

COTSWOLD BRANCH EG SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Branch News

Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again!!

If you receive this newsletter by email, you should have already been e-mailed the membership renewal form.

If you receive this by post, you should have the membership renewal form included with this newsletter.

If you have not received the membership renewal form please contact either Judith or Mary (01242 523731 / mary@square8.freemove.co.uk).

Branch Workshops

Places are still available on workshops for the remainder of the year. If you wish to attend please book your place promptly as we will be opening them out to neighbouring branches soon.

September 6th '**Medieval Book Cover**' with Isobel Hall

October 11th '**Christmas Tree Decoration**' Canvas work with Lynis John – a specific hand stitching workshop that was arranged in response to requests for more hand stitch opportunities.

November 8th '**A Bowl for Christmas**' with Angie Hughes

Workshop bookings: Gill Griffiths : 01684 292312

Branch AGM

Saturday 27th September 2.00 – 4.00

Venue: The Reddings Community Centre

Come along to have your say at the AGM

View the DVD showing all the entries for the last Member's Challenge 'Tree Rhythms'.

We also hope to borrow a selection of Embroiderers' Guild Folios from HQ to view.

Socialise & Sew

The next meeting will be on Friday 29th August from 2.00 – 4.00pm at the home of Maureen Steffen: 23A Arle Road, Cheltenham, GL51 8JT tel: 01242 321676

The Big Stitch is back!!

Saturday October 4th, 11.00 – 4.00 at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Entrance free – but there is a charge for entry to 'The Eye of the Needle' exhibition (see below)

- Meet the big names: Chris Berry, Maggie Grey, Jane Hall, Karen Nicol
- Visit Sue Rangeley's 'pop in studio'
- workshops and activities for adults and young embroiderers
- Special exhibition 'The Eye of the Needle' (pre-booking advised – see below)
- contribute to the World's Longest Embroidery
- Demonstrations and talks about traditional and contemporary embroidery
- Tours of the museum's textiles
- Embroidery stitch surgery – experts on hand to help

We intend to run a coach trip to this event – everyone who went last time thoroughly enjoyed it – the cost will depend on the number who wish to come.

Pick ups will be arranged in Gloucester, Cheltenham – and possibly Stroud/Stonehouse.

The Eye of the Needle exhibition will display, for the first time in public, a selection of eye-catching, virtuoso 17th-century embroideries from the internationally renowned Feller Collection, together with outstanding examples from the Ashmolean's own holdings.

Tickets for this need to be pre-booked - £5.00 standard price / £4.00 concession. I am happy to do this - please let me know if you wish to book a ticket and whether you need standard price or concession.

Please let Judith know by 15th September if you wish to come – and feel free to invite friends along. Remember to include if you require special exhibition tickets.

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2015 – our 50th Anniversary Year

The programme of workshops for our Golden Anniversary next year is nearly complete and looks exciting with lots of well-known tutors invited.

Exhibition

Our celebratory exhibition at Nature in Art will be from 6th - 22nd October 2015 (set up Monday 5th): The title for the exhibition is '**As I walked out...**' and as we are exhibiting at Nature in Art exhibits should have some link to the natural world.

SW Regional Festival, Saturday 18th April 2015 at the Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham.

Preparations for this event are progressing well.

Please consider whether you will be able to help out on the day as we will need quite a number of people to support us with such things as welcoming and registering attendees and traders, stewarding, selling raffle tickets etc.

In the meantime please look out and put to one side any fabrics, threads, trimmings, buttons, beads and any other accoutrements you may have that are surplus to your needs. We will be putting together 'goody bags' for a Lucky Dip in the New Year.

If you have – or know of anyone who has – folding display boards we could borrow for the Festival that we can use to mount the exhibitions and displays, please let Judith know. If we can borrow it will save us the cost of hiring them.

The theme for the Festival Competition is : '**Festivals**' . Entries no larger than A4 size – so another opportunity to get stitching!.

SW Regional AGM

Blackmore Vale branch is hosting the **SW Region AGM** this year on **Saturday 18th October 2014**.

Venue: Digby Hall (next to the Library), Hound Street, Sherbourne, Dorset DT9 3AA.

(Reduced parking: £1 for 4 hours from meter in the hall)

Doors open 9.30am for coffee/tea & biscuits; **AGM** 10.30; **Lunch** 12.45 approx.

2.00 Afternoon speaker: Maggie Grey 'Putting on the Glitz'

3.30pm Refreshments

Trade stands, raffle, exhibition etc

Refreshments ordered in advance: £8.00 to include quiches + salads & desert + all drinks, biscuits and cake. You may bring a packed lunch. Drinks all day, biscuits & cake available at £2.00

Cheques for refreshments payable to: Embroiderers' Guild SW Region.

Please notify Alison Hadingham, 7 Chester Place, Mutley, Plymouth PL4 6ET if you are going and wish to buy lunch. Please advise of special dietary requirements.

Nominations are sought for the post of **Newsletter Editor and IT Officer of SW Region** (further details available from Judith. Please contact me if you wish to make a nomination as I have the nomination papers)

We should send at least 1 representative to the AGM. Your chairman is unable to attend due to a prior committment. Travel costs will be reimbursed for 1 car. If you are interested please contact Judith who has all the paperwork and further details.

NATIONAL GUILD NEWS

National Stitch Day, Saturday 2nd August.

6 of our members manned our stand in the Regent Arcade between 10.00 and 4.00.

There was quite a lot of interest from the general public and several people put their names down as being interested in the Guild so we hope to gain a few new members as a result.

Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to support this event.

Key points from information given by Terry Murphy CEO at a regional meeting June 2014:

- Guild membership subscription for 2014/15 has increased to £30.00.
- A consultation is planned on Membership schemes and subscriptions in the future
- Income from magazines (Embroidery & Stitch) has been falling and is therefore a concern, especially as there is now more competition in the magazine sector.
- The budgeting and management processes introduced in 2011 are now robust
- Work is underway to reduce admin costs and improve efficiencies at the Guild and work has started in investing in a sustainable future. (Please see the members section of the website for further information)
- Guild Distance-Learning initiatives based on the 'Power of 5' concept has made an excellent start. This now includes Embroiderers' Guild Level 1 and 2 courses.

- Entries for the Members challenge doubled this year
- Library books held at HQ are being repaired and re catalogued
- The folio collection continues to increase and to be repaired where necessary

WHAT'S ON

Nature in Art Textile Exhibitions

12th - 31st August: Group Purple – 'Wild' – textile pieces inspired by the wild environment

7th - 26th October: Rubicon Textiles – 'Pathways Explored' – print, collage, paint and stitch

18th November - 21st 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:

9th - 14th September: Richard Box - Textiles / Mixed Media www.richardbox.co.uk

7th - 12th October: Rubicon Textiles www.rubiconart.com

18th - 23rd November: Liz Robertson – textile art

The Glorious World of Goldwork Embroidery

The Goldwork Guild of Embroiderers' Guild presents a glorious glistening display of stunning goldwork embroidery meticulously created in the present with a sprinkling of sumptuous exhibits from a bygone age.

The American Museum, Claverton Manor, Bath BA2 7BD

6th - 14th September 2014 12.00 – 5.00 (closed Mondays)

Contact: 01255 460503

Berkeley Castle, Berkeley, Glos GL13 9BQ

15th September - 1st October

Open Sunday – Wednesday, 11.00 – 5.00

Contact: 01453 810303

Smocking Branch of Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition:

'Smock Around the Clock'

National Needlework Archive, The Old Chapel, Greenham Business Park, Newbury, Berkshire, RG19 6HW

10th September - 8th October

Tuesdays – Fridays + 1st Saturday in the month, 10.00 – 4.00

Closed Monday

The smockers are celebrating 30 years since the founding of the branch. Members keep alive the traditional art as well as experimenting with new materials and techniques to take it forward into the 21st Century.

for further information visit: www.smocking.org.uk

Stitching, Sewing & Hobbycrafts Show at Westpoint Arena, Exeter

25-28 September 2014

Gather inspiration and supplies for your latest projects. Jan Tillett will be on stand J02 selling bondaweb, pelmet Vilene, Lutradur, water solubles, threads, shrink polyester and all sorts of other bits and pieces to inspire your creative stitching.

Visit : <http://www.stitchandhobby.co.uk/stitchandhobby/exeter/autumn/> for more information

Worcester Embroiderers' Guild Celebrity Lecture

Saturday 11th October 2014. 2.00pm

Bobby Britnell & Ruth Issett: 'Working Together with Paper and Textiles'

Venue: Perdiswell Young People's Leisure Club, Worcester WR3 7SN

Tickets: £8.00 (to include refreshments.)

Contact: Sylvia Thistle: sylviathistle@icloud.com or Jan Cooper: 01527 401554

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.

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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