



Embroiderers' Guild

MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2015

2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**7 Dec. CHRISTMAS LUNCH
(Bring & Share)
12.00 for 12.30pm**

followed by our SURPRISE Speaker

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

- 2 Nov. Meeting/Speaker: Meike Laurenson
"Me & My Hats"
- 9 Nov. Tutor Workshop : Susi Bancroft
"Inspired by Kantha".
- 17 Nov. Design to Stitch Course (2)
- 28 Nov. Y.E.
- 30 Nov. Stitch Day

2015/16 COMMITTEE

The following Committee Officers and Members have been re-elected:

Chairman : Committee to share
Secretary : Susanne Stedman
Treasurer : Stella Hall

Vernice Church
Chris Cook
Kay Francis
Maria Fraser
Christine Hill
Ros Lomas
Marion Rowland
Clare Russell
Ann Smith

Details of the Committee's "allocated jobs" will be advised in due course.

BRANCH AGM – MINUTES

The Minutes of our 2015 AGM, together with the relevant Reports and Accounts, are available for members to read in the AGM MINUTE BOOK by the Notice Board.

THANK YOU

Yvonne & Shirley wish to thank the Committee and Members for the beautiful bouquets presented to them when they stood down from their roles as Chairman and Secretary at our AGM last month. "Happy Smiley Faces" from them both!



The help given to each of them over the past years has always been very much appreciated and they have every confidence this support will continue for the new Committee. With our Ruby Anniversary celebrations next year – we can all look forward to a busy and challenging time ahead.

2016 BRANCH PROGRAMME

A draft copy is displayed on the Notice Board. A copy will be circulated via email and a printed copy available for members as from next month.

SUBSCRIPTIONS / ADDRESS LIST

Annual subs were due in September and are now 2 months overdue. If you have not already done so - kindly renew your membership **A.S.A.P.** which will also ensure you are included on our Members' Address List and receive a copy of this Newsletter.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

BRANCH NEWSLETTER : **After the end of next month if no-one takes over compiling the Newsletter, there won't be any more issues.** This provides information and is especially useful for members unable to attend regular meetings. There must be someone who would be prepared to "give it a go" – so please contact Susanne a.s.a.p.

BRANCH OUTINGS : With Susanne having been elected our new Secretary, we are also looking for someone to take over the Outings. **Unless someone volunteers, we may not be able to have any outings.** Anyone interested is requested to please contact Susanne a.s.a.p.

MULBERRY SILKS : SALES TABLE REMINDER

Patricia will be providing a Sales Table at this month's meeting. www.mulberrysilks-patriciawood.com
Tel: 01666 503438 Email: mulberrysilks@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If you are able to **Bring & Share** - please ensure you add your name and details of food on the clipboard list provided or advise a Committee member.

It would be appreciated if you could also provide a label to indicate contents for special diets/allergies and if possible include appropriate serving dishes and utensils.

JEAN PHILPOTT (Cheers to a lovely lady)

Members who knew Jean will be very sad to hear that she passed away very peacefully on 19 October. Although age 92 - she had been very lively and it had not been expected. Her cremation will be held in Ipswich, and it is planned her ashes will be brought to Devizes for interment at St James about the end of November to be with her sister Marjorie to whom she was very close.



Jean lived in Devizes and had moved to Diss in Suffolk to live with her god-daughter, Philippa, who had lived with Jean for much of her childhood and was like a daughter to her. For the last year or so, as she was suffering from dementia and needed specialist care, she had been in a home near to Philippa and was very contented there.

She was a Founder Member of our Branch, a past Chairman, a Committee Member and was responsible for running a well-stocked Library as well as all the numerous other things she was always willing to assist. Jean was made an Honorary Member of our Branch in 2009 in recognition and appreciation of all she had done over many years.

CAPABILITY BROWN

Information and details have been circulated to members. Please note Robina is now the lynch pin for this project and contact for all enquiries. Tel: 01380 728085 Email: robinaorchard@hotmail.co.uk

REMINDER re HQ MEMBERSHIP/BRANCHES CONSULTATION

Terry Murphy's letter and attachments regarding the above have already been emailed to members and copies made available by the Notice Board for those without this facility.

NB: The two feedback documents provided are required to be posted / emailed back to the Guild.

The Consultation is open until **22 January 2016** and thereafter, HQ will develop and publish final proposals to be the subject of a vote at the AGM in May 2016.

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

Please advise if you know of any forthcoming events throughout the year or a recommended shop.

THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECT

27 OCT - 8 NOV.2015 : 11am-4pm. The Bracknell Gallery / www.studio21textileart.co.uk/

LOSING THE THREAD

27 OCT-14 NOV 2015 : Tues - Sat. 10am to 4pm. Admission free

Sheep Shed Gallery, Fairground Craft & Design Centre, Weyhill, Hants SP11 0QN

Exhibition of new work that will include hand and machine embroidery and mixed media. Details: 01264 773838

NEWBURY BRANCH WORKSHOP

COCOON STRIPPING FOR A MEDIEVAL BOOK COVER WITH ISOBEL HALL

14 NOV.2015 : 10am to 4pm

St Francis de Sales Church Hall, off Warren Road, Newbury, RG14 6NH

Isobel is an experimental textile artist who has written 6 books on mixed media and textile design. She travels the world to teach and exhibit. Make and embellish stunning papers from silk cocoon fibres, for a medieval book cover or a clutch bag. Members £25 : Visitors £30 : Please bring a packed lunch

Details: 01635 200560 www.isobelhall.co.uk

MALMESBURY BRANCH TALK DIAMOND STITCHES (LECTURES/TALKS):

17 NOV.2015 : 7.30pm

Little Somerford Village Hall, Little Somerford, SN15 5JW

A fascinating talk about Anne's time as Artist-in-Residence at the UK's only synchrotron facility - a unique combination of textiles and science.

Members free : Non-members - £5.00. Details: r.vaughan56@btinternet.com

MALMESBURY BRANCH WORKSHOP CREWELWORK

21 NOV.2015 : 10am - 4pm

Little Somerford Village Hall, Little Somerford, SN15 5JW

Pat Trott's workshop will focus on crewelwork, traditionally worked on a close weave fabric with the effects achieved by using a variety of stitches including stem, chain, long, short and laid work among others.

£25 members : £30 non-members Refreshments provided. Please bring a contribution to a shared lunch.

Details: r.vaughan56@btinternet.com

ECLECTICA - AN EXHIBITION (EG MEMBER ORGANISED EVENT)

12 - 14 NOV.2015 : 10.30 am - 4pm each day

North Entrance, Frenchay Campus, Filton Road, Bristol. BS34 8QZ

Eclectica - a Midlands-based textile group - will be exhibiting at the West Country Quilt and Textile Show at the University of West of England Exhibition and Conference Centre. Details: www.westcountryquiltshow.co.uk