



Embroiderers' Guild

MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2014

2014 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4-6 Apr. EG AGM (Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire)
7 Apr. PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH - 12.30 for 1pm
(plus demos, etc.)
14 Apr. WOW Day
15 Apr. Y.E.
22 Apr. Design to Stitch (6)
28 Apr. Stitch Day

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

3 Mar. **Meeting / Speaker : Wendy Dolan**
“ Creative Stitched Textiles ”
4 Mar. Workshop : Wendy Dolan
“ Architectural Textiles ”
18 Mar. Design to Stitch Course (5)
31 Mar. Stitch Day

2014 EG SURVEY OF BRANCH MEMBERS

REMINDER: The closing date is 8 March and, if required, 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). **Collection tray near notice board.**

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH : £5.00 p.p. **7 April – 12.30 for 1.00pm**

We hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend this social occasion. To ensure we obtain sufficient food, please don't forget to enter your name on the list (indicating your preferred choice of Cheese or Ham) and put your £5 in the envelope provided.

During the afternoon it is hoped we will be able to have as many demos as possible - offers to provide or Show & Tell will be gratefully received by either Shirley or Yvonne.

WORKSHOP : TUES. 4 MARCH

Please contact or see Vernice a.s.a.p. to book a place for this month's workshop "Architectural Textiles" with Wendy Dolan.

BRANCH EQUIPMENT

In Helen's absence through illness **we are in urgent need** for someone to manage the machines owned by the Branch – preferably a member who also attends Stitch Days so that they can be loaned out at both meetings and checked for needles etc. If you are able to help – please contact Yvonne.

These machines (which have been serviced/PAT tested) are available for members to use on Stitch Days (foc) and can also be hired on a monthly basis. An updated list will be available in due course.

DRAWING GROUP

A second group for Creative Sketchbooks has now been formed and the first meeting is on 17th March at Maggie's house in Blunsdon. If you are interested in a place (space is limited) please let her know a.s.a.p.

If you would like further information.... then please chat to Maggie or send an email enquiry. margaret.harris@btinternet.com

TRAVELLING BOOKS

Members interested in taking part in this Branch activity are requested to please speak to either Susanne or Kathy or Lindsey who will be happy to provide details, etc.

DR'S SURGERY WALLHANGING

This hanging was originally produced by members of our Branch and is now in need of renovation. Margaret Heath has been asked to advise on this project and Rosemary Hawes will be the curator. The refurbishing work is to be carried out on Stitch Days and Rosemary has said she could possibly have small groups working on it at her house on other days as well. All materials used to be provided. Members willing and able to assist are requested to please contact Rosemary direct.

CHARITY SALE

Members will be pleased to know that the wool tops generously donated by an ex-member raised almost £100 which has been sent to the **Naomi House Children's Hospice.**

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

SPRING KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW

The definitive event for anyone with a love of stitch and crafts, supplies, workshops and textile art

13-16 March 2014

Olympia, London

Details: www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/spring Tel: 0844 848 0159

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

Speakers : **Maggie Grey** in the morning with the Madeira lecture/**Jane Hall** in the afternoon.

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

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

The tickets are £28 each to include tea/coffee on arrival, a two course lunch and tea/coffee and cake in the afternoon. The food choices are beef lasagne or vegetarian lasagne with a large selection of salad accompaniments followed by fruit crumble and custard. The chef has also said he can cater for coeliac diets as well. Having eaten there before I can recommend all of the above as he's a super cook and they source as much as possible from their own veg gardens and farms.

There is plenty of parking for cars and for coaches and Bicton College is a beautiful venue.

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

www.bicton.ac.uk/getting-her

CUSTOMS AND CRAFTS

3 April - 1 June 2014

An exploration in stitch by **Great Western Embroiderers**

Lydiard House, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon SN5 3PA

This is Great Western Embroiderers' third exhibition at Lydiard displaying textiles and stitch within the staterooms. Also featuring the Kingsdown Woodcarvers.

Charges for entry to the house apply.

Details: Tel: 01793 466664 Email: lydiardpark@swindon.gov.uk

ARTIST TEXTILES Picasso to Warhol

Fashion and Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF

31 Jan-17 May 2014 Tues - Sat. 11am – 6pm : Thur. until 8pm

Last admission 45 minutes before closing. Closed Sunday and Monday

Tickets - £8.80 adults : £6.60 concession : £5.50 students May be purchased on the day.

This exhibition traces the history of 20th century art in textiles. Highlights include work by Georges Braque, Alexander Calder, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Sonia Delaunay, Raoul Dufy, Barbara Hepworth, Fernand Léger, Henri Matisse, Joan Miró, Henry Moore, Pablo Picasso, Ben Nicholson and Andy Warhol.

The exhibition features examples of key European and American art movements: Fauvism, Cubism, Constructivism, Abstraction, Surrealism and Pop Art; as well as the work of leading fashion designers and manufacturers. Artist Textiles shows how ordinary people were once able to engage with modern art in a personal and intimate way through their clothing and home furnishings. With over 200 rare pieces, many of which have not been on public display before. Details: 020 7407 8664 Email: info@ftmlondon.org

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

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Tom will be visiting us on **Mon. 24 February** (Stitch Day) at 2.00pm - to demonstrate machines and answer questions. Everyone invited to attend.

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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