

Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild Branch Newsletter

Spring 2015

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Branch News

Workshops:

Those of us who attended the 'Pile and Plunder' workshop with AbbieAnne Searle on 14th March had a great time and produced a huge variety of work. Keep an eye on our website for photos.

If you were at this workshop, Abbie would love to receive photos of your finished piece – she hopes this will reduce the chance of it staying a WIP!

Email them to her at: abbie@abbieanne.com (This email is on the card she gave everyone.)

Bookings are now open for our Summer workshops:

June - *Fay Maxwell* : 'Frescoes'

July - *Yvonne Brown* : 'Medieval Magic'

August - *Lorna Bateman*: 'Mystical Dragonflies and Insects'

Please remember to book early to secure your place.

About 6 weeks prior to a workshop any vacancies will be offered to other branches to ensure each workshop is full to cover our costs. Please follow the Workshop Bookings Procedure on pages 6 & 7 in your 2015 programme when booking. We hope everyone will enjoy their chosen workshop.

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.

Pre- Exhibition Workshop (2): Saturday 30th May 2015

with Jan Evans and Angela Bentley

10.00am-4.00pm at The Reddings Community Centre

(Follow-up to January 2015 Workshop re 50th Anniversary Exhibition in October 2015)

This workshop has been arranged as a follow-up to the one held in January and is for members only.

Jan and Angela will be there to support and help members get to the finishing stages of their work, or maybe inspiration/ideas are needed to start another piece? No matter what stage you are at, they will happily advise on any aspect of your work. Techniques and products can be explained, hints and tips offered, and you will be guided through anything you are unsure about. Jan and Angela will also be able to advise on making original, stitch/mixed media related cards to sell at the exhibition

They will also look at different ways of introducing gold into your work and demonstrate some of the techniques so that you have the confidence to include a reference to gold in your work should you wish to.

A charge of £5 will be made for the day, and you may stay as long as you wish. Please book with Janet Williamson in the usual way so that we can gauge the number of people likely to attend. If necessary, you could just turn up and pay on the day, but pre-booking is preferred. As usual please bring lunch and refreshments with you.

We are fortunate indeed to have Jan and Angela within our branch, as they are such talented, experienced and popular tutors. The support and help they continue to give members is appreciated and we thank them sincerely for it.

Socialise & Sew

The next meeting is on Friday 1st May from 2.00 – 4.00 at the home of Maureen Steffen:
23A Arle Rd, Cheltenham, GL51 8JT Tel: 01242 321676

Hold the date : Saturday 1st August is National Stitch Day 2015. We hope to be stitching in public as we did last year. The venue is yet to be decided - watch this space for more information. Suggestions for suitable venues welcomed.

Many thanks to Mary Oliver who has re-covered our ironing boards.

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### 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.

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### SW Festival 18th April 2015

This is drawing close. If you still haven't booked your ticket you need to do so soon.

Contact Val on : 01242 514898 email: [egswfestival@gmail.com](mailto:egswfestival@gmail.com)

I hope many of you are planning to come along – especially as it is right on your doorstep.

There are various ways that you can be involved in supporting the success of the day as members of the hosting branch:

- **Submitting work for Cotswold Branch display at the Festival:** it is customary for the host branch to have a display of work to showcase the range of textile work undertaken by members. It can be related to a workshop that you have attended – but not necessarily. Please let **Judith** know if you have pieces of work you would like to include in our display – we need to know how many to expect. Please label your pieces clearly with your name – and also it would be helpful if you could attach some brief information about your inspiration for the work and the technique/s you have used.
- **Stewarding on the day:** if you would like to be more involved with the day and feel you are a real part of it then volunteer for some stewarding – it may be something like helping to sell raffle tickets, manning the Lucky Dip, overseeing the displays of work, or just generally helping out on the day. If you can offer some time, please contact **Alison Miller** on: 01242 577695 / email: [alison-miller1@virginmedia.com](mailto:alison-miller1@virginmedia.com) who is organising the stewards rota.

Thank you to those who are making / have made owls. At the moment it looks as if we have enough but should we have a late rush on tickets we'll let you know if we need more.

## Stitching opportunities in 2015

### ***SW Regional Festival Day Competition entitled : 'Festivals'.***

Information about this exhibition was included in with the booking form.

Members attending the SW Festival will judge this competition and a prize will be awarded to the winner.

### ***Our own Golden Anniversary Exhibition 6<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015 : 'As I walked out...'***

This exhibition at Nature in Art has nature as it's theme – what do you see as you walk out?

However as the exhibition is to be held in the Autumn there will be a strong Autumnal / Golden theme running through the exhibition which you may wish to consider within your piece/s.

Janet Stevens is leading a small group organising the exhibition and I hope you have all received the guidelines she has put together. Watch out for more information during the year.

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## News from the SW Region

- Ann Hampton will complete her term of office as Regional Chairman in Autumn 2015 – nominations for this role are still welcome. Please contact Ann (see below).
- The regional committee is also looking for a secretary or minuting secretary.

If anyone feels they can help with this or would like more information, please contact Ann Hampton on 01452 503640

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## Guild HQ News

### **National AGM Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015 : 'A Sustainable Future for the Embroiderers' Guild'**

New Library of Birmingham

Speakers: Bobby Britnell and Jane E Hall.

Booking details in the last issue of Contact Magazine.

The Guild is putting forward proposals for change to make the Guild more sustainable for the future. This approach began with the responses to the members survey last year & the specific proposals will be reported on at the AGM.

These will also be detailed in the next issue of Contact magazine, due out soon (the publication of this has been delayed for a number of reasons) together with information on how you can share your views.

### *Celebrating Magna Carta*

The Guild was invited to be a lead partner together with the Ruskin School of Art, Oxford & The British Library to create a celebration of the 800 yrs since the signing of Magna Carta.

Along with Fine Cell & Royal School of Needlework selected members have been stitching a 21<sup>st</sup> Century tribute in the form of the entire Magna Carta entry on Wikipedia.

The final piece – 13 metres in length - will go on display, initially in the British Library in May 2015.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### ***Fashion Embroidery & Stitch:***

19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March

NEC Birmingham

9.30 – 5.30 (Sunday 5.00)

Admission £10.50 (seniors £9.50) in advance / £12.50 (£11.50) on the door.

2 & 3-day tickets also available.

### ***Quilts UK Malvern***

14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 – 5.00 (4.30 Sunday)

3 Counties Show ground, Malvern

Admission £9.00 (£8.00 concessions) £7.00 / £6.00 in advance.

### ***Ashmolean Museum Broadway: 'Stitches in Time '***

14<sup>th</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> June

17th Century embroideries from the Feller & Ashmolean collections.

This includes raised and flat pictorial panels, fine white & polychrome samplers, dress accessories.

Open: Tues – Sun 10.00 – 5.00

Admission: £6 / 4.50 concessions

### ***EAST: East Anglian Stitch Textiles: 'Between the Lines'***

Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester, GL7 2BX

21<sup>st</sup> March - 19<sup>th</sup> April

Mon – Sat 10.00 – 4.00, Sundays 2.00 – 4.00

This exhibition is based on the groups' response to the centenary of the First World War.

Each of the twelve artists has explored the 1914/18 conflict and undertaken extensive research of their chosen theme. These include a wide range of topics from life on the Western Front, the role of women, the effects on the landscape and nature, allied armies, mapping, armaments and the reflections of writers and artists in the 1920s.

As with all E.A.S.T. exhibitions, the work will include a wide range of textile techniques, all beautifully presented to the highest standard and expertise. The contemporary work will be accompanied by the research material making the completed display highly topical as the country remembers this significant period of our history.

Admission: free. All work for sale.

### ***Churchdown Quilters Exhibition***

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – 5.00 & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – 4.00

Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, GL3 2JH

Doughtys sales, demonstrations, sales tables, raffle, tombola, refreshments.

Admission £3 Children free

### ***Star Quilters, Yeovil exhibition***

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00-4.00

United Reform Church, 13 Princes St, Yeovil, BA20 1EN

Admission £2.50

### ***Lydney Quilters Exhibition***

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00 – 4.00

Including Quilt raffle with proceeds to Lydney Hospital.

Venue: The Old Vicarage, St Mary's Church, Lydney, Glos  
admission £2.00

### **Nature in Art**

#### ***Gordano Textile Artists: 'Fabric of Nature'***

31<sup>st</sup> March - 12<sup>th</sup> April

Artists will be demonstrating on: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April

***Artist in residence:*** Richard Box 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> July

#### ***Brunel Broderers: 'Inside Out'***

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> (Artist in residence 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August)

*See materials transformed to give them new qualities. Contemporary textiles exploring natural dyes, birds in flight, the Celtic mythology of trees, the harm plastic causes to nature, the beauty of landscapes and artful recycling.*

There will also be a talk and Family activity day.

#### ***Bath Textile Summer School – Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>***

This will include 9 two-day workshops with an exciting events day on the Wednesday.

For more detailed information on the tutors, workshops and events please visit the blog which will be updated during the year, and sign up for email updates

[www.bathtextilesummerschool.co.uk](http://www.bathtextilesummerschool.co.uk) or contact Lynne Roche on 01225318042

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**Kate Lester** our Secretary sends the following message after our Xmas social:

*I'm storing the following books brought along to the last sales table which were not sold and not reclaimed by their owners, and I would like to move them on, either back to their owners, to a buyer or to a charity shop.*

*They are:*

- Collins Complete Book of Soft Furnishings (has the name Jenny Long inside)
- Patchwork and Quilting - a Step-by-Step Guide, by Gail Lawther and Angela Besley
- A bundle of 3 books on Smocking, 2 hardback and one Needlecrafts small guide.
- 2 books by Una Stubbs, A Stitch in Time and In Stitches
- Gardening with Silk and Gold - A History of Gardens in Embroidery.

*If you brought any along for the sales table and would like them returned to you, or would like to purchase any of them please contact Kate on: 01684 294339*

*email: [klester@phonecoop.coop](mailto:klester@phonecoop.coop)*

*Otherwise they will be taken to a Charity shop.*

### **Lending scheme**

If you wish to borrow a named book, resources on a specific technique, or books by a named artist then please contact Judith 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.

## **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.

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If you have any news of members please pass it on to one of the Branch committee so that we can make contact and help out if needed.

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## **Reminder:**

**Judith** needs to know the following from you:

- If you are submitting pieces of work for the Branch Display at the Festival
- If you are able to host workshop tutors

**Alison Miller** needs to know if you can help with stewarding on the Festival day

Please send me any items you would like to be included in future newsletters - notices, information, events, exhibitions etc. This is the newsletter for all Cotswold Branch members so your contributions are always welcome.

Happy stitching,

Judith

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