.**

This is to advise that the Textile and Fibre Arts Network Inc. AGM will be held at the **Christchurch Bridge Club, Nova Place**, (a small street off Barbadoes St. Barbadoes St is one way, so enter from Bealey Ave end. Nova Place is on the left just after you cross Salisbury St).

**Nominations from member groups/affiliates for the committee** must be in writing to the secretary Ros McCarthy at [ros.mccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:ros.mccarthy@gmail.com) by **Monday 16 May 2016**.

Each Guild and group can have up to two delegates on the Network Committee. Delegates serve on the Network committee. It is the role of the member Groups or Guilds to appoint their delegate(s) to the Network and for that delegate to represent their Guild or Group.

Nominations for delegate are not taken at the AGM, but come through the member Guild or Group.

Affiliate (supporter) membership status is also available on application to the Network (by email is fine). Affiliate members can vote at the AGM but do not vote on behalf of a group or Guild. Affiliate members can attend committee meetings and be office holders, but only have voting rights if they are on the Committee.

### **The AGM will be followed by guest speaker Jo Dixey**

**"The Random Life of an Embroiderer".**

Jo Dixey is an embroiderer and stitch artist living in Helensville. Jo trained at the Royal School of Needlework in the early 1990's and gained her City and Guilds Embroidery Parts 1 and 2 soon after

that. She has been making her living from embroidery ever since with teaching, commissions and exhibition work. Jo will bring a selection of her work to show us at the AGM.

### **Call for Embroidery Tutors ANZEG Conference 2018**

Karen Richards Email: [karen.brendon67@gmail.com](mailto:karen.brendon67@gmail.com) Phone: 03 5446528

Please contact Karen if you are interested in tutoring a class at the ANZEG Conference in Nelson

### **Upcoming events**

Let us know what is happening in your group or guild and we can promote it for you in our newsletter, and on our website and Facebook page.

## **Annual General Meeting Textile and Fibre Arts Network Inc**

**1.00 pm Saturday 23 May, 2015 at the Christchurch Bridge Club, Nova Place,  
Christchurch**

### **Welcome**

Chairperson Julie Devlin welcomed those attending.

The Agenda was on the whiteboard. Julie advised that the AGM would proceed briskly, as the guest speaker needs to be off to the airport by 2.45pm

Julie advised that as per our constitution only delegates and affiliates can move, second and approve motions. These people will have either a red or pink card to hold up.

### **Apologies**

Catherine McDonald, Kerry Bulner, Linley Fowlie

Pauline Pease moved that the apologies be accepted. Seconded Linda Tayles Carried

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the previous incorporation meeting, 12 April 2014 were read by Ruth Churcher

Judy van Leeuwen moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Seconded Julie Laing Carried

### **Chairperson's Report**

Julie read her report and moved the adoption of her report. Seconded, Diane Sullivan. Carried

### **Financial Report**

Copies were provided to each member group and enough to share at the meeting.

Dianne Thomas presented the audited accounts.

Dianne Thomas moved the adoption of the financial report. Seconded Margaret Haverland. Carried

### **Auditor**

Dianne Thomas moved that Christchurch Community Accounting be appointed as auditor.

Seconded Linda Tayles. Carried

### **The Committee**

**Re nominations to the committee for** Guild or group delegate. Julie advised these can be made at any time of the year. Nominated delegates are approved by the Network committee and this doesn't have to be done at an AGM.

We ask for nominations at this time as it is an opportunity for Guilds and Groups to see if their delegates want to continue in the role, or whether they want a second delegate.

No nominations have been received.

Julie introduced the committee and welcomed two new committee members nominated by their Guilds this year, Pat O'Donovan CNWG, and Jan Rait, W&S  
Dianne Thomas has retired as treasurer but remains on the Committee. Dianne was thanked for her work as treasurer. The committee are as follows:

**Ros McCarthy**, Secretary for newsletter and website. Canterbury Embroidery Guild  
**Ruth Churcher**, Minute Secretary, Cant Patchwork and Quilting Guild  
**Linda Tayles**, who has taken on the role of Treasurer, Christchurch Needlework Guild  
**Committee**

**Dianne Thomas**, Canterbury Embroidery Guild

**Diane Sullivan**, Wool Yarn and Fibre

**Margaret Haverland**, Christchurch Quilters

**Pauline Pease and Jan Rait**, Christchurch Guild of Spinners and Weavers

**Hayley Reid**, Modern Quilt Guild

**Pat O'Donovan**, Christchurch Needlework Guild

### **Vote of thanks**

Julie reported on contact from Geraldine Quilter, Joanne Mitchell. Joanne is well known in quilting circles for her beautiful New Zealand inspired blocks that have featured in the NZ Quilter over the last couple of years.

Joanne was planning to move to a smaller home, and was sorting out 40 years of quilters stash and equipment. Nobody in Geraldine was interested, and she had heard of our annual fundraising de clutter sale. A very large donation of fabric (nine bins) and assorted accessories arrived, all beautifully sorted.

This single donation resulted in over half the funds raised this year.

We were blown away by Joanne's generosity, and invited her to attend our meeting today to hear Rosemary's presentation.

A vote of thanks was moved by Julie Devlin, and seconded by Pauline Pease. Carried.  
Joanne was presented with flowers and a gift.

### **General Business**

There was no general business

**Julie declared the meeting closed at 1 25pm.**

### **Julie Introduced Rosemary McLeod as follows**

It is my very great pleasure to welcome and introduce Rosemary McLeod to you today. I have been on tenterhooks that she would be able to make it, after Wellington's recent bad weather. Known to many for her newspaper columns, Rosemary has also been a collector of home textile items of the 1930's -1950's.

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. Many present will have read Rosemary's books, and I know they are in many guilds libraries.

Through these efforts, Rosemary has ensured that the hidden creative homecraft of the 30's-50's has seen the light of day and been recognised and valued.

Single handedly, Rosemary has raised the profile of textile and fibre arts in New Zealand.

We all remember seeing our mums and grans doing this work, and of course we continue to do so ourselves. Today her topic will be "The Secret life of Aprons".

**Vote of thanks to Rosemary** was made by Ros McCarthy

Julie advised that the Network has approached the museum re Rosemary's collection visiting Christchurch in 2017.