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Meet the TUTORS

SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

embroiderers' guild nsw

JENNIFER KENNEDY

I am lifetime embroiderer, a teacher for over 30 years and a Guild Accredited tutor in surface embroidery, pulled fabric and drawn thread since 2007. I enjoy all forms of embroidery but have always favoured the uniformity of counted thread techniques and exploring the creative effects that can be achieved with different stitch, thread and fabric combinations. Sharing my knowledge and experience with fellow embroiderers is a joy, my classes are relaxed and supportive with a focus on developing transferable skills through simple projects.

KAREN TORRISI

Embroiderer since 1994, presenting creations on prestigious Haute Couture runways and theatres.
Secured the top spot in the International Hand & Lock embroidery prize open category.
Recognized as a published author and esteemed worldwide bead embroidery instructor.
Trained in Tambour Beading & Embroidery by Maisie Jarratt. Awarded the Queens Trust Grant for Young Achievers in 1999 to pursue studies at Ecole de' Broderie d'art Lesage, Paris.
Honed skills through programs at the Royal School of Needlework in the UK.
Established a personal atelier in Sydney, crafting designs for the Fashion, Film, Theatre, and Bridal sectors.
Collaborated with renowned brands such as Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, and Celine.
Contributed to stage productions like Frozen, Aladdin, The Lion King, and movies Star Wars II & III.
Engaged in freelance roles as a Tambour Beader, embroiderer, coordinator, and global tutor.

CHRIS BENNETT

Chris, inspired by her mother's sewing skills, pursued a teaching career in needlecraft and adult education. With accreditation from crafting guilds, she excelled in teaching and program development. Her contributions include establishing teacher and judge accreditation programs, tutoring in rural areas, and writing instructional materials. She also authored manuals, designed programs for craft guilds, and played a key role in establishing the Smocking Arts Guild of New South Wales.

BOOKINGS

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10am to 3:30pm with ½hr lunch break