

EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2013

Branch News

A big thank-you to all of you who have renewed your subscriptions promptly – and a reminder to the others that *Branch subscriptions are now due for everyone*.

Unless you have joined since September 2012 Guild subscriptions are also due .

If you have not yet renewed your membership but are booked onto one of our workshops then *you may be charged the visitor rate for the workshop*.

Please contact Mary Oliver (tel: 01242 523731 email: mary@square8.freerve.co.uk) if you have not yet renewed your membership.

Just to remind you:

Membership is split into two parts: £27 for the Guild (HQ) and £8 for our Branch (total £35).

New members who joined after September 2012 are due to renew their *Guild* membership on the anniversary of their joining, but their *Branch* membership was due for renewal on September 1st.

Everyone else's membership, *Guild and Branch*, was due on September 1st.

AGM

There were 16 of us at the AGM (including committee members) – just about enough for a quorum. The planned lunch did not go ahead as not enough people wanted to come, so tea & biscuits were served instead as members arrived. The current committee were confirmed for 2013/4 and an additional committee member was nominated and elected – Kate Lester. The Chairman reported on the year's events. Our membership stood at 54 at the end of August – although we know a few members will not be able to rejoin this year. The Secretary reported on the work of the committee & the Treasurer talked us through the accounts which were agreed and are now with HQ for auditing. A changed workshop booking procedure – to stagger bookings through the year - was agreed and will be sent out to members in a few weeks time. Following the meeting we had a very interesting talk + slide show from Angela Panrucker on odd & quirky things she has spotted across the county.

September Workshop

Twelve of us enjoyed a 'Sculptured Stitch' workshop tutored by Angela Bentley on 12th September. Much of the morning was spent designing & preparing our piece for stitching in the afternoon. Most participants need to do some more work to complete the pieces but photographs of our 'work in progress' will be posted on the website soon.

Evening Socialise & Sew

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

We have decided not to meet in November & December and are planning an afternoon meeting for January – details to follow.

Our next event is the Christmas Social on Saturday 14th December from 1.30 – 4.30.

In response to popular demand – following their talk at our national AGM in the Spring - there will be a talk from **JJ Needles**, about the history & manufacture of needles and explanation of needles for a variety of purposes. All those attending will receive a 'goody bag' from the company.

In addition there will be:

- **a sales table** – please bring along any threads, fabric, books, stitch-related equipment and other relevant items such as Xmas gift items you have made or pieces of work you wish to sell for this table. **All items must be clearly labelled with your name & the price.** A commission of 10% will be taken for Branch funds.

- **a Raffle**

- the opportunity to see information about **the workshops planned for next year**, receive your copy of the programme and book onto the first workshop of the new year.

- a **display of member's work** - please bring along work you have completed during the year to share with us all.

- another opportunity to view the **Branch Banner** that was started at last January's workshop and has now been completed.

- **Tea & Christmas nibbles** and the opportunity to catch up with members and friends.

Invitations to this event will be sent out shortly – please use these to invite interested friends along & publicise the Guild in your area.

The cost of the afternoon will be £3.00 per person.

2015 – our 50th Anniversary Year

As you will know Cotswold Branch celebrates our Golden Anniversary in 2015. The committee is planning some appropriately themed workshops to mark this milestone and also are hoping we can hold an exhibition in the Autumn of 2015. We are currently exploring suitable venues.

Regional EG News

Regional Festival

Advance notice: Exeter & District Branch will be hosting the 2014 Festival on Saturday May 24th.

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.

NATIONAL GUILD NEWS

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 28th 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 20th 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.

WHAT'S ON

Quinary

An exhibition by this new textile group

Dates: 15th - 26th October

10.00am – 4.30 pm Monday – Saturday. Closed Sundays

Venue: Pop Up Gallery, New Brewery Arts, Cirencester

Gordano textile artists

exhibition 'Distractions'

5th - 26th October

Monday – Saturday 10.00-17.00

at Guild Gallery, 68/70 Park St, Bristol BS1 5JY

50 Fabulous Frocks

The Fashion Museum, Bath celebrates its 50th anniversary with a special display that showcases 50 of its most glamorous dresses with the wow factor!

The exhibition runs until the end of the year

Further details: <http://www.museumofcostume.co.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 2AY

Friends of the Painswick Rococo Garden

are holding an event entitled *Creating Christmas* at the Garden on

Saturday November 16th

10.30am to 4.00pm

The Coach House will be open for Christmas demonstrations, cards and presents, coffee, tea and cakes.

They have been bequeathed a large number of needlework kits and many pieces of finished work, both framed and unframed by the late Gwyneth Wright who was a long time Friend of the Garden. These will be available to buy at very reasonable prices.

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

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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 newsletter & anyone having such resources they are willing to lend can contact you.

Such an arrangement will be made solely between the lender and borrower.

For sale

Retractable screen & other projection equipment for slides - please contact Christina Simpson if you are interested.

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.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Social,

Happy stitching,

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