



Embroiderers' Guild

MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2014

*Wishing all our Members
a Very Happy & Healthy New Year*

2014 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 Feb. **Meeting/Speaker : Amanda Hislop**
“Land Lines, Drawn Lines, Stitched Lines”
10 Feb. Y.E.
18 Feb. Design to Stitch Court (4)
24 Feb. Stitch Day

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

8 Jan. **Meeting / Show & Tell :**
- Ros Lomas “Time to Learn”
13 Jan. WOW Day
21 Jan. Design to Stitch Course (3)
27 Jan. Stitch Day

2014 BRANCH PROGRAMME

Printed copies are available for Branch members to collect at meetings and details can also be downloaded from our website.

NB: The date of the SW Regional Festival Day at Salterton, Devon EX9 7BY has been changed (*due to 24 May being a Bank Hol.*) and is now to be held on **10 May**. **Please amend your copy of our Branch Programme.**

2014 JANUARY MEETING SHOW & TELL

Display tables will be provided at our January meeting.

If possible, all members are requested to please bring in any pieces of work (finished or otherwise) that they have done at any of our Design Courses, Workshops, WOW, etc.

Christmas Lunch

Many thanks to everyone who very kindly brought in food for us all to share – put together this provided a great banquet and obviously was very much enjoyed by everyone.

2014 EG SURVEY OF BRANCH MEMBERS

A copy of the above survey is attached to this newsletter from which you will see all members are requested to please complete and return. The closing date is 8 March and, if preferred, we will arrange to submit them on your behalf via the Branch (in sealed envelopes) – to be collected on or before our meeting on **3 March** (last date).

STITCH DAYS

With the preparations for last year's Festival Day over and done with – our Stitch Days are now back to normal and it would be nice to see more of our members attending. These days are very informal and friendly – tea & coffee is available but, if required, a packed lunch is recommended.

Many of us find it useful to get away from the distractions at home (*not to mention the dreaded housework*) and enjoy being able to just sit, stitch and chat, etc. Non-members are also welcome if you have a friend who would like to join you.

BRANCH EQUIPMENT

When required all equipment is available for members to use (FOC) on Stitch Days and at Workshops – please ensure it is securely packed away in the cupboard after use. When available an updated list will be displayed on the Notice Board.

Members wishing to hire any of the equipment (*to be collected and returned on a Stitch Day*) are required to please make a booking with the Equipment Sec. (Helen Lomax. Cost £5 per month.

WORKSHOP

Please see Vernice or Kay to make a booking for the next workshop on "Creative Stitched Textiles" with Wendy Dolan on **Tues. 4 March**. A list of requirements will be provided.

WORKSHOP ON THE WEB www.workshopontheweb.com

The next WOW Day is to be held on **Mon.13 January**. Participants are required to be registered members of Workshop on the Web which is a quarterly publication exclusive to the internet, featuring classes by the best tutors with step-by-step textile techniques and ideas, etc. Our sessions provide a great opportunity to get together with others and work on selected projects. The £5 cost also helps to cover any required materials and enables members to share without additional expenditure.

Further details are available from Kay - kayfrancis@busterspad.co.uk

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

MARLBOROUGH CRAFT AND GIFT MARKET

Sat.15 March 2014 - 10:00 till 16:00

at Marlborough Town Hall, The High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA

SALISBURY GUILDHALL CRAFT AND GIFT MARKETS

Sat. 22 March 2014 - 10:00 till 16:00

at The Market Place, Salisbury, SP1 1JH

THE BLANDFORD FASHION MUSEUM

Mid Feb - Sept. 2014 at Lime Tree House, The Plocks, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7AA

Open Mon., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. (closed Sun.)

Restricted wheelchair access

Tea Room & Shop

Details: 01258 453006

EG NATIONAL CONFERENCE & AGM

4 – 6 April 2014 at Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire (Nr. St. Neots)

Full details & booking info published in Contact.

2014 SOUTH WEST REGIONAL FESTIVAL DAY

(to be organised and hosted by Exeter & District Branch)

Sat. 10 May 2014 at Bicton College, East Budleigh, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 7BY

Competitions : Members - "Moors" (pieces to be no more than A4 in size)

Young Embroiderers' - "My Favourite Place" (pieces to be A5 postcard size)

Further details from : Lucy Jennison (Branch Sec) Email: lucy_jennison@yahoo.co.uk

Please advise Shirley if you know of any forthcoming events throughout the year.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

As previously mentioned - if it becomes necessary to cancel any meeting due to bad weather, if possible, we will endeavour to advise members by email and would appreciate you also passing on the info to others. Members without email are requested to please check with Yvonne, Shirley or Stella. (See contact details on back of Branch Programme)

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 wish to receive the Newsletter via email.
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