

EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2013

Workshops

Those who attended the February workshop with Angie Hughes had a very enjoyable & productive time – photographs of the work produced can be seen on our website (stitchcotswold.co.uk).

The letters for our banner that were started at the January workshop are now all completed and look impressive. A small group met recently to start to put them together to make up the banner – we are hoping it will be ready to display at the Summer social.

Some places are still available for the next workshop on **April 13th : Textured Earrings & Pendants** with Sheila Appleton.

Details of the **May** event – the **SW Regional Festival in Marlborough** are available later in the newsletter. I have had little interest in the possibility of booking a coach for this so assume those going are happy to make their own way there – or organise their own car share.

Strawberry Tea / Summer Social - June 8th

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

We plan to invite some traders along – so save up your pennies!

We would like to print a 'thank you' card for our workshop tutors showcasing a piece of work completed by one of our members. We will hold a competition for this at the Strawberry Tea – and all members attending will be able to vote for their favourite piece.

So please get stitching – a small piece suitable to be photographed for our card.

Delicate Paper Lace with Jill Flower – July 13th

Places are still available on this workshop.

Don't forget the venue for this has changed to: Uckington Village Hall GL51 9SR– on the A4019 just outside Cheltenham.

Workshop bookings: Gill Griffiths on 01684 292312

Stow Branch have invited us to a workshop on **Tuesday 26th March: Making 3D birds with Angie Hughes.**

The course is from 10.00 - 4.00 at Broadwell Village Hall. The cost is £18.00 for the day.

If you wish to attend please contact their Chair - **Fiona Vann** fionaevann@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 01451 714299

Beginners workshops + Socialise & Sew

There has been little interest in this proposal to meet on a Monday during the day which was in the previous newsletter.

However there has been more interest in an occasional **evening** get-together for social stitching – information on the date & venue of the first meeting will be sent out shortly. If anyone has a suggestion for a venue or would be willing to host a group in their home, please let Judith know.

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.

EG NATIONAL AGM - “Springtime in the Cotswolds”

Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham 5-7 April 2013

Full details & booking information are in Contact magazine issue 32 and on the Embroiderers Guild website.

Ann Hampton is still looking for volunteers to help with selling raffle tickets – you don't need to have a ticket for this & it will give you a taste of the event. Please contact Ann if you can help out

Tel: 01452 503640

Email: annhamptonsw@yahoo.co.uk

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.palmcourtheatre.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

Cotswold Branch Committee:

At our last meeting we recorded the receipt of an amended Branch Constitution sent to all branches from HQ. The amendments were made to avoid any contravention of discrimination legislation.

Our membership has increased and we currently have 52 branch members.

Karen continues to update the website & is happy to receive digital photographs from workshops & EG events to add to the website. We will also be adding these newsletters to the website.

We plan to print a flier that we can use to publicise The Guild & our branch. If anyone with design skills would like to help with this, please let me (Judith) know. Both Region & HQ can offer help with producing fliers once we have a design.

It would be helpful to have a **Publicity Officer** on the committee to help with publicising our branch & events. Are you interested in this role? Please let a member of the committee know if you are.

West Midlands Festival – Saturday 22nd June 2013

Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium, Worcester WR3 8ZE

Cotswold Branch members have been invited & you should have received information on the festival either by email or enclosed with this newsletter for those not on email.

Please contact Judith (see below) if you have not received this information & would like to attend.

What's On.

Embroidered Postcards Exhibition

This is the exhibition of embroidered postcards stitched to celebrate the 2012 Olympic games.

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

Dates: 26th March - 26th April. Tuesday – Friday 10 – 4. Plus Saturday 6th April 10 – 4

Admission: £4 / £3 for EG members on production of a valid membership card.

Ann Hampton is willing to organise a coach to this exhibition if there is sufficient interest.

Please contact Ann by 10th April. Tel: 01452 503640 annhamptonsw@yahoo.co.uk

The exhibition has been highly recommended by a number of EG members who have seen it at other venues.

Nature in Art, Wallsworth hall, Twigworth, Glos GL2 9PA Tel : 01452 731422

Richard Box – Artist in Residence April 9th - 14th (10.00 – 5.00) : Textile / Mixed Media

Suited – An Exhibition by the Brunel Broderers (part of Stroud International Textiles Spring Select – see below)

Lansdown Hall & Gallery, 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.

Kaffe Fassett – A Life in Colour

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

22nd March - 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.org/>

Once again, if there is enough interest a coach could be booked to take us to this exhibition. If you would be interested, please let Judith know.

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:

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

<http://stroudinternationaltextiles.org.uk>

Tel 01453 751056 / 07767 763607

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

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,
Judith (Chairman)

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