

**EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH NEWSLETTER**  
**MARCH / APRIL 2014**

**Branch News**

There are still a few places remaining at our next 2 workshops:

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

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** – Soluble Fabric Landscapes with Jan Beaney

Bookings are now being taken for May, July & August workshops (no workshop in June).  
From 1<sup>st</sup> May bookings will be taken for September, October and November workshops.

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

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The next Social will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow.

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**Socialise & Sew**

The next meeting will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00 – 4.00pm at the home of Maureen Steffen:  
23A Arle Road, Cheltenham, GL51 8JT tel: 01242 321676

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**Proposed trip to The Colourful World of Kaffe Fassett exhibition at the American Museum, Bath.**

Date Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – to arrive when the museum opens at lunchtime & staying for the afternoon.

Cost: £7.00 per person group entry + travel, the cost of which will depend on how many come.

If you have friends or family who would like to come along as well, please invite them. The entry payment is for the whole museum including the exhibition so there should be something of interest for everyone – as well as extensive grounds to explore. We will arrange pick up points in both Gloucester and Cheltenham.

Lunch & refreshments are available at the museum café.

Please can I have numbers interested in going by **11th April** at the latest – and preferably before.

Contact Judith on 01242 510561

email: [judithanderson99eg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judithanderson99eg@yahoo.co.uk)

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

As you will know Cotswold Branch are celebrating our Golden Anniversary next year.

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 – at the Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to those members who have offered to form a committee to help with the planning of this event.

### Regional EG News

#### **SW Regional Festival**

Exeter & District Branch are hosting the 2014 Festival on **Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>** at Bicton College, Budleigh Salterton, near Exeter, Devon EX9 7BY.

*You should have received details about this event.*

*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

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

*We are currently exploring suitable venues where we could publicise our Guild and give stitching demonstrations and have received some positive responses.*

*Further information will follow nearer the time, but if you can offer an hour or two on this date to come and stitch in public please let a member of the committee know.*

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Advance notice : another Big Stitch event is being organised at the Ashmolean Museum in October. More information on this in due course.

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On Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> Terry Murphy, our CEO, will be holding his Roadshow at Whitminster Village Hall (on the A38 south of Gloucester.) This is an opportunity to hear from Terry about the Guild and the plans for the future as well as asking him questions. Only a few places are available for each Branch but if you would like to attend please let Judith know.

### WHAT'S ON

#### **Nature in Art**

**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

**Great Western Embroiderers Exhibition: Customs & Crafts – an Exploration in Stitch**

Venue: Lydiard House, Lydiard Park, Swindon SN5 3PA

When: from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June

This is a brand new collection of textiles and stitch which will be exhibited throughout the state rooms of Lydiard House. The group were inspired by the crafts and customs to be found in large houses and estates in times gone by.

Work from the Kingsdown Woodcarvers is also on display.

Lydiard House & park is open from Tuesdays to Sundays 11.00 – 5.00, and Bank Holiday Mondays. Entry to this exhibition is included in the admission charge for entry for visiting Lydiard House.

Further information from :

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

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**Stroud International Textiles (SIT)**

**Select 2014 Festival Exhibition - Selected at Newark Park. *Thirty talented and extraordinary artists who specialise in the applied arts are exhibiting their work in the stunning setting of Newark Park.***

Newark Park was once a Tudor Hunting Lodge and the breathtaking valley is still unspoilt. Seven artists are creating site responsive work inspired by the history of the house and surrounding landscape. The work from leading national artists as well as regional emerging makers will be exhibited throughout this delightful property as well as in the gardens, and includes textiles, etched glass, ceramics, willow, carved wood, paper, paintings and film.

***The exhibition will be on display at Newark Park from 11am to 5pm, Wednesday to Sunday, from 23 April to 8 June.***

More information from Newark park: 01453 842644.

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

Also the **Select Trail** – two weekends of open studios and artist led exhibitions will be taking place on the weekends of ***Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 – 6.00 and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 – 6.00***

Details of this and other SIT events – seminars, talks, workshops and exhibitions are in the free guide now available from SIT or other venues such as The Guild at 51 next to the Wilson Art Gallery & Museum in Cheltenham.

Or on the website: <http://www.stroudinternationaltextiles.org.uk/>

Stroud International Textiles: 01453 751056.

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**Oxford Artweeks Festival** runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May with Open Studios and exhibitions – each week focussing on a different part of Oxfordshire

More than 400 exhibitions and events across the whole of the county enable visitors to view spectacular art in a huge variety of different locations, from barns and halls in Cotswold villages, to city studios, galleries, open spaces, schools, homes and even the a castle.

For more details visit: [www/artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org)

***This was spotted on Freecycle – if anyone has threads etc they would like to donate:***

I stitch for a charity (Love Quilts UK [www.lovequiltsuk.com](http://www.lovequiltsuk.com) ) and we stitch cross stitch squares for ill and disabled children which are then made into quilts to comfort them. I was wondering if anyone had a stash of DMC or Anchor threads (cheaper threads may not be colourfast) or a stash of charts/kits/magazines which would be suitable for children - animals, vehicles, fairies, cartoons, hearts, sports, space, etc?

I am happy to pick up at your convenience within Cheltenham, and will only use donated items for LoveQuilts. The squares I have stitched already can be found here:

<http://www.lovequiltsuk.com/stitcherpage.php?stid=854>

Many Thanks, Ruth Swinton

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**Did you know????**

Gloucestershire Resource Centre – incorporating Scrapstore – has now opened membership to individuals and families. Membership costs £7.00 for the year and you can visit as often as you like.

A bag of materials costs just £5.00 and there is a wonderful art & craft shop on the site.

GRC is situated at City Works, Alfred St (behind Centre Pointe Dance), Gloucester GL1 4DF

Opening hours: Tuesdays 10.00 – 7.00pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays 10.00 – 5.00pm

More information from: [www.grcltd.org](http://www.grcltd.org) / 01452 504442

**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.
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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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