

## Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild Branch Newsletter New Year 2018

The committee hopes you are looking forward to our workshop programme for this year - we have made an excellent start and you can read about the January workshop below.

We are continuing with our Member-led Skill-Sharing & Social Stitch mornings (if you can think of a snappier but still descriptive title for these meetings do let me know!) at Norton Village Hall. If anyone has a textile-related technique they would be willing to demonstrate (or lead a mini-workshop on) at these meetings we would love to hear from you.

I also remind you that this will be my last year as Chairman. We cannot exist as an EG branch without a Chairman (or two - it is a role that some branches successfully share) so please consider whether you, or another member you know might be prevailed upon to put themselves forward for this role. As I said at the AGM, there is no 'right' way of being Chair - each one will have a different take on the post, and it is a great way of getting to know people in the branch and understand more how the Guild works. The Chairman is only one person within the committee - which I have found to be a very supportive group. If anyone wants to ask about the role in more detail, please do contact me.

### **Branch News**

**Xmas Social:** this was well attended and we all enjoyed hearing our speaker Carole Bury talk about her current work developments focusing on bird shapes and feathers. Carole also judged Gloria Jarvis the winner of the Chairman's Challenge.

**Workshops:** we have a really interesting programme of workshops this year and hope that those who attend will enjoy the workshops. Please refer to pages 5 & 6 of your programme for the booking procedure.

About 3 weeks prior to a workshop any vacancies will be offered to other branches as we need to ensure each workshop is full to cover our costs.

**Reminder:** if you are booked on a workshop but find you cannot attend for any reason, please ring our Bookings Officer to cancel and your place can then be offered to someone on the waiting list.

**January:** many thanks to Raya Brown. A fantastic day which was well attended by 18 participants (2 from the Worcester Branch), all of whom completed an individual beautiful landscape picture, fully framed during the workshop.



**February 10th** The start of our 'Group Project' – a lovely project developed by Mary, identifying places where members come from on a map of Gloucestershire. Please let Janet know if you are planning to attend the workshop.

**March 14th:** *Dyeing in the Microwave* with Marylyn Pipe. Using a variety of fabrics and folding techniques, before using your favourite method to dye a scarf.



**April 14th:** *Ribbon Embroidery* With Lorna Bateman  
Learn to make a variety of flowers using ribbons.  
Workshop pack available from the tutor for £10.00



## **Socialise & Sew**

Next meeting: Friday 19th January 2.00 - 4.00

Venue: home of Maureen Steffen - 23A Arle Road, Cheltenham GL51 8JT

tel: 01242 321676

**Member-led mornings at Norton Village Hall**, just off the A38 between Gloucester and Coombe Hill.

10.00 - 1.00pm Please bring your own refreshments

Dates have been booked for the following meetings:

**Saturday 3rd February:** Judith will bring her embellishing machine along to demonstrate, and let you have a go if you wish. She will also supply materials for using with the embellisher

**Saturday 3rd March:** Penny Hill will demonstrate how to make Tyvek beads

**Saturday 7th April:** Julie Stenning will inspire you to Experiment with Hand-Stitched Mark Making

You are also welcome to bring along your own work to do in the company of others at all these meetings.

Requirements lists for the other mini workshops will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Hosting tutors:**

From time to time our workshop tutors need to be accommodated on the Friday night prior to the workshop. It is a lovely opportunity to get to know a tutor before the workshop and have the chance to ask questions and explore their world of working in textiles.

We would prefer to offer accommodation in a member's home rather than in a local hotel, so if you feel you would be able to offer such accommodation on an occasional basis please let Judith or another member of the committee know.

### **Cotswold Branch**

The branch owns a **smocking machine**. Please note that Judith now holds this. If you wish to borrow it, please contact Judith to arrange the loan.

### **Future Programme**

The development of our programme of workshops and events is ongoing and we aim to put on events that you would like to come to. Please do let the committee know of:

- Tutors you would like us to book for workshops or talks
- Styles of stitching / textile art that you would like to be incorporated into the programme
- Places of interest or exhibitions we might like to visit
- Any other topics or events you think would be of interest to members

It is really helpful to have your suggestions – probably what you would like us to organise is what many others would like too. Please send in suggestions at any time.

If you have any news of members, eg illness, requests for assistance with transport, please pass it on to one of the Branch committee so that we can make contact and help out if needed.

## What's on

### Nature in Art:

<http://natureinart.org.uk/>

16.01.18 – 18.03.18 Wildlife photographer of the year

20.03.18 – 15.04.18 The Harris Dynasty – 50 years of Studio Glass

27.03.18 – 22.04.18 'Ice Bound' Darren Rees, sketches and paintings from the Arctic Peninsular

### Newark Park, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7PZ

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park>

Newark Park is a National Trust property in the Cotswolds. This impressive hunting lodge was built in the 16thC on an escarpment overlooking a commanding view of the Cotswold countryside. Normal National Trust charges apply but National Trust members have free admission

07.03.18 – 16.04.18 Seasons in Silver & Thread

An exhibition of textile art and jewellery inspired by the season at Newark Park by Rosemary Cochrane, Liz Hewitt and Louise Watson. No disabled access to gallery. Meet the Makers every Sunday.

09.05.18 – 18.06.18 Gordano Textile Artists' Exhibition

Twelve artists take inspiration from both the inside and outside of the estate.

Opening Times for both exhibitions 11am - 5pm Wed - Mon (closed Tue)

### Old Chapel Textile Centre - National Needlework Archive

Main Street, Greenham Business Park, Newbury, Berkshire, RG19 6HW

<http://www.nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk/old-chapel-textile-centre.html>

01.02.18 – 22.02.18 'Quilts from the Archive' – a selection of quilts from the collection at the National Needlework Archive

27.02.18 – 15.03.18 The SEW Embroiderers' Guild Members' Exhibition – from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire branches

23.03.18 OCTC Fabric Sale 10.00 – 14.30hrs

06.03.18 – 26.04.18 Knitted Newbury – a project in progress. A display documenting work from the Knitted Newbury Knitting Group. This is heading towards the grand launch of the Knitted Newbury Picture on Saturday 07.04.18

Made by Hand – Cheltenham Town Hall

10 – 11 March 2018

<http://www.madebyhandengland.org.uk/>

Fashion & Embroidery – Birmingham NEC

15 – 18 March 2018

<http://www.fashionembroidery.co.uk/birmingham/>

Quilts Spring Show – Three Counties Showground

17 – 20 May 2018

[https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/view\\_show.php?ID=15](https://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/view_show.php?ID=15)

Craft 4 Crafters Show

12 – 14 April 2018

<http://www.craft4crafters.co.uk/Bath2/>

## Royal School of Needlework (RSN) – Hampton Court Palace

<https://www.royal-needlework.org.uk/>

Currently – 23.03.2018 Embellishment in Fashion

The RSN has all the latest information about their work and courses, including a video to inspire anyone interested in stitch.

Members may be interested in the following Embroiderers' Guild web-sites:

- \* The Embroiderers' Guild website - <https://embroiderersguild.com/>
- \* The Guild Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/embroiderersguild/>
- \* The Guild Pinterest pages - <https://uk.pinterest.com/theembroiderers/>

Embroiderers' Guild South West Region also has a page on Facebook:



embroiderer%27s%20guild%20south%20west%20region  
– Facebook Search

### Reminders:

#### 100 Hearts War Stories

Full information was sent out in January, and Members who wish to take part in the 100 Hearts War Stories need to notify the Guild of their intention by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The final date for completed hearts to be dispatched is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. Full details on the Guild website

### South West Region

#### Stitch a Fish

For those who chose to complete a fish for the South West Region Stitch a Fish project, the completion date is the end of July. Details of where to send your completed fish are in the fish pack.

### News of members:

Some of you will know that Alison Miller fell and broke her hip before Christmas, requiring a hip replacement. She is progressing well with walking, standing and going up and down the stairs and is exercising as instructed!

Happy stitching,

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