

# Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild Branch Newsletter

## Summer 2015

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### Branch News

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea 4<sup>th</sup> July

About 35 present and past members came together at the Reddings last Saturday for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party. HQ sent the branch a commemorative certificate and all members will receive a memento related to the year that the Branch was founded. Christina organised a delicious tea and celebratory cake which was enjoyed by all. Janet Stevens and Mary Oliver put together a small historical display including the first ever minutes, and Isabel Elliott brought along some pieces of her work for us to view. Everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to mix and chat for the afternoon.

#### **Workshops**

Bookings are now open for workshops for the remainder of the year. Here follows a reminder of the workshops together with the cost, as the October and November workshops include additional costs to cover materials provided by the tutor:

July 11<sup>th</sup>: Yvonne Brown '*Medieval Magic*' £23

August 8<sup>th</sup>: workshop cancelled

September 12<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Beal '*More Fusing*' £23

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Linda Rudkin '*Sculpting 3D Pieces from Silk Fibres*' £27

November 14<sup>th</sup>: Alison Hulme '*Printing and Beyond*' £28

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.

#### **Socialise & Sew**

The next meeting is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00 – 4.00 at the home of Maureen Steffen: 23A Arle Rd, Cheltenham, GL51 8JT Tel: 01242 321676

#### Other dates:

**August 1<sup>st</sup>: National Stitch Day.** This year Stow on the Wold and Countryside Branch have invited us to join them at the Cotswold Farm Park at Guiting Power to demonstrate our craft and encourage members of the public to try some stitching (Stow will take along a piece of work that the public can contribute to). They will be located in a barn at the Farm Park from 10.30 - 4.00 and have space for up to 6 of our members to join them - for the morning or afternoon. You will need

to take a piece of your own work to do during the day, and a folding chair if you have one. There will also be a display of work on the theme 'Animals' so if you have appropriate work to take along for the display please take it - but be aware that there will not be any hanging space, the display will be on tables.

If you would like to go along, please contact Fiona Vann ( 01451 821291 or email: [fionaevann@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fionaevann@hotmail.co.uk)) for more details. Please ensure you leave her your contact details.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>: trip to NEC Quilt Show.** There are still seats available on our trip to the Festival of Quilts at the NEC on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Pick ups will be at KB coaches depot - near Stonehouse, Estcourt Road Gloucester and Cheltenham Racecourse Park and Ride.

Please let Val Turner know asap if you would like to go and haven't yet booked:  
01242 514898 email: [jltvat@gmail.com](mailto:jltvat@gmail.com)

**September 26<sup>th</sup>: Branch AGM 2.00 – 4.00.** Further details coming soon.

Most of the committee are happy to continue for another year; however both Ann and Ros who have organised our excellent programmes for the past 3 years are standing down. We therefore need 1 or 2 people to come forward to take on this role – ***if you want to continue to have such inspiring tutors coming to run our workshops then please consider whether you could take on this role*** – it will give you the opportunity to book tutors you would like to learn from. The 2016 programme is just about complete but with tutors being in such demand we need to start planning for 2017 later in the year.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> : 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Exhibition at Nature in Art.**

I hope you are all now working on your exhibition pieces – I'm looking forward to seeing them all. We have a very special VIP with connections to The Guild to open the exhibition on the afternoon of October 6<sup>th</sup> – more details to follow nearer the time.

Please remember to let Janet Stevens know as soon as you can how many pieces you plan to submit together with the dimensions. Contact her on : 01242 674362  
email: [janstevens21@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janstevens21@hotmail.co.uk)

Nearer the time we will also be looking for people to help with stewarding, so please consider whether this is something you can help with.

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**25 & 50 year membership:** The Guild awards commemorative pins to those who have been members for 25 years and 50 years. These awards are made annually at the Regional AGM in October. We have been asked for the names of those who will qualify this year. However our records are not always complete, and for those who are life members we do not have this information. If you think you are due to receive such a pin, please contact Judith :01242 510561

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

by the *middle of August* at the latest – and please include the year you joined the guild.

### ***Something that might be of interest:***

If you visit Kim Thittichai's website ([www.nid-noi.com](http://www.nid-noi.com)) you will find some free videos showing how to use the following products:

KK Glue, Hot Spots, Bondaweb, Polyester Organza, Solufleece, Pelmet Vilene, Transfer Foils.

Many of these videos together with others showcasing different textile artists are also available at : [www.colouricious.com](http://www.colouricious.com)

### **News from the SW Region**

**Bristol Branch** is looking forward to Jane Hall speaking on her wonderful embroidered butterflies. You would be very welcome to join them on ***Friday 17th July at 7.30***. They meet at All Saints Church Hall, Alma Vale Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3ED.

E.G.Members £3. Visitors £5.

### **SW Region AGM**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 hosted by Bristol Branch  
Venue: Cleeve Village Hall, Cleeve Hill Road, Cleeve, Bristol BS49 4PH  
free parking adjacent  
Doors open 9.30 for coffee & cake, AGM 10.30  
Lunch : please bring your own packed lunch.

Afternoon speaker: Kate Newnham senior curator of visual arts at Bristol Museum on *'The Eastern Art Textiles in the Bristol Collection'*  
Followed by coffee & cake at 3.30  
Day includes: Stef Francis shop, display of members work, raffle  
Tickets £5.00 from: Sheila Knight, 4 Sudbrook Way, Saintbridge, Glos GL4 4QW  
Cheques payable to *Embroiderers Guild SW Region*  
(Please include SAE for return of ticket)

This will be Ann Hampton's final AGM as Regional Chairman.

### **Advanced notice: SW Festival Day 2016**

Saturday 9th April 2016  
Venue: Pavilion Centre, Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge, Cornwall PL27 7JE  
Tickets : £29.50 to include lunch  
Madeira Lecture: *Amanda Clayton 'My Blue Suitcase'*  
Afternoon speaker: *Vivien Prideaux 'The Other'*  
Competition: 'A Postcard from the Seaside' ; entries to be postcard size 6 x 4 ins

For further details email : [swfestival2016@btinternet.com](mailto:swfestival2016@btinternet.com)  
Telephone: Jenni Ripley: 01326 618080

Watch out for more details nearer the time.

## Guild HQ News

**Capability Brown Festival** - you will have seen in the latest issue of Contact magazine, information about the Capability Brown celebrations and how EG members can be involved.

At the last branch committee meeting the committee felt that members would like to be involved in this and that we would like to link to the NT venue that was suggested for us – Croome Court which has a strong association with Capability Brown. We also have a personal link as Mary Oliver volunteers there. Mary has agreed to be our CB liaison person – 2 other branches have also been suggested to link to Croome so it is likely that we will be joining together for the exhibition. We await more information about the details of this project.

You can view the full documents sent to branch Chairmen on the EG website.

We recognise that this year has been a demanding one for our branch but thought that a number of you would be inspired by the Capability Brown Festival.

### **EG Constitutional Change**

The Extraordinary General Meeting was held at Birmingham Library on Saturday 20th June 2015 as previously notified. The meeting was quorate.

A majority of 75% was required to approve the Special Resolution. 89% of the votes cast were "For" the motion. 7% were "Against" and 4% were "Unclear/Spoiled". The motion was therefore passed. Further details can be found on the EG website under 'Constitutional Change'

You should by now have received the Minutes of the EGM by email or by hand.

Also included was the document 'Vision, Strategy and Aims – 2016 and beyond'.

Please note the date of next year's National AGM : Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Manchester.

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### ***Stroud Branch Exhibition: ' Bags, Bonnets and Books'***

13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Lansdown Gallery, Stroud

Admission free.

Open 10 – 4.30 daily. Further details : 01453 752264

### ***Embroiderers Guild Basingstoke Branch Exhibition 'Thread Colour Stitch'***

27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015

Willis Museum, Market Square, Basingstoke RG21 7QD

Tues – Fri 10.00 – 5.00; Saturday 10.00 – 4.00

Free Admission

### **Art in Action**

Waterperry gardens near Oxford : 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015

### **A Group Gathering – Daphne's Glove**

Exhibition 29.9.15 – 11.10.15

The Weavers gallery, Church Lane, Ledbury HR81DW

10 – 5 daily

### **Knitting & Stitching Show - Alexandra Palace 7 – 11 October.**

There will be a discount for EG members. See page 4 of Contact issue 40 for details and the code to use to obtain the discount. There is also more information about the EG stand on p 45 of this issue of Contact

### **Malvern Autumn Quilt Show**

3 Counties Showground. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

10.00 – 4.30 (4.00 Sunday)

### **West Country Quilt & Textile Show**

12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015; 10.00 – 4.30

Exhibition Centre, University of West of England, Filton, Bristol BS34 8QZ

tickets £9.00 on door (£2.00 less if booked in advance)

[www.westcountryquiltshow.co.uk](http://www.westcountryquiltshow.co.uk) Tel: 01179071000

### **Nature in Art**

**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> (Artists in residence 11<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> August – different artists each day)

*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 on 19<sup>th</sup> August.

For further details see: [brunelbrodersblogspot.co.uk](http://brunelbrodersblogspot.co.uk)

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### **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

### **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.

### **Hosting tutors:**

From time to time our workshop tutors need to be accommodated on the Friday night prior to the workshop. We would prefer to offer accommodation in a member's home rather than in a local hotel and 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.

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.

### **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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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,

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