



Embroiderers' Guild

## MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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### NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2015

#### 2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 May Spring Bank Hol.  
11 May **Meeting/Speaker** : Helen Deighan  
"Going Potty"  
12 May **Tutor-led Workshop** :  
Helen Deighan "Coiled Pots"  
18 May Stitch Day  
26 May Y.E.

#### REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

7 Apr. Y.E.  
11 Apr. E.G. AGM (Birmingham)  
13 Apr. **PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH** (plus  
displays/demos/sales,etc)  
20 Apr. **In-house Workshop** : Robina Orchard  
"Goldwork for Beginners"  
21 Apr. Design to Stitch Course (6)  
27 Apr. Stitch Day

#### **PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH : 13 April - 12.00 for 12.30pm**

Cost is £5 per person – please contact Yvonne if you wish to attend and have not already added your name to the list.

**BRING & BUY SALES TABLE:** Any items (embroidery / equipment) you are willing to donate will be much appreciated but, as we do not have storage space, all unsold items must be taken away after the meeting.

#### **TUTOR-LED WORKSHOP : 12 May - "Coiled Pots" - Helen Deighan**

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

#### **BRANCH COMMITTEE**

Unfortunately, we still do not have anyone offering to take on either of the Chairman or Secretary positions.

It is realised there could always be difficulty "stepping into other's footsteps" but every help and assistance will be given for as long as required. Anyone interested would be very welcome to attend current Committee Meetings to get an idea of what is involved.

All members are therefore requested to please give Yvonne's recent email appeal **urgent** consideration.

#### **EG'S MEMBERS' CHALLENGE 2014/2015**

The 2014/2015 Members' Challenge was judged at Embroiderers' Guild House on 26 February 2015. The judges were Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn, Joint Presidents of the Embroiderers' Guild, Anthea Godfrey former Chairman of the EG and Annette Collinge, Curator of the EG Collection.

We congratulate two of our members :-

**Ann Kingdon** on being Highly Commended for her entry "Leaping Carp" in the Valerie Campbell-Harding Award for machine stitching. The judges' comments read "The carp leaps out of the swirling water in a very realistic way - good use of machine embroidery and colour".

The other piece on show was by **Lindsay Sherwood**. Her embroidery entitled Morning Dew, shows a delicately stitched and beaded Queen Ann's Lace flower.

See posting on our blog <http://www.marlbroughembroiderers.org/our-blog> and the EG website.

#### **MESSAGE FROM YVONNE**

I gather from the KVH management that following our Workshops/Stitch Days etc, and despite our efforts to sweep the floor, threads and sometimes even pins have been found on the floor the following day by the cleaner. Some threads seem to be caught up and need to be removed by hand.

This is a real worry when young children or other classes use the hall after us and I have promised that we will make a greater effort to remove all the offending bits. If possible, perhaps use pins with coloured heads which are easier to spot.

Can I ask every member to please check all areas around them when they finish a day's stitching etc., and ensure that the floor is swept and checked very carefully before leaving at the end of every session. We each have to take responsibility for this and it should not be left to either the Tutor or Organiser of the day to do it. Please note - we have also been asked to use the Main Front Entrance rather than the kitchen door for hygiene reasons. I know you will all do your best. Thank you, Yvonne.

#### **2016 RUBY ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION : CHALLENGE**

Details will be announced and displayed at the Ploughman's.

## WANTED/REQUIRED

**Textile Restoration** Christine Seager is asking if we have anyone in the Branch who is an expert at textile restoration. If you can help or want to know more – please contact her direct.

**Rubber Mats** We are in need of some rubber backed mats for us to use over cables in the hall. If you have any old ones to spare – please could you bring them in to give to Ros Lomas.

**Buttons** Our Young Embroiderers require some buttons - any sort but preferably not too big. Please give to Christine Hill.

## THANK YOU

It was a lovely surprise to receive the beautiful arrangement of daffodil plants and card which were personally delivered to me by Yvonne on behalf of the Branch. Sadly the outcome for my dear son (suffering from Malignant Melanoma cancer) is not good and it is at difficult times like this that one really appreciates having such caring and thoughtful friends. I am hoping to attend meetings when possible but obviously needing to be with my family and take each day as it comes. Thank you so much. SHIRLEY

## WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

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

### FABRIC OF NATURE

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

**31 Mar - 12 Apr 2015 : 10am -5pm**

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)

For Admission charge go to Tel : 01452 731422 Café for light lunches and refreshments. Accessible for all

### TALKING THREADS EXHIBITION

at West Ox Arts Gallery, Market Square, Bampton OX18 2JH

**4 – 26 April 2015 : 10.30-4.30pm Tues to Sat : 2.00-4.00pm Sun.** ADMISSION : Free

An exhibition of new work that will include hand and machine embroidery and mixed media, showing the diverse approaches of the eight artists. The artists are: Gill Banks, Margaret Charlton, Mair Edwards, Maureen Ergeneli, Ticia Lever, Jane O'Brien, Jane Treavis and Polly Woolstone

Details: [www.gallery@westoxarts.com](mailto:gallery@westoxarts.com)

### E.A.S.T. BETWEEN THE LINES

at Corinium Museum, Park St, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 2BX

**21 March -19 April 2015 : Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm Sunday, 2 - 4pm**

13 textile artists respond to the centenary of WW1. Details: Tel: 01285 655611

### RETROSPECTIVE MEDLEY

at Cotswold Craftsmen Gallery, Market Street, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, GL6 0BX

**28 April – 23 May 2015**

Bath Textile Artists exhibition

The ten members of this diverse group will show a selection of previously exhibited works, a kaleidoscope of different styles, themes and processes. All work is for sale.

For information about the exhibition contact - Heather Martin Tel. 01666 840375

Details: [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com)

## ADVANCE NOTICE re 2016 SW REGION FESTIVAL DAY

Hello Everyone,

This is just to let you know that the Cornwall Branch will be holding the Festival at the Pavilion, Royal Cornwall Showground at Wadebridge on **9th April 2016**.

We hope that you can keep this date free so that you can all come. We realise that it is a long way for everyone to travel but we are hoping that members will look on it as a mini break and visit Cornwall, Padstow is only 8 miles, Eden Project, Llanhydrock, and many more places right on our doorstep. Road access and parking is good and there are plenty of bed & breakfast, camping sites, etc in the area.

See flyer to be provided and if you need any more information then do contact me.

Kind regard, Hazel Matthews, Hon Secretary Cornwall

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