



Embroiderers' Guild

MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 7 Oct. **Branch AGM**
Show & Tell : Christine Seager
"It's not enough to make a blouse"
- 15 Oct. Design to Stitch Course (1) ***
- 21-22 Oct. Workshop (2 days) : Ruth Issett
"Print Crazy" ***
- 19 Oct. S.W. Reg. AGM (Saltash, Cornwall)
- 28 Oct. Stitch Day
- 29 Oct. Y.E.

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

- 2 Sept. Meeting / Speaker : Linda Rudkin
"Colours from Nature"
- 3 Sept. Workshop : Linda Rudkin ***
"Flower Pounding"
- 17 Sept. Member-led Inspiration Day ***
Nikki Vesey-Williams
"Needle Felted Hares"
- 30 Sept. Stitch Day

ANNUAL SUBS

Renewals are due this month:-

HQ	£27.00	(increase of £2)
Branch	<u>£18.00</u>	(no change)
Total	<u>£45.00</u>	

Prompt payment appreciated – which will enable your name to be included in the 2013/14 Branch Address List. Please make cheques payable to M&DEG.

TRAGIC NEWS

Sadly **Jo Mortimer**, a member of our Branch, died Mon.12 Aug. from a head injury after falling off her bike while cycling between Barbury Castle and Burderop, nr.Wroughton, on the Sun. afternoon. She was found by another cyclist and taken to GW Hosp. with a serious head injury before being transferred to Frenchay Hosp. Her funeral is being held at 12.45pm on 2 Sept. at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon. A sympathy card from the Branch has been sent to her family. As Jo was involved with many charities – a collection box will be available for members wishing to make a donation which will be forwarded to her family to give to their chosen favourite in her memory.

2013 BRANCH AGM : OCTOBER

The Notice/Nomination form has been circulated to members – the latest date for nominations to be received is **20 September**.

The AGM will start at 2.00pm and a copy of the Agenda will be circulated to members and also displayed on the Notice Board. **NB:** Advance notice of items to be raised under AOB must have previously been given to the Secretary by **28 September**.

The Minutes and Reports from our 2012 AGM can be seen in the Minute Book by the Notice Board. (These were previously displayed November last year and also available throughout this year.)

Unfortunately, as Jo Mortimer had volunteered to take over from Marion as Treasurer in Oct. and, with no other nominations received, we are now faced with an urgent need for someone else to take on this role – and also looking for two other volunteer Committee members.

NB: The Treasurer's role has now been split – it is not as large and mainly covers the finance and Marion has kindly agreed to continue to deal with the membership and magazines.

All members are requested to please give this consideration – further info available if required.

LIBRARY

A copy of the EG's set of DVDs showing over 300 images of postcards for 210 countries and the stories submitted by all the branches is now available for members to loan from the Library.

BRANCH WORKSHOPS

Please see Stella or Kay to obtain info and make a booking for Workshops, and Chris Cook for the Design to Stitch Course.

URCHFONTS COLLECTION

The Urchfont Collection is now safely in the hands of the National Needlework Archive and will be checked over and cleaned where necessary. It is to be on display there as part of an exhibition – but please contact the NNA to check when available before you go.
Tel: 01635 38740

CREATIVE SKETCHBOOK

Over the years we have heard so many textile artists talk about the importance of keeping a sketchbook. At a recent meeting Maggie Harris kindly offered to set up a group of members who would be interested in "trying" to meet the challenge creating a page a day.

Four of us went to Maggie's house for what turned out to be a fun afternoon. We were asked to bring paper, a small square spiral sketchbook, Pritt-stick and pencils. After a chat about everybody's expectations Maggie turned on some music to relax us and we were given our first task using A4 paper. Two hours passed amazingly quickly and before leaving we agreed the date of our next meeting in October. At home we now have various tasks to do to achieve our goal of "one page a day". Thank you Maggie for your time and for helping us get started! Ros Lomas

NB: Maggie is happy to start a 2nd group (max 4 members) if there is enough interest..... there will be a small charge of £5.00 p.p. for the afternoon (2 hours) at Maggie's studio If interested please contact her direct - margaret.harris@btinternet.com

WHAT'S ON - WHEN & WHERE

Strand – presented by Brunel Broderers and Guests

Contemporary textiles with a twist

Sat. 17 Aug. - Sat. 14 Sept. 2013 : 10am – 4.00pm (closed Sun. & Mon.)

Bridport Arts Centre, South Street, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3NR

Details: www.brunelbroderers.blogspot.com www.bridport-arts.com

Atlantic Odyssey Exhibition at Link Centre Library, Swindon : 4 Sept. – 5 Oct. 2013

This exhibition tells the story of the new choral work Atlantic Odyssey inspired by the migration of the Arctic Tern - which takes place in St Peter's Church, Carronbridge Road, SN5 7ES on 20 Oct. 2013. It also raises awareness of the natural world and the threats it faces for schools and the general public. Information, stunning photographs and textile wall hangings.

Organiser: Kath Danswan : kath.danswan@tiscali.co.uk

Swindon Open Studios is on during the first 2 weekends in September.

Maggie Harris's studio is open again as featured at the end of the Swindon Advertiser feature and she would be delighted to see you and any of your friends.

http://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/10534045.Open_studios_extravaganza_promises_to_be_a_success/

<http://swindonopenstudios.yolasite.com/>

"Crossing Borders"

Work by Losing the Thread and Guests

6-21 Sept. 2013 : Mon - Sat 9.30am - 5pm

Strummer Pink Gallery, 2 Church Street, Beaminster, Dorset DT8 3AZ

Exhibition on 1st floor, access stairs. Details: 01308 863131

"Losing the Thread" exhibition at Strummer Gallery in Beaminster will also have Maggie Harris' work – it's a lovely gallery the exhibition is travelling back to Wantage Museum in November 2013.

Rings of Lace

Antique & Modern Lace

From Sat. 14 Sept. 2013 for 3 months :

Every day 10.30am – 4.30pm. Admission free.

An exciting collaboration between Bristol Lace Group & Athelstan Museum

Athelstan Museum, Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ

Details: 01666 829258 www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Canford Needlework Festival

Hamworthy Recreation Club, Magna Road, Wimborne BH21 3AP

22 Sept. 2013 ; 10.00am -5.00pm

An exciting event for all stitching enthusiasts. Many independent suppliers trading in a wide variety of beading, embroidery, knitting, patchwork, sewing, spinning, and textile materials.....& lots more.

Free Demonstrations and Exhibitions. Admission £2.50. Free Car Parking.

Carvery Lunches available. Tea, Coffee and Bar. Details:- fran@crumpetsfarm.com

KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW Alexandra Palace

M&DEG is organising a trip to the above event.

Date: **Thur. 10 October 2013**

Cost: £25.00 (incl. travel & entry)

Bookings will be taken as from the

2 September (at Branch meeting)

or via Susanne Stedman -

Email: susanne@sarsendv.co.uk

Tel: 01672 861658

SW REGION AGM - SAT. 19 OCTOBER AT BISHOP CORNISH SCHOOL, SALTASH

Full details, etc. provided in our July newsletter or on Notice Board

Please note the Region urgently require nominations for Treasurer, Secretary or Committee Member to be submitted by 1st Oct. Nomination forms available by Notice Board or Shirley.

Members wishing to attend the above AGM are requested to please advise and send a self addressed stamped envelope to Judith Woodman - 43 Langdale Close, Estover, Plymouth, PL6 8SP (**by end of September**) to enable the necessary tickets for lunch or just coffee and tea to be sent to you

If you have any interesting news items or any other information, which can be included in our monthly Newsletter, please pass details to Shirley. Also, please advise if you are unable to receive this via email.

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