

EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH NEWSLETTER
APRIL / MAY 2013

Workshops

Sheila Appleton's workshop in **April** was enjoyed by all participants and photographs of the work produced can soon be viewed on our website (stitchcotswold.co.uk).

May event – SW Regional Festival in Marlborough – 18.5.2013

If you plan to go to this event I hope you have now bought your ticket (and remembered to book your lunch). Details later in the newsletter.

Strawberry Tea / Summer Social - June 8th

This will take place at The Reddings Community Centre in the afternoon.

This is a social event with invited traders, including Gallery Textiles. Our new Branch banner will be on display.

Don't forget our competition for a piece of work to be used for our 'Thank-You' card to tutors.

Please get stitching and come along on the 8th to submit your entry and vote for your favourite.

Delicate Paper Lace with Jill Flower – July 13th

A small number of places are still available on this workshop. Please contact Gill Griffiths if you wish to book a place.

The venue for this workshop has changed to:

Uckington Village Hall GL51 9SR– on the A4019 just outside Cheltenham.

August - visit to the Festival of Quilts at the NEC

We hope to book a coach for this on Thursday 8th August.

If you are interested please ring Ann Hampton (01452 503640).

Workshop bookings: Gill Griffiths : 01684 292312

Invitation from Stow Branch

Some places are available at a workshop with Fay Maxwell on 'Embroidered Encrusted Mirrors'.

Venue: Broadwell Village Hall

Date: Tuesday 25th June 2013 from 10am to 4pm

Cost: £18 for EG members

To book a place or for more information please contact the Chairman: Fiona Vann 01451 714299

fionaevann@hotmail.co.uk

Evening Socialise & Sew

We had a good first meeting of the evening group with 7 members attending, bringing an interesting variety of projects to work on.

Apologies for those who did not hear about this – it was arranged at quite short notice.

Two further meetings have been arranged so far starting at 7.00pm until 9.00pm:

Wednesday 22nd May at Sheila Appleton's home:

Rapier House, Station Road, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 2ND

Tel: 01452 857998

There is some parking in the drive but you can also park on Station Road at that time in the evening.

Directions: from the traffic lights by the Hare & Hounds pub in Churchdown on Cheltenham Road East (the old Cheltenham - Gloucester Rd):

Turn into Parton Rd, continue straight along over 3 mini roundabouts (at the 3rd mini roundabout Parton Rd goes off to the right but you continue straight ahead into Station Rd.) You pass Churchdown Park on the left & then there is a long grass verge on the left. Rapier House is the first house you then come to on the left. If you get to Station Close & the railway bridge you have gone too far.

Tuesday 18th June at the home of Louise West

8 Honeysuckle Drive, Abbeymead, GL4 4DU

tel: 07966 165905

We will try to vary the day of the week to enable those with a regular commitment on one weekday to be able to come.

Please bring along a piece of your own work to do.

Did you know?

Cotswold Branch will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2015.

The committee are starting to consider how we can mark this milestone – for example gold-themed workshops & events – but please let us have your ideas for how we can celebrate this anniversary.

SW Regional Festival Saturday 18th May 2013

Hosted by Marlborough & District Branch.

- Madeira lecture "Urban Nature" by Cas Holmes
- Talk: "Anything Goes" by Patricia Godwin (www.palmcourttheatre.co.uk)
- Exhibitions of work including entries for the competitions 'Superstitions' & 'Magic & Mystery' (YE).

Tickets cost £25 per person & include lunch & refreshments.

Please remember to book your menu choice for lunch when booking your ticket.

Tickets available from :

Mrs Marion Rowland,
Holly Lodge,
9 Alan Cobham Road,
Devizes, SN10 3GE.

tel: 01380 724844

email: marionarowland@btopenworld.com

What's On

West Midlands EG Regional Festival – Saturday 22nd June 2013

Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium, Worcester WR3 8ZE

All branch members should have received information about this event.

Please contact Judith if you have not received details and wish to attend.

Stroud International Textiles

Spring Select 2013 runs from 27th April to 26th May & consists of exhibitions, talks & workshops in and around Stroud including the Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stroud.

The Select Trail runs alongside Spring Select & consists of two weekends of open studios & artist-led exhibitions on:

Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th May 11.00 – 6.00

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th May 11.00 – 6.00

Further information from: 01453 751056 / 07767 763607

<http://www.sitselect.org/index.html>

<http://stroudinternationaltextiles.org.uk>

Two SIT exhibitions that may be of particular interest are detailed below:

Suited – An Exhibition by the Brunel Broderers

Lansdown Hall & Gallery, Lansdown, Stroud GL5 1BB

Tuesday 30th April – Sunday 19th May. Closed Mondays; Tues – Sat 10.30 – 4.30; Sun 1.30-4.30

Meet the artist: Saturday 11th May 2 – 4. Further information: brunelbroderers.blogspot.com

The exhibition explores the nature & potential of suit fabrics, haberdashery & tailoring techniques.

'Making A Point' by EAST (East Anglian Stitch Textiles)

Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester, GL7 2BX

10th May - 15th June. Mon – Sat 10 – 5, Sundays 2 - 5

EAST is a group recognised for their excellent and innovative use of a wide range of textile techniques, and also for the diverse and often thought provoking concepts that are explored within the exhibition pieces. This exhibition explores a variety of themes from purses and pockets to the brashness of graffiti art. There will be a profusion of vintage fabrics recycled from household furnishings, and colourful knitted sculptural creations. Drawing from language and number systems, nature, history and landscape, the group will present a myriad of forms, shapes, textures, print and stitch techniques. They will stretch the use of textiles and challenge traditional perceptions of them. Beautifully displayed work, together with thoughtful text, ensures that this new exhibition by EAST is guaranteed to entice and motivate the creativity of any visitor. The members are committed to the continued development of textile work, its recognition and its full participation in the established art scene.

Stroud EG Branch Exhibition of Embroidered Textiles – theme 'MAGIC'

July 9th - 13th 2013

Venue: The Lansdown Gallery, Lansdown, Stroud GL5 1BB

Open 10:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

'5 Minutes from home' - Exhibition by Oxford EG Branch

until 4th May. Mon – Sat 9.30 – 4. Admission free

Venue: Vale & Downland Museum, Wantage, Oxon OX12 8BL

Kaffe Fassett – A Life in Colour

Fashion & Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey St, London SE1 3XF

until 29th June Closed Sun & Mon. Tuesday – Saturday 11.00 – 6.00, last admission 5.15

This exhibition is a celebration of his work & is his first exhibition since the record-breaking show at the V&A in 1988. It will feature over 100 works within a dramatic installation. Some items will have been created especially for this exhibit & not seen in public before.

For further information see the following websites:

<http://www.kaffefassett.com/Home.html>

<http://ftmlondon.>

Nature in Art - 'Talons & Tiaras'.

New designs by designer & textile artist Kate Plumtree

June 4th – July 14th

A show of glamorous evening wear inspired by British birds & vintage couture together with photographs, fabric samples etc. A sequel to her 'Worn to be Wild' series of costumes.

Cheltenham Open Studios 8 – 16 June

This biennial celebration of the visual art being made in the area has become an important part of the cultural landscape for artists and art lovers alike. When it started, in 2001, just 46 artists took part; in 2011, the last time the event was staged, over 10,000 people visited the studios, workrooms and exhibition spaces of over 200 artists working in Cheltenham and its surrounds. And this year's event should be even better. COS13 will link together 77 different exhibition venues.

For the uninitiated, the event is about getting up close and personal with the work being made locally. You can talk with the artists, watch them at work or be inspired to have a go in one of a range of hands-on workshops. It offers anyone interested in art first-hand insight into the creative process. It's also a great way to pick up some beautiful original art at affordable prices, direct from the artist.

Organised by an artist-run association, this is the eighth such celebration of the visual art being made in the area. Focused on the centre of Cheltenham the art trail radiates out as far as Twyning and Broadway, in the North, Stow, in the East, Elkstone, to the South, and Longlevens, to the West.

Free, colour, art-trail guides will be available from Cheltenham Tourist Information office and distributed throughout Gloucestershire from the middle of May.

Further information from the website: <http://cheltenhamopenstudios.org.uk/>

Southern Counties Lacemakers Fair

Including a display of Japanese embroidery by the Japanese Embroidery Guild with demonstrations of Japanese Embroidery by Jean Julier.

Demonstrations by the Buster Lacemakers; Wooden Lace bobbin turning by David Davis.

Sat 16th November 2013, 10.00 – 4.00

Admission £4.50

Havant Leisure Centre, Havant Hampshire PO9 2A Y

Captured in Cloth by Kate Dowty

1st - 31st May Admission £4.00

Venue: Old Chapel Textile Centre, Main St, Greenham Business Park, Newbury RG19 6HW

The original exhibition was featured at the Festival of Quilts at the NEC in 2012, but this display includes more items and work not seen before. In this collection of stitched wallhangings, Kate celebrates locations close to her home where the landscape and the coastline provide daily inspiration. The colour and movement of the sea, the textures of the stunning cliffs of the Jurassic Coast and the patterns created by the patchwork of small fields are all included in the mix.

Details 01308 423151 www.katedowty.com
opening days & times www.nationalneedleworkarchive.org

St Mary's Sewing Guild

Monica Evans has passed on information about this group who meet at Tewkesbury Abbey on the second Friday afternoon of the month from 1.30 – 4.30. They repair vestments, altar frontals & any liturgical textiles. All materials are provided but please bring a basic sewing kit.

Further information from Monica: 01452 883905

Email: petemon@evans60103.plus.com

Cotswold Branch Committee:

We have had no response to our invitation/request for someone to help with publicity &/or help with designing a flier to help advertise our group. Please do not be backward in coming forward if you might be interested in helping the committee with this.

I would like this newsletter to include relevant notices & information from any branch members. Please let me know of any items of interest, exhibitions, events etc that members may be interested in and I will endeavour to include them.

Happy stitching,
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