

Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild Branch Newsletter

June 2018

Branch News

Workshops:

Feb: Group Project

A well attended afternoon launching the Group Map Project illustrating the area members come from.

March: Dying in the Microwave

Photos showing examples for the scarves produced at the workshop, after completing various sample tests



April (delayed until June) Ribbon Embroidery

The photos show an example of the tutor's work followed by work completed on the day



May: Colourscapes - fused fabric

Examples of unfinished colourscapes produced at the workshop. In the photos the final details have yet to be added.



June: Strawberry Tea

A chance to catch up with friends as well as seeing the progress of the Group Map Project. We had a really interesting talk from Liz Brooke Ward about her beautiful Lichens, Landscape and Literature quilting and embroidery projects. Liz brought many samples which we were able to handle and examine closely, besides asking questions and receiving advice from Liz.

The Map Project Progress

Thank you to everyone who brought their Map Pieces and Places of Interest pictures to the Social. Also thank you to those who took packs to do further pieces. The letters have been taken and are nearly all completed.

There are some lovely ideas used on the map pieces, illustrating activities in the different areas, golf flags, trains, a water skier in the Severn Bore, the power station, and more, all tiny and fascinating to look at. We still have three map pieces waiting to be worked. They have been painted so just need stitching. Please let Mary know if you feel you could take one, I can post the pack to you.

The Places of Interest pictures are lovely and varied, some historic buildings, some views. We need more if the final quilt is to look full and vibrant, it could be anything you find interesting, old or new, big or small, they do not have to be views or buildings. Again, I can post a pack to you, or take them to the July workshop for collection.

With so many pieces finished it is becoming possible to envisage the finished picture. We hope to share a mock up with you at the next Social event.

Forthcoming Workshops and Branch Events

July 14th: Colourful textured Couching

August 11th: Making a bowl using solubles and free machining

September 8th: Design for the Terrified

September 22nd: Cotswold Branch AGM

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.

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.

Skillsharing and Social Stitch sessions at Norton

Three of these sessions were planned for Spring 2018 – February, March (although this was cancelled due to snow) & April. Those who came along enjoyed the activities, however attendance was less than the previous sessions in Autumn 2017.

It has been decided not to hold any of these sessions over the summer and to consider further sessions in the Autumn – possibly on a different day of the week.

Socialise & Sew

The next Social and Sew is on 29th June, 2.00 – 4.00pm at the home of Maureen Steffen

AGM

In a few weeks, it will be time for the committee to send out documents and nomination forms in preparation for our AGM on September 22nd.

As you will know, Judith is stepping down as Branch Chairman as she will have been in this role for 6 years. In addition Karen and Christina have indicated they wish to come off the committee, having both served a number of years.

This is an opportunity for you to think what you might be able to contribute to the running of your branch and whether you or a fellow member might take this opportunity. It is a time for a few new committee members and some fresh ideas – a chance to give your input and share your ideas for future activities, exhibitions, events etc.

You do not need to be an experienced stitcher, or be a longstanding member (Judith only joined 9 months before she became Chairman).

However, the Branch cannot continue without a functioning committee. We have excellent committee members who will be continuing in their roles – Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Workshop Bookings, Archivist but need a few more to input fresh ideas and share duties.

Page 17 Project



Mary at the NEC exhibition of the **Page 17 Project** and Mary's entry of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Tailor of Gloucester event, Gloucester Library Saturday 15th September

10.00 - 2.00 (approx).

We have had a small number of offers from members to help with this event but if anyone else would like to help please let Judith know asap.

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.

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.

Spring Social 2018 Questionnaires:

The responses from those at the Spring Social questionnaires about techniques members would like to be included in future programmes as well as suggestions of tutors are shown below.

Some of the requests will be covered in the 2019 programme.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kantha • Couching • Crewel • Fabric manipulation • Applique • Needle felting • Fabric painting • Fabric printing • Transfer dyes • Indigo Dyeing • Bookmaking • Dorset buttons 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General hand embroidery • Canvas • Black/Redwork • Ribbon Embroidery • Stumpwork/3D stitches • Free Machine Embroidery • Water soluble fabrics • Knotting, Dyeing, Layering • Shibori • Crazy Quilting • Wet felting • Transfer Crayons • Bead Making • Beading • Sketchbook Design 	1

9 Tutor suggestions:

Liz Tapper – Blackwork – Somerset based

Jayne Emerson – Machine Embroidery and Needle Felting

Penny Hill – Crazy Quilting

Julia Triston – Text on textiles

Bobby Britnell – Drawing workshop

Sarah Bursess – Layering, print and transparents

Kate Andre (Tewks) – Jelly Plate Printing and Indigo Dyeing (Also gives talks)

Sue Hawkins – Canvas Work

Patricia Crampton-Bell – 3D Vessels

Also suggestion to look Wabi sabi – Christmas decorations – 4 Corners tutorials.on Internet

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.

Local art and fabric suppliers

Higgs and Higgs are a fabric shop in Quedgeley. They do most of their business on the Internet but have a reasonable selection of fabric for sale to the public.

Unit 29 The Glenmore Centre

Waterwells Business Park

Marconi Drive

Quedgeley, Gloucester

GL2 2AP

PHONE: 01453 750 660

<http://www.higgsandhiggs.com/>

Jacksons Art also has an outlet in Quedgeley. The items of interest to me were Golden Acrylics, Intaglio Printing Inks, Lino, Lots of paint brushes, decent art paper, Neocolor II crayons. It is attached to a warehouse, and I think that they will go and get things from the warehouse which are in their catalogue.

Jackson's Art Supplies

Unit J, The Aquarius Centre

Edison Close

Waterwells Business Park

Quedgeley

GL2 2FN

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5:30pm

Saturday: 10am - 3pm

Phone +44 (0)1452 226377 (General Enquiries)

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<https://www.jacksonsart.com/>

What's on

Omega Stitch School

<http://region-5.quiltersguild.org.uk/events/view/omega-stitch-school-exhibition-jun-2018>

Exhibition of C&G Patchwork and Quilting part 2. Textiles Level 3

22-Jun-2018 to 24-Jun-2018

About the Event: An exhibition of City & Guilds work from students of Omega Stitch School. Sales table (Abigail Crafts), demonstrations, refreshments.

Opening Times/Charges/Phone:

10am - 4pm free entry

Address:

Whitminster Village Hall, School Lane, Whitminster, Glos, GL2 7NT

Summer Exhibition - Marlborough & District Embroiderers' Guild (EG Branch Event):

23-Jun-2018 to 24-Jun-2018

About the Event: A new exhibition of recent work showcasing the individual styles of members. This will be an exciting day out, lots to look at including displays from our workshops, a sales table, demonstrations and of course, tea and home-made cakes!

Opening Times/Charges/Phone:

10 am - 4.30pm. £3.00 entry at door

Address:

Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge, Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 4EL

Fashion & Embroidery – Birmingham NEC

<http://www.thenec.co.uk/whats-on/the-creative-craft-show/>

Creative Crafts Show - 29 June - 1 July 2018

Old Chapel Textile Centre - National Needlework Archive

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

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

Tuesday 5th June -Thursday 5th July

Thames Valley Contemporary Textiles Group

'The Fourth Plinth'

- an exhibition of pieces inspired by work displayed on the fourth plinth in Trafalgar

Frome & District Branch Pop Up Exhibition "What's in a Garden" (EG Branch Event):

14-Jul-2018 to 14-Jul-2018

About the Event: Frome & District Branch are at Frome Festival to which all are welcome. There is a pop-up exhibition "What's in a Garden", demonstrations using soldering iron, dolls faces, free machine embroidery and sashiko, plus Take a Stitch area and a Young People's Corner. Drop in any time.

Opening Times/Charges/Phone:

11am - 3pm

Address:

Christchurch Hall, Park Road, Frome, BA11 1EU

The Walled Gardens at Croome Court - exhibition by Worcester Branch EG

03-Aug-2018 to 30-Sep-2018

About the Event: Worcester Embroiderers' Guild are exhibiting at one of the Outdoor Sculpture and Indoor Art Exhibitions at the Walled Gardens at Croome Court.

The work embraces many different techniques and use of mixed media.

Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am - 5pm (last entry 4.30) Gardens closed 17-19th August 2018 for private event

Address:

The Walled Gardens at Croome Court, near High Green, Worcester, WR8 9DW

Swansea Festival of Stitch (Craft Fair):

10-Aug-2018 to 24-Aug-2018

About the Event: Swansea Festival of Stitch brings an extravaganza of stitch to Swansea with workshops, street art, exhibitions and free taster sessions. The event includes masterclasses with renowned artists, a Makers and Traders market to be held over two days in the National Waterfront Museum of Wales, approximately 7/8 exhibiting Textile groups, a weekend of free drop-in textile skill sessions and a Quilt Expo. Masterclass details on the website

Address:, The National Waterfront Museum of Wales, Swansea, SA1 3RD

Malvern Makers present Out of the Box (UK Exhibition):

14-Aug-2018 to 26-Aug-2018

About the Event: An exhibition of original designs by a group of mixed media textile artists who use both contemporary and traditional techniques in their work. Their skills include hand and machine embroidery, fabric dyeing, printing and embellishing, applique, patchwork, hand and machine quilting, felt work, stumpwork and new this year, exquisite miniature jointed teddy bears.

Opening Times/Charges/Phone:

10am - 4pm daily. Admission free 01684 562551 or 01905 427494

Address: The Weavers Gallery, Church Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1DW

Nature in Art:

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

Lace and Nature

4th September 2018 @ 10:00 am – 23rd September 2018 @ 5:00 pm

General Admission

Ruskin Mill Gallery, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth, Stroud GL6 0PL

"5,000 Hours" An Exhibition of Embroidery by Sara Rickard

31st Oct - 25th Nov

Open daily 10am to 4pm including weekends

Café open daily 10am to 4pm including weekends

Telephone 01453 837537

Royal School of Needlework (RSN) – Hampton Court Palace

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

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 5th February 2018. The final date for completed hearts to be dispatched is 31st July 2018. Full details on the Guild website

Happy stitching,

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