

# **EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH NEWSLETTER**

## **JULY 2013**

### **BRANCH NEWS**

#### **Strawberry Tea**

We were lucky with the weather for this event which was attended by a good mix of members & visitors. Those of you who came will have seen our new Branch banner – which is quite impressive. Thanks to all those who contributed to this project, especially those who sewed the banner together.

The winner of the Card competition was Christina Simpson.

#### **Workshop July 13<sup>th</sup> : Delicate Paper Lace with Jill Flower**

There were about 14 of us for this workshop on a very hot day! Despite the heat we all had a good time and photos should be available on the website before long.

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - visit to the Festival of Quilts at the NEC**

There are still plenty of places on the coach for this event – the more we have, the cheaper it will be for everyone.

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

#### **Evening Socialise & Sew**

A small number of us are regularly attending these meetings which are held in members homes.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 7.00 – 9.00pm at the home of Louise West : 8 Honeysuckle Drive, Abbeymead, Gloucester GL4 4DU

tel: 07966 165905. All welcome – please bring your own work to stitch.

#### **Cotswold Branch AGM – advance notice**

This year's AGM is to be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at The Reddings.

We will be offering a light lunch at 1.30 followed by the AGM at 2.15.

At 3.00 we have a local speaker - Angela Panrucker talking on "Odd, Curious & Quirky Gloucestershire".

The cost will be £5.00 for those coming for lunch and free for those only attending the AGM and talk. Further details together with nomination papers will be sent out shortly.

#### **Did you know? .....**

Cotswold Branch will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Regional EG News**

##### **Regional Festival**

The SW Regional Festival in Marlborough was an enjoyable day out with interesting & amusing speakers and lots of shopping possibilities. It was good to have the opportunity to meet members of other branches. A small number of Cotswold Branch members attended and would highly recommend such events in the future.

*Advance notice: Exeter & District Branch will be hosting the 2014 Festival on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

### **SW Region Website**

We now have a regional EG website : <http://www.swregionembroiderers.org>

If you have any items for this website – such as notices of events or exhibitions within the region, please send them to me (Judith) and I will forward them to this website.

### **SW Region AGM**

Plymouth Branch is hosting the South West Region AGM on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Bishop Cornish C of E Primary School, Lynher Drive, Saltash, Cornwall PL12 4PA.

Cotswold Branch will pay the cost of one train fare or car journey for a representative to attend, so if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please let Judith know (01242 510561)

Afternoon speaker: Penny Townsend "The Language of Fans".

Trading Stands, Lucky Dip + Raffle. £7.00 per head.

Contact: Liz Couch: [b.lizcouch@gmail.com](mailto:b.lizcouch@gmail.com)

### **NATIONAL GUILD NEWS**

**THE EMBROIDERERS GUILD** is holding a National Stitch Day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and hopes as many Branches as possible will take part – the aim being to publicise the guild and attract new members. Cotswold Branch members who are on email were notified of this event but the committee has decided we will not be taking part this year as very few people showed any interest.

The Guild plans for this to be an annual event, so any suggestions for suitable public venues where we could sit & stitch in future years would be welcomed by the committee.

**Guild Subscriptions:** At the AGM in April it was agreed to raise the subscription paid to Guild HQ for 2013/14 by £2.00 (from £25 to £27).

### **Members Challenge 2013/14**

The theme of this years challenge is '**Tree Rhythms**'. Details of how to enter are on the Guild website and in the latest issue (34) of Contact magazine. The challenge is open to all guild members – the closing date for entries is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014**.

*Awards will be made for the following categories:*

- *Julia Caprara award: best use of colour*
- *Beryl Dean Award : best hand stitching*
- *Val Campbell-Harding: best machine stitching*
- *Margaret Nicholson: best composition*
- *Constance Howard award: Most outstanding piece overall*

### **Beryl Dean Award for Teaching Excellence**

This is a new award from the Guild to recognise & celebrate the achievements of teachers who inspire future embroiderers & help to create conditions for excellence to flourish.

The award will go to a teacher who is personally passionate, inspirational, highly competent, recognised by students and peers in their own professional context and who makes a contribution to the wider field of the arts and crafts.

The prize of £1000 will be spent on taking the teacher's professional expertise to the next level.

The final date for nominations is 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Nominations can be submitted by a teacher/lecturer, colleague, student.

If you wish to make a nomination, further details together with the forms can be found on the National EG website.

### **Vacancy: Editor of Contact magazine**

Jacqui Holmes who has edited Contact magazine for the past 4 years is retiring from this post and The Guild are looking for someone to replace her.

Contact has 3 issues a year: January, May, September

This is a volunteer role. The editor can work from home & sets the timetable and deadlines for each issue.

Support is available from Guild HQ and many contributions are made by members & Branches.

If you think you might like to take on this role please contact Jacqui ([contact@embroiderersguild.com](mailto:contact@embroiderersguild.com))

and/or Terry Murphy at [ceo@embroiderersguild.com](mailto:ceo@embroiderersguild.com) who will be happy to answer your questions.

## **WHAT'S ON**

**'Looking Through'** – the 15<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition by mixed media textile artists Malvern Makers.

Unique textile pieces incorporating hand & machine embroidery, stumpwork, applique, beadwork, patchwork & quilting.

Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August

Daily 10.00am – 4.00pm Admission free

Venue: Weavers Gallery, Church Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1DW

### **Brockhampton Quilters exhibition**

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013

10.00am – 5.00pm Admission £2.00. Lunches & Teas available.

Traders include Oakshott Fabrics, Doughtys, Sues Crafts, Cornerhouse Crafts.

Rhodes Memorial Hall, Brockhampton. Near Andoversford, GL54 5XH

Further details: 01242 820423

### **Quinary**

An exhibition by this new textile group

Dates: 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October

10.00am – 4.30 pm Monday – Saturday. Closed Sundays

Venue: Pop Up Gallery, New Brewery Arts, Cirencester

### **50 Fabulous Frocks**

Fashion Museum, Bath - to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

until the end of the year

### **Quilting in the Cotswolds**

An exhibition of Quilts from Cupcake Cottons (further details: 01993 824974)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 9.30 – 5.00 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 10.00 – 4.00

Entrance £2.50 Venue: Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford, OX18 4PL

Demonstrations by:

Barbara Chainey (Hand Quilting), Maggie Harris (Textile Artist), Jane Thorne (Bernina Specialist)

### **HERITAGE OPEN DAY**

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013

The church of St Mary Magdalene (Elmstone Hardwicke with Uckington - GL51 9TJ) stands on perhaps the second oldest site of a Christian Church in Gloucestershire. It has been a remarkable parish with only two vicars in 87 years, the first being Rev. John Byron, second cousin of Lord Byron, the poet and the second Rev. George Bayfield Roberts who was presented with a large Bible by the German Emperor William the First. Come along to find out

why he was presented with this gift. This can be seen in the church today. Rev. George Bayfield Roberts was also a leader of the English Church Union movement. The Church has some of the oldest church records in the country and these will be on display, as will a display of altar frontals and vestments, some going back to Victorian times.

The church will be open on Saturday 14th September from 10.00 am until dark and on Sunday 15th from 12.00 am to 4.00pm. There will also be various stalls housed in marquees within the churchyard. The tower will be open for the more intrepid visitor. We hope to have something of interest for everyone.

Refreshments and **Ploughman's lunches** will be served on both days, but from 5.00 pm on Saturday there will be a **Pig Roast** at the Church, with a bar available and we hope to have a Brass ensemble playing in the evening.

The Church is located in Elmstone Hardwicke with Uckington just over a mile from Junction 10 on the M5. Take the A4019 to Cheltenham from the motorway and turn left at Uckington cross roads and on leaving the village the church can be seen on the left across the fields.

For further details ring David Williams 01242 680277

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 10.00 – 4.00 Admission £ 4.50

Havant Leisure Centre, Havant Hampshire PO9 2AY

### **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](mailto:petemon@evans60103.plus.com)

#### **LOAN OF EMBROIDERY FRAMES TO TWYNING PARISH CHURCH**

***Did you lend an embroidery frame to help with a Canvas Work Project for Twynning Parish Church?*** In February 2011 the Cotswold Branch received a request from the Revd Richard Watson-Williams for the loan of any large embroidery frames suitable for a Canvas Work Project he was organising which he anticipated would take about 12 months to complete. Due to unforeseen problems the work is still ongoing, but the frames are no longer required and can be returned. However the names on two frames appear to have been lost. If one (or both) of these frames belong to you, please ring Ros Bendall on 01242 692434. The Reverend is very grateful for the assistance he has received, and the patience shown for the time taken.

### **Lending scheme**

It has been suggested that this newsletter could be used as a vehicle for members to request to borrow Embroidery books, DVDs or other resources – either according to techniques or specific embroidery/textile artists – from other members.

So far I have received no such requests but if you wish to borrow a named book, resources on a specific technique, or books by a named artist then please contact me stating what you are interested in borrowing, together with your contact details. I will then publish your request in the next newsletter and if a member has such resources they are willing to lend, they can contact you. Such an arrangement will be made solely between the lender and borrower.

I hope you find this newsletter of interest. If you have specific items you would like to be included such as relevant notices, information, events, exhibitions then please contact me and I will endeavour to include them. This is the newsletter for all Cotswold Branch members so please feel free to make your contribution.

Happy stitching,  
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