

EMBROIDERERS GUILD COTSWOLD BRANCH
NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013

Workshops

The *January workshop* was very well attended by both members & visitors – some of whom have since joined. All the letters for the banner were distributed – some completed on the day and others taken home to finish.

Reminder – if you have letters at home the deadline for completion is 9th February. You can either drop them in at the workshop on the 9th or send them to Jenny Palmer, 6 Finchcroft lane, Cheltenham, GL52 5BG

February workshop (Angie Hughes) – fully booked.

March 9th – Folded Secrets with Ruth Smith – places available.

April 13th – Textured Earrings & Pendants with Sheila Appleton – places available.

Please contact Gill Griffiths on 01684 292312 to book your place.

Beginners workshops & Socialise & Sew

If there is enough interest we would like to start some beginners workshops. It may be possible to combine this with Socialise & Sew for all members.

The proposed venue is Longford Village Hall near Gloucester, starting in April on Mondays (frequency yet to be decided) from 10 – 3 with a break for lunch. Suggested topics for the workshops include ideas from magazines & books, Workshop on the Web projects – but further ideas are welcomed.

Before starting such a group we need an idea of how many people would be interested – both beginners & those interested in a Socialise & Sew meeting. It will also help us work out the cost for each meeting.

Will those who are interested in either of these groups contact Ann Hampton (01452 503640). She would also like to know of any specific types of stitching you would like to learn / work on.

Visit to Cheltenham Mayors Parlour

At the opening of our exhibition in October the Mayor of Cheltenham - Colin Hay - mentioned a piece of embroidery stitched by our branch that hangs in the Mayors Parlour & offered us the opportunity to visit and view this work.

The work was completed in the 70s or 80s and depicts landmark buildings in Cheltenham. It was designed by the wife of the Principal of the Art College. Both current branch members Dr Isabel Elliott & Sally-Ann Douglass contributed to this piece of work.

We have been offered the opportunity to visit on Monday 11th March at 3.00. The Mayor will be in the building so may be able to come & join us.

There is only capacity for about 12 - 15 people at any one time in the Parlour, so if there are more wishing to come we might have to organise 'shifts' or a second date to visit.

If you would like to come along please contact Judith on 01242 510561

email: judithanderson99eg@yahoo.co.uk

EG NATIONAL AGM - "Springtime in the Cotswolds"

Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham 5-7 April 2013

Full details & booking information are in Contact magazine issue 32 and on the Embroiderers Guild website.

I hope our branch will be well represented at this as it is on our doorstep.

SW Regional Festival Saturday 18th May 2013

Hosted by Marlborough & District Branch

This looks to be a really good day with:

Madeira lecture "Urban Nature" by Cas Holmes

Talk: "Anything Goes" by Patricia Godwin (www.palmcourttheatre.co.uk)

Exhibitions of work including entries for the competitions 'Superstitions' & 'Magic & Mystery' (YE).

Tickets cost £25 per person & include lunch & refreshments.

available from :

Mrs Marion Rowland,

Holly Lodge

9 Alan Cobham Road

Devizes, SN10 3GE

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Please remember to book your menu choice for lunch when booking your ticket.

I hope there will be a good representation from Cotswold Branch.

If there is sufficient interest among our members we can organise a coach to transport us all there & back - please can you let Judith know if you would be interested.

Cotswold Branch Committee:

Treasurer: As you will know we have been looking for a new Treasurer to replace Alison.

Val Turner one of our new members has offered to take this on and has been appointed Treasurer Elect by the committee until her appointment can be ratified at our next branch AGM.

Many thanks to Val & to Alison for her work as Treasurer for the past few years.

Membership: Mary Oliver has agreed to take over as Membership Secretary from Pam Bloomfield until someone else can be found for this role. Pam is hoping to move to Devon in the near future.

Thanks to Mary for offering to do this & for Pam for all her work keeping on top of new membership & renewals, especially while the new system has been introduced.

The full list of current committee members will be sent with this newsletter.

There are places on the committee for anyone who may wish to join to help with the general running of our Branch & organisation of workshops & events. Please contact Judith if you would be interested in helping out in this way.

What's On.

Bath Textiles Group are exhibiting at **Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester** GL7 2BX from Saturday 18th January to Saturday 23rd February. Monday – Saturday 10-4pm, Sunday 2-4pm. Free entry.

One of the members of the textile group will be there each Saturday from 11 – 4pm.

Bristol Branch Embroiderers Guild Exhibition

Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre, Shirehampton Road, Bristol BS9 1BN

15-17 February 2013 : Fri/Sat 10 – 5, Sun 10 – 4. Admission £3.00

Details Sally Wilkinson 01179624923 or EmbroiderersGuildBristol@googlemail.com

Gordano Textile Artists : Nature in Art, Wallsworth Hall, Twigworth, Gloucester GL2 9PA

19 Feb – 10 March 2013: Tues-Sun 10 – 5 Free Parking

The fourteen artists in their long-established group showcase their work exploring the natural world. Details www.nature-in-art.org.uk 01452 731422

The Cotswolds – A Stitching Experience

The Gallery, Malmesbury Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, Wilts SN16 9BZ

Tues 19 Feb – Fri 8 Mar 2013. Open Mon – Thurs 9 - 5 Fri 9 - 4.30

A new exhibition of textile work by Great Western Embroiderers. Inspired by the history & landscape of the Cotswolds, the exhibition shows work of great variety in a wide range of styles.

Further info: <http://greatwesternembroiderers.blogspot.co.uk>
or Malmesbury Town Hall 01666 822143

West Midlands Regional Day

22nd June 2013 at Worcester Warriors Sixways Stadium. Further details to follow

I would like this newsletter to include relevant notices & information from any branch members. Please let me know of any items of interest, exhibitions, events etc that members may be interested in and I will endeavour to include them.

Happy stitching,

Judith

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