

FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

THE FEBRUARY MEETINGS OF THE NEEDLEWORK TAPESTRY GUILD  
WILL BE HELD AT THE BOX HILL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE ON  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup> 11AM – 3PM.  
(COMMITTEE MEETING 10AM)  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30PM – 10PM.

Dear Members,

Welcome back to Tapestry Newsletters, I hope your holiday time was peaceful and happy with many stitches in your favourite project!!!

Heard on the stitchvine:

**TAPESTRY CRAFT;** from York St Sydney, has changed its name to Morris and Sons and **will** be opening a store in Melbourne early this year. When I investigated the site in Collins St (the Sportsgirl centre) it was still under construction but we are on a list of interested people who will be notified of the opening date. Imagine a whole new shop in the City dedicated to stitching!!! There is a bookshop on the floor below a food court above, you could spend the day!!! Stay tuned for further details.

**CAULFIELD RACECOURSE;** During the holidays I met some very interesting people. As many of you know Alan had left me all his books (many thousands) and as I have a **few** myself I needed to sort and decide which to keep as due to my advancing age I found myself buying books I already had as I hadn't seen them for some time (the shelves were three deep in some cases, in several rooms and in boxes in the garage). There were some Railway books and I thought to donate them to Puffing Billy, their representatives were very pleased and during the conversation (their Secretary is a radio enthusiast) I was told that extensive demolitions/renovations are to take place at Caulfield. (One of those buildings houses a Community Radio) He also collected old movie star books and memorabilia but that is another story!!! You will see the relevance of this news as you read on.....

**JANUARY;** Our year started well with the Children's class at BHCAC on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen children eagerly turned up to stitch (two stayed all day), at this class we introduced them to graphs and they completed their initial in cross stitch then worked the background in tent/continental!! All did very well and were very happy with the result. Thank you to members who came to help, mothers are very appreciative of the one on one help the children receive and the BHCAC staff are in awe of so many tutors.

**FEBRUARY;** An associated event takes place in February at The Royal Exhibition Building. The Australian Quilt Convention will be held there, February 26<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Even if you haven't "caught" quilting it is nice to look at and what a lovely venue. Included in this Newsletter is a flyer/bookmark with details.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> (Happy Valentine!!), 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MARCH:** An event closer to our hearts is the Stitches and Craft Show, this year to be held at The Royal Melbourne Showgrounds we will be interested to see how Living Creatively (the new organisers) conduct the Show. This year the Show is part of the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival Cultural Program and will attract an even wider audience than before. "Craft on the outside" brings the Red Hill market to the Showgrounds to join in the Show. Parking will be onsite for \$5 a day, first train leaves Flinders St, at 9am. As I write I have had no confirmation of our involvement to demonstrate, can you please keep some time available if at the last minute we are included in this exciting new venture? March 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm daily.

This will be the only Stitches and Craft Show this year.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>.

**APRIL:** Again this month our April Graph Competition, with a prize from Beryl Haynes, will be held. Complete one of the graphs in the Newsletter and bring it to the April day meeting to win.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to Easter and Anzac day our Saturday "fix" will be in short supply this month!!!

**MAY; *Happy Mothers Day!!***

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.

**JUNE; *Queen's Birthday Monday 8th***

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>.

**JULY:** Our stand is confirmed at The Craft and Quilt Fair, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Booking forms have been faxed and advertising flyers booked. Roster in later Newsletters.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>.

**AUGUST:** The month we have all been waiting for, Warburton Wanderers 3!!!! Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. Fabulous company, fantastic food, stitching, wine, company, food, stitching, wine, laughter, gossip, chat, food, stitching, wine etc etc!!! Book now. Layby available!!!

Nunawading Library display in on 26<sup>th</sup> August, in time to advertise "Black & White" and all the colours inbetween!!!

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22, 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SEPTEMBER:** Have you started your entry for The Royal Melbourne Show?? This year we have sponsored a special award in the Needlework Tapestry Section in memory of Alan Barringer. Maybe we can increase on last year's outstanding entries!! Vermont South Library display commences 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm. Saturday Sit and Stitch; 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.

**OCTOBER:** How quickly the year goes, here we are in our Exhibition Month!!!

**"Black & White" and all the colours in between!!!**

Once again all our beautiful work in the Gallery at BHCAC. Of course your work does not have to be Black or White, we will display all the work you have stitched since "UFO" and anything we haven't seen from established or new members. A new Craft Event called Craftfest will be held at The Exhibition Building, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. When I have more details I will let you know.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm.  
Saturday Sit and Stitch 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.

Some members will be interested in the 2009 Shelley Annual China Fair to be held 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Mittagong RSL. Isn't there something else worth seeing in Mittagong???

Vermont South Library display finishes 27<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVEMBER:** Time to recharge our batteries and get ready for Christmas.

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm.  
Saturday Sit and Stitch; 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>.

**DECEMBER:** Christmas cheer all month, some stitching too!!

**MEETINGS:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 10pm.  
Saturday Sit and Stitch; 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>.

That is the Tapestry year in shorthand, we know we will enjoy the company, laughter and stitching on all occasions and we hope to see many of you regularly.

The Graph this month is a bookmark with a story. I thought I had found gold in my local \$2 shop, there were three designs, kits with threads, aida, needle, graph, I bought all three!!! On opening the kit the aida is very stiff, the threads are rough and the colours are not as shown in the picture, never daunted from making a fool of myself I started. Following the instructions carefully I soon found myself with the beginnings of a very lopsided bookmark, so even the instructions were not worth \$2, but I think the graphs are and with your own choice of colours would make very attractive gifts or donations for the Gift Table in October. Never too old to learn!!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS WITH JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS,  
HOPE YOUR SPECIAL DAY IS HAPPY AND LASTS ALL YEAR!!!**

**OUR BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR SICK MEMBERS.**

*Until Next Month, Happy Stitching!!!*

*Regards*

*Anne.*