



Embroiderers' Guild

## MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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### NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2015

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

#### 2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 Feb. **Meeting/Speaker** : Sue Bancroft  
"Brunel Broderers"  
10 Feb. Y.E.  
17 Feb. Design to Stitch Course (4)  
23 Feb. Stitch Day

#### REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

5 Jan. **Meeting/Speaker** : Helen Thomas  
"Papers are textiles too"  
12 Jan. In-house Workshop : Christine Seager  
"Make a Rail Fence Quilt"  
20 Jan. Design to Stitch Course (3)

### Christmas Lunch

Again a very successful festive lunch - the food was obviously much enjoyed by all attendees as was our Surprise Speaker who kept us entertained.

Special thanks are extended to members for generously providing a great banquet of food for us all to share and also to everyone who kindly helped in the kitchen and with the packing/clearing up. Many hands making light work - which as always is very much appreciated.

#### **2015 BRANCH PROGRAMME**

If you do not as yet have one, printed copies are available for Branch members to collect at meetings. Details can also be downloaded from our website.

#### **WORKSHOPS**

12 Jan. "Make a Rail Fence Quilt" - Christine Seager  
3 Mar. "Creating Surfaces III" - Linda Monk

Please see Vernice or Kay to make a booking. A list of requirements will be provided.

**NB:** In-house Workshops are provided by tutors who are also Branch members and Tutor-led Workshops by outside tutors.

#### **MESSAGE FROM TERRY MURPHY, CEO EMBROIDERERS' GUILD** **Re: Calls for Nominations / Introduction to Proposed Changes to the Guild**

Although suggested that Terry's message be read out at our January meeting – it was decided it would be best forwarded to members via email with copies provided for non-email members. If you have any comments or questions please give/send them to Yvonne as soon as possible to enable her to pass them on to Terry before he publishes the full details. [ynmiles@btoopenworld.com](mailto:ynmiles@btoopenworld.com)

#### **PAT TESTING** (Portable Appliance Testing)

As mentioned last month, arrangements are being made for Branch equipment to be tested and it is hoped this can be organised for our February Stitch Day. Members wishing to have their own machines checked at the same time are requested to please contact Chris Cook a.s.a.p. for further information. Tel: 01249 653590 Email: [christinecooksemail@gmail.com](mailto:christinecooksemail@gmail.com)

## **“ASPECTS OF MARLBOROUGH” WALL HANGING**

Audrey Peck and Rosemary Hawes would like to thank all members of the Guild who helped with renovating the Wall Hanging. It is now back in George Lane Surgery, Marlborough. It looks very refreshed and already we have had favourable comments from patients waiting there. Members of the Guild, some new and some from the original team sewed the figures, the cars, etc. and Audrey, Rosemary, Ann Johnson, Margaret Gow and Margaret White met in each other's homes to finish the work. We were especially grateful to Margaret White because she was one of the members who did such wonderful work 15 years ago and she has an eye for what looks right. We would also like to thank Lexie Bray who provided lining material and her husband, Michael. There was a slight hiccup because, as one of the doctors pointed out, the old pole had sagged in the middle. Michael made up a new wooden one. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

The Branch would also like to extend appreciation to all concerned – certainly a job very well done.

## **BRANCH EQUIPMENT**

Members wishing to hire any of our equipment (*to be collected and returned on a Stitch Day*) are required to please make a booking with Chris Cook. Cost £5 per month.

## **40th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION : 21-26 April 2016**

Ideas and suggestions are requested as to a possible “theme” for this special occasion.

We also need to set up a Sub-Committee to organise the Exhibition – members willing and able to help are requested to please add their name to the list which is being provided.

## **WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE**

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

### **Craft4Crafters**

**Thur. 29 Jan – Sat. 31 Jan. 2015 Open 10am – 5pm each day**

Venue: Westpoint Arena, Exeter, EX5 1DJ Details: [www.craft4crafters.co.uk](http://www.craft4crafters.co.uk)

### **FABRIC OF NATURE (UK Exhibition):**

**31 Mar – 15 Apr. 2015 : Opening times 10am - 5pm.**

Venue : Nature in Art, Wallsworth Hall, Sandhurst Lane, Sandhurst, Gloucester, GL2 9PA

An exhibition of work from thirteen Gordano Textile Artists representing the diversity of both the natural world and of contemporary textile art.

**Demonstrations** : For details please check Nature in Art website [www.nature-in-art.org.uk/general.html](http://www.nature-in-art.org.uk/general.html)

**Admission charge** : Go to [www.nature-in-art.org.uk/general.html](http://www.nature-in-art.org.uk/general.html) Tel : 01452 731422

Café for light lunches and refreshments. Accessible for all.

### **EG AGM – “A Sustainable Future for the Embroiderers Guild”**

**Sat. 11 Apr. 2015 : Open 9.15am – 4.15pm**

Venue: Studio Theatre Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 3ND

See Programme & Booking form in Contact magazine (Issue 38)

*We look forward to seeing everyone soon  
and please don't forget your name badge.*

## **WINTER WEATHER REMINDER**

As previously mentioned - if it becomes necessary to cancel any meeting due to bad weather we will endeavour, if possible, 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 are willing to receive the Newsletter via email to help us cut the cost of printing. Tel: 01793 525517 or Email: [shirleywatson@btinternet.com](mailto:shirleywatson@btinternet.com)  
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