



Embroiderers' Guild

MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2015

2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2 Mar. **Meeting/Speaker** : Linda Monk
“ Creating Surfaces ”
3 Mar. **Workshop** : Linda Monk
“ Creating Surfaces III ”
17 Mar. Design to Stitch Course (5)
23 Mar. Stitch Day

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

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

REMINDER : ROAD CLOSURE

The Lockeridge Bridge over the river Kennet will be closed from the 19th January for 12 weeks. It is suggest that if approaching the KVH from the A4 from either direction, the best way will be to turn into West Overton at the Bell pub on the A4, follow the road into the village and turn left at the first junction and if you follow this road it will lead you out of West Overton via a number of sharp turns, up a hill and over the top down into Lockeridge, the Hall will be on your LEFT. There are other routes via East Kennet or Clatford but the roads are very narrow allowing only one car width except at passing places, so are not recommended, ditto the narrow lane that goes past West Overton church.

WORKSHOP

3 Mar. “Creating Surfaces III” - Linda Monk
Please see Vernice or Kay to make a booking. A list of requirements will be provided.

PUBLICITY

In order that we can publicise our Branch activities and events, members are requested to please let Ros know if they have a local parish magazine or something similar to enable it to be added to her contact list.

PAT TESTING (Portable Appliance Testing)

Chris will be checking costs for members' individual items to be tested, and also what would be the maximum number of items which could be looked at on the day.

BRANCH OUTINGS

Susanne Stedman is preparing a list of suggestions for possible outings this year and is planning to have questionnaires for members at the February meeting. From this we hope to be able to offer something in Spring/Summer and/or something in the Autumn.
This will be your chance to help Susanne organise something for everyone and at the best possible price.

2016 RUBY ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

Dates for our Exhibition are Friday 22nd April - Monday 25th April 2016.

Make a note in your diary!

Setting up will be on Thursday 21st and take-down will be Tuesday 26th.

More information to follow shortly.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact Ann Smith.

NB: A list will soon be sent out to members, asking for volunteers who would like to take part in the planning and organisation with the new exhibition team. All help will be very much appreciated.

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

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

STITCHING AFTERNOON

Fri. 20 Feb. 2015 : 2 - 5pm

Quaker Meeting House, 16 Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 7EB

Bring along any piece of hand stitching - embroidery, knitting, mending.

Tables and lights will be available. You can turn up and stay for as long as you wish.

Suggested contribution: £3. Tea and biscuits provided (perhaps even a cake!)

Please let Jane Bennett know if you plan to come.

Tel 01962 853707 (answer-phone available) or email janeb@knally.demon.co.uk

BRISTOL BRANCH EMBROIDERERS' GUILD EXHIBITION

February 20-22nd 2015 : Open: Fri.&Sat. 10am -5pm : Sun. 10am-4pm

Stoke Lodge Adult Education Centre, Shirehampton Road, Bristol, BS9 1BN

Admission £3. Light refreshments. Sales Table.

EmbroiderersGuildBristol@googlemail.com

THE SPRING KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW

5 - 8 March 2015

Olympia Central, London Details: www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com

FABRIC OF NATURE (UK Exhibition):

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

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

Admission charge : Go to 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

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

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

MOONRAKER QUILTERS

Sat. 12 Sept. 2015

Bromham Social Centre, Devizes, SN15 2JB

Speakers: Gail Lawther and Claire Passmore

Usual attractions, i.e. two traders, bring & buy, raffle, tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

Please make a note of the date – further details to follow

JANE LEMON (Report from EG)

We are very sad to report that Jane Lemon, one of Britain's most celebrated embroiderers, passed away on 6th January 2015.

Jane was an Honorary Member of the Embroiderers' Guild who had served for many years on the Executive Committee. Most recently she completed a set of three display hangings to promote the Embroiderers' Guild at shows and exhibitions.

After years of experience as a costume designer for BBC Television and in the theatre, in 1978 Jane co-founded and was Chairman of the Sarum Group at Salisbury, particularly noted for the design and working of ecclesiastical embroidery. After spending several years developing and teaching the art of embroidered box making, she achieved her ambition of working entirely in ecclesiastical embroidery. Her designs may be seen in the Cathedrals of St Albans, Exeter, Salisbury and Wells, Bath and Sherborne Abbeys and other churches around the UK as well as two venues in the USA. She was also President of West Country Embroiderers until a year ago.

Jane also worked with The Royal School of Needlework at Hampton Court Palace on her designs for the altar frontals for Wells Cathedral. In 2004 Jane was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire for her services to needlework. She commanded the respect of all those who were fortunate enough to know her and her work.

Her funeral will be held on 6th February 2015 in Horsham.

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
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