

Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild Branch Newsletter, November 2018

Branch News

Branch News The Committee is delighted to announce the appointment of a new Chair. At the committee meeting on 19.11.18. the committee co-opted Julie Stenning to the committee, and she was duly elected Chair.

Julie is keen to introduce herself to all members and has written the following:

My mum taught me to knit, crochet and dress make at an early age. Her mother was a keen embroiderer, but my mum did very little, so I did not pick it up as a child. I suppose you could count Binka tray cloths at primary school. How to put a child off embroidery! My first foray into textile art as an adult was when I was given a leaflet for a day workshop being held by Angie Hughes at her studio in Ledbury. My mum came too and we had a brilliant day stitching icons.

I have been a member of the Embroiderers' Guild for about 16 years. I was introduced to the Bristol branch by a work colleague when we both worked nearby.

I joined the branch primarily to enjoy the lectures and workshops. However, in recent years, as a committee member, I have become more aware of our responsibilities to the wider public that arise due to the charitable status of the Embroiderers' Guild and as a result I have enjoyed the branch outreach projects in the City library, a couple of museums and also the biennial exhibitions.

I was a member of the Bristol committee for about nine years, I started their website, been the IT Representative, treasurer, membership secretary and became chair part way through 2016. I also took on the responsibilities of Secretary of the South West Region in 2015 and the Chair of the Region in 2016. In my later working life, I managed teams of computer programmers, so I have plenty of organisational and IT experience.

I have had to leave the Bristol branch because I am the full-time carer of my husband who has Parkinson's' Disease and Bristol is too far to travel should I need to return home. I joined the Cotswold branch in 2014 when I discovered it was my local branch. For some reason, I spent over ten years thinking that the branch met in Moreton-in- Marsh, which is a long way to travel!

Julie

The Christmas Social – 08.12.18. 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Please come along to the Christmas Social on Saturday 8th December. Doors open at 2.00 pm.

There will be a speaker, sales tables and a show and tell table, as well as the Chairman's Challenge which was initiated at the AGM by Judith, who will be judging the entries.

The 2019 workshop programme will be released and bookings taken for the January workshop.

The Map Project

We would like to receive all of your map pieces at the Christmas Social, please bring them along.

The pictures of your favourite places are not so urgent as we cannot decide how they will be placed until the map and text are positioned. We would still welcome more of these pieces as there is a lot of space around the edges and there are not enough, at present, to make the finished hanging look full. I will bring more packs to the social, please help if you can.

The Spring social will be the absolute deadline for these pieces but we are happy to accept them as and when they are finished.

Thank you,

Mary

November 2018 Workshop



Other Events:

Nature in Art <https://natureinart.org.uk/whats-on-at-nature-in-art/>

Day courses at nature in Art cost between £45-55 – use the weblink above for more information

Printed and Embellished Textiles – Liz Robertson@Nature in Art

Nov 27 @ 10:00 am – Nov 28 @ 5:00 pm

Design a unique printed wrap scarf and learn print techniques which can be applied to fabric and paper projects.

- Use natural objects as inspiration for a printed design
- Learn to make a variety of printing blocks and how to print a continuous repeat design
- Make print blocks which you will be able to keep
- Print with your blocks using bright and metallic print media onto a pashmina-type wrap
- Embellish the printed wrap with stitch, beads and sequins.



Applique Textile Sunset, Sky & Water – Kathleen Matthews-Saunders @ Nature in Art

Dec 8 @ 10:00 am – Dec 9 @ 5:00 pm

Light, colour and reflections of the sun can change the landscape dramatically. Working with lots of coloured organza's to give light and colour to the picture, metallic fabrics to give the sparkle to the water. With a few hand dyed fabrics, bought fabric and fusible web for the appliqué you will create the spectacular vivid colours of the setting sun, making the sky and sea look as if they are on fire. The stark contrast of the dark reflections and foreground. Gold metallic fabric is used for the golden glow of the sun. Hand stitching and free machine embroidery will be used to further enhance your picture.



Frampton upon Severn Crewel Embroidery Workshop

Wednesday 1st May 10:30am – 4pm

Debbie Hotchkiss is holding a special crewel embroidery workshop stitching either a traditional 'Jacobean flower' or a contemporary design 'Patience the Snail'. I have trained and passed with merit Jacobean Crewel Embroidery with the Royal School of Needlework. An ideal course for beginners and more experienced embroiders looking to gain new techniques and inspiration, at Frampton upon Severn village Hall.

Email Debbie on debbie.hotchkiss@btinternet.com



Cost of workshop is £39 (£25 + £14 kit) - all equipment including the loan of a frame , materials plus tea and coffee included. (Bring your own lunch)

Ruskin Mill Gallery, Old Bristol Road, Nailsworth, Stroud GL6 0PL "5,000 Hours" An Exhibition of Embroidery by Sara Rickard

31st Oct - 25th Nov

Open daily 10am to 4pm including weekends Café open daily 10am to 4pm including weekends Telephone 01453 837537

Royal School of Needlework (RSN) – Hampton Court Palace

<https://www.royal-needlework.org.uk/>

Members may be interested in the following Embroiderers' Guild web-sites:

- * The Embroiderers' Guild website - <https://embroiderersguild.com/>
- * The Guild Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/embroiderersguild/>
- * The Guild Pinterest pages - <https://uk.pinterest.com/theembroiderers/>

Embroiderers' Guild South West Region also has a page on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SWRegionEmbroiderersGuild>

If you're travelling out of the county it's always worth checking other branch websites for exhibitions.

There is also a comprehensive list on the Guild website News and Events:

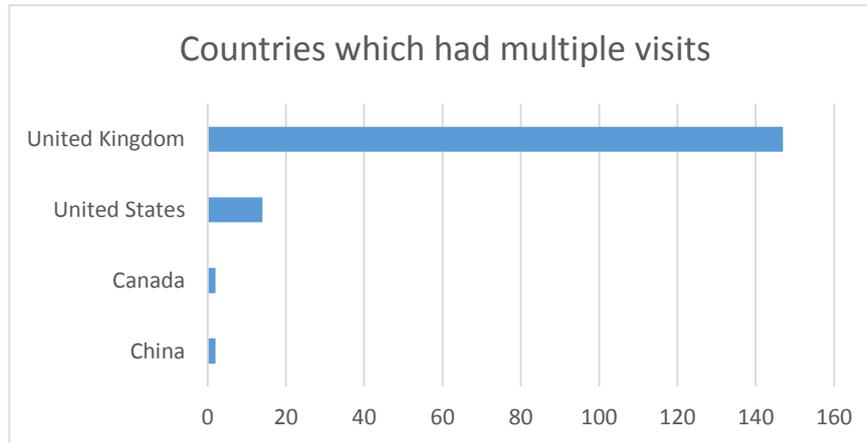
https://embroiderersguild.com/index.php?page_no=168

New National Competition

A new national competition has been announced on the Guild Website. Visit https://embroiderersguild.com/index.php?page_no=965 for details.

Visits to the Stitch Cotswold Website

Overall there was a total of 175 visits to the Stitch Cotswold website



Single visits to the website were recorded from:

Belgium	France
Ireland	Netherlands
Hungary	Portugal
Venezuela	

Cotswold Branch

The branch owns a **smocking machine**. This is currently on loan to a member but if you would be interested in borrowing it, please contact Jen.

If you have any news of members, eg illness, requests for assistance with transport, please pass it on to one of the Branch committee so that we can make contact and help out if needed.

Future Programme 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:

- 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.

Happy stitching,

Julie

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