



November 2022 Friends in Stitches Newsletter CStitches@quakersaustralia.info



Dear Friends,

I am so happy to announce that Margaret Bywater has offered to take up the job of Co Convenor of Friends in Stitches. She took heed of the promptings in her heart after the September Newsletter and communicated this wonderful news. I have invited her to write a short introduction for this edition but she is without a computer and is very snowed under packing up her life in Cambodia. She will retire from her job as librarian and return to Hobart hopefully for Christmas. Phnom Penh's loss - and it will be keenly felt - is our gain. I look forward to catching up with Margaret when she lands in Tasmania and I'm sure we are all happy that Tessa can retire gracefully. Tessa will always have our backs and will be ready to advise when we need her. A huge thanks to Margaret for stepping in to the breach.

Calendars

The other important news is that the 2023 Friends in Stitches Calendar is ready for sale. Already 20 copies have arrived in NSW for sale and much thanks to friends in Wahroonga Meeting for taking on the job of distributing them. QRM Friend, Saadia Thompson has ordered ten copies and expects to sell them in Brisbane. I am looking for Friends in other Regions to volunteer to receive a bundle for sale in your meetings. It makes postage cheaper if we can send bulk orders.



Each month has an advice or query appropriate to the picture.

Please contact me to buy one or five or ten copies to give or sell in your community. CStitches@quakersaustralia.info

NSW Exhibition

Meanwhile Friends in NSW at Wahroonga Meeting are exhibiting ten panels. This is in conjunction with their book and plant sales. but the panels will remain in Wahroonga Meeting House for some weeks. Perhaps it's time for a visit to Wahroonga.

Rose Griffiths writes

The book and plant sale is on Saturday 12th November from 10am to 2pm,part of the Garage Sale Trail organisation. They will do some advertising for us. There will be thousands of second hand sales nationally over two weekends. As well as the Local Face book Groups we will advertise with a letter box drop around the area and notices at the local roundabout. ... The money we raised will be split evenly between Wahroonga Local Meeting and Quaker Service Australia.

K Woodhouse says:

Along with the book, plant, and needlecrafts sale we have a free exhibition of rarely shown panels from the Australian Quaker Narrative Embroidery, hand stitched over many years. These unique artworks display key moments of Quaker history and important contributions of Quakers to Australian life

They will be selling calendars and also the Kendal Tapestry Guide to Stitching.

If other meetings in NSW would like to display these panels in their meeting house or elsewhere, following the Wahroonga exhibition, it would make sense.

News from Broken Hill

Suzanne Jones writes from Broken Hill at the end of September:



Cathy and I finally got together yesterday to plan the embroidery!

Inspired by a wet and cool public holiday and a flourishing landscape.

We are really seeing the benefit of the regeneration project and the landscape is alive with colour.

We have come up with a good design bones, showing portraits of Margaret and Albert Morrison, the line of load (mining), the barrier ranges and the fence line between the regeneration area and the Desert.

We will try and access Margaret Morris's works in the public archives and use them somehow. And then details of the amazing flowers that are filling the countryside. The textured landscape is screaming embroidery at the moment.

We are planning to take a couple more photos and look at a couple of monuments for inspiring words etc and draw up our final design.

I very much hope that one of the first activities Margaret and I will undertake together is a trip to Broken Hill. I can't wait!

It looks like things are picking up.

love to all, Sally