

**EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2014**

**Branch News**

Thanks to all of you who came along to our Christmas Social and helped to make it such a success.

All members should by now have received their copy of the 2014 programme. You will remember that the booking system has been amended - bookings are now open for the February, March and April workshops.

There are still some places available on the next 3 workshops:

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Making Chickens with our own Sue Davies

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Come along and dye your fabric with fabulous colours ready for your chosen project – with Cathy Beach (cost is £28 for this workshop as all dye baths and dyeing materials apart from fabric are provided by the tutor)

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Shimmering Leaves with Jan Tillet

From 1<sup>st</sup> March, bookings will be taken for May, July & August workshops.

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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 were due to renew their *Guild* membership on the anniversary of their joining, but *Branch* membership was due for renewal on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

Everyone else's membership, *Guild and Branch*, was due on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Please contact Mary Oliver (01242 523731) to renew your membership. Anyone whose membership has expired will be required to pay visitor rates for workshops.

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**Socialise & Sew**

The next meeting will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00 – 4.00pm at the home of Maureen Steffen: 23A Arle Road, Cheltenham, GL51 8JT tel 01242 321676

In the event of bad weather (especially thinking of snow) please ring either Maureen or Judith (01242 510561 / 07796492662) to check if the meeting will be going ahead.

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Please note – our Treasurer Val Turner's postcode was incorrectly printed on the programme. It should be: GL53 0EY

**Workshop bookings:** Gill Griffiths : 01684 292312

## 2015 – our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

As you will know Cotswold Branch will be celebrating our Golden Anniversary in 2015. The committee is planning some appropriately themed workshops to mark this milestone and can confirm that Nature in Art have offered us Exhibition Space for Autumn 2015 – exact dates to follow.

As part of the celebrations, our branch will also host the SW Regional Festival in Spring 2015. We will be asking for people to help with organising both this event and our exhibition nearer the time – do please consider if you can spare some of your time to help out.

### Regional EG News

#### SW Regional Festival

*Exeter & District Branch are hosting the 2014 Festival on **Saturday May 10th**. Please note change of date.*

*The festival will be held at Bicton College, Budleigh Salterton, near Exeter, Devon EX9 7BY.*

*You should have received details about this event by email in the past few days – or in with this newsletter if you do not have email. Please contact Judith if you have not received this information.*

*It looks to be a good day with **Maggie Grey** discussing our motivation and inspiration to stitch and **Jane Hall** talking about her recently published book 'The Art of Embroidered Butterflies'. And of course there will be lots of retail opportunities and the chance to meet up with members from other branches in the Region.*

*Further enquiries to: Lucy Jennison, Branch Secretary: [lucy\\_jennison@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lucy_jennison@yahoo.co.uk)*

### 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 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*

*This year's **National Stitch Day** will be on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**.*

*If you have suggestions of suitable venues in the county where we could publicise our Guild and give stitching demonstrations please send these to the committee.*

#### EG Members Survey - reminder

*Don't forget to complete your survey and send to HQ or give to a committee member to forward on your behalf. Closing date for receipt of completed surveys is 8<sup>th</sup> March*

## WHAT'S ON

### Nature in Art

**Stitched Textile Landscapes – Kathleen Matthews-Sanders** from the Forest of Dean.  
Textile art related to her recently published book 'Stitched Textile Landscapes'

28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Tues – Sun 10.00 – 5.00

Telephone enquiries 01452 731422

**Kathleen will also be the Artist in Residence from 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Other **Exhibitions** that may be of interest during the year are:

**8<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April: Members of the Midland Textile Forum** 'Following a Thread' – textiles and mixed media art

**12<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August: Group Purple** – 'Wild' – textile pieces inspired by the wild environment

**7<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October: Rubicon Textiles – 'Pathways Explored'** – print, collage, paint and stitch

**18<sup>th</sup> November - 21<sup>st</sup> December: Wissa Wassef Tapestries** – cotton and wool weavings by artisans at the Ramses Wissa Wassef Arts centre in Giza, Egypt.

**Artists in Residence** who may be of interest include:

**8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> April : Brenda Marshall** – textiles [www.brendamarshall.co.uk](http://www.brendamarshall.co.uk)

**24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June: Liz Brooke-Ward** – textiles [www.lizbrookeward.com](http://www.lizbrookeward.com)

**12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> August : Group Purple Makers**

**9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September: Richard Box** - Textiles / Mixed Media [www.richardbox.co.uk](http://www.richardbox.co.uk)

**7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October: Rubicon Textiles** [www.rubiconart.com](http://www.rubiconart.com)

**18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Liz Robertson** – textile art

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**'Wiltshire Unravalled'** - exhibition.

Bath Textile Artists, The Pound Arts Centre, Pound Pill, Corsham, Wilts SN13 9HX

8<sup>th</sup> February 2014 - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

Every day except Sunday

tel: 01249 701628

[www.poundarts.org.uk](http://www.poundarts.org.uk)

### The Creative Crafts Show

Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs WR13 6NWW

27<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014

10.00am – 5.00 pm

[www.sccshows.co.uk](http://www.sccshows.co.uk)

### The Knitting and Stitching Show at Olympia

13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March 2014

details : [www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com](http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com)

### Sewing for Pleasure / Fashion Embroidery & Stitch / Hobbycrafts at the NEC

20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

Details: [www.ichfevents.co.uk](http://www.ichfevents.co.uk)

### **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.

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 willing to lend such resources can contact you directly. 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.

### **Future Programmes**

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 particular:

- ✦ 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.

### **Our members**

The committee do not always get to hear if a member is unwell for a period of time or having difficulty getting to meetings. We would be grateful if such news of members could be passed on to one of the committee so that we can make contact and help out if possible.

I hope you find this newsletter of interest. Please let me have any items you would like to be included - notices, information, events, exhibitions etc.

This is the newsletter for all Cotswold Branch members so your contributions are always welcome.

Happy stitching,

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