



# Embroiderers' Guild

## MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

### NEWSLETTER – MAY 2012

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9 June Y.E.
- 11 June Meeting/Speaker : Sally Sparks & Viv Young "Miao Textilers Today"
- 18 June STITCH DAY \*\*\*
- 19 June Branch Workshop

\*\*\*NB: Our **STITCH DAY** (scheduled for 25 June) has been **changed to 18 June** to enable the local school to use the Hall and join in the International Sports Day.

#### REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

- 14 May OPEN MEETING**  
with Annette Emms  
"Gargoyles, Ghosts & Gravestones"  
Retail Therapy :  
Provided by Mulberry Silks
- 15 May Branch Workshop
- 21/22 May Workshop (2 days) with Richard Box "Drawing for the Terrified – Part 1"
- 28 May Stitch Day

#### H.M. THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT SALISBURY : TUE. 1 MAY 2012



Thank you all for asking how the day went. The weather was awful for the morning but the sun came out and it was a lovely day when the Royal Party did their tour of the tents. As I suspected we got the Duke, because we had a Carriage Driving Group on display with our Area, and he had a good look round at everything except our work and the Kennet River people.

However, those who did come into the tent studied the picture of our KV Embroidery, wanting to know how they could get to see it in the flesh and were most impressed with the work. Unfortunately, the tent colour was pretty dreadful for showing in and it was very tight for space, ("John's" bar taking up much of it) but we managed to get a representative range of beautiful things for people to see. The Queen looked lovely in her fuschia pink and was very smiley and sweet with the children. The Duke is fantastic at 90 but even Dukes get drips on the ends of their noses!

Everything has now been packed away and will be brought to the Guild day for collection – if you are unable to do this yourself please arrange for someone to pick up on your behalf.

It was a real honour to have been allowed to take part and it won't ever happen again so in spite of all the hassle and grumbles we did feel we had had a rather special day. MARGARET

*The Branch wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation to Margaret, Helen and Chris for all their hard work and to congratulate them on a job very well done.*

#### 2012 BRANCH OUTING

The following arrangements are being made to visit the Forge Mill Needle Museum and Jinney Ring Craft Centre at Redditch on **MONDAY 6 AUGUST** :-

- 08.00am** Dep. KVH, Lockeridge (via Barnes Coach)
  - 08.30am** Dep. Sainsbury's, Oxford Rd., Swindon
  - 08.45am** Pick-up at the Beeches in Cirencester (*to be arranged if required*)
  - 10-10.15am** Arr. Needle Museum, Redditch
- Tea/coffee and cakes included on arrival (*if possible Gluten free will also be requested*) with tours of the Museum and Bordesley Abbey, also time to visit the Samurai Exhibition and the Shop.
- 12.30pm** Travel (*about 20 mins*) to the Jinney Ring Craft Centre where they have a restaurant (light lunches, soup etc as well as full meals) before visiting the various craft areas etc.
  - 4- 4.30pm** Dep. Craft Centre for return journey.

A clipboard list is available for names and also required pick up points.

COST: Members £20.00 : Non-members £23.00 : Deposit £5.00 (**REQ'D THIS MONTH PLEASE**)

## FESTIVAL OF QUILTS at NEC : 16-19 AUGUST

The advance Entry tickets at £10 p.p. (for use on any one day of the Exhibition) have now been received and available for payment & collection from Marion or Shirley.  
A few spares tickets are also available.

## THREADS / NEEDLES FOR SALE

Our Branch has received a supply of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century threads and needles (*which will certainly bring back memories for some*). They will be on sale at our next meeting and the family have requested the sale proceeds be donated to Cancer Research. Information Sheet available on Notice Board.

## 2012 FESTIVAL DAY

This year's Festival Day hosted by Stroud EG was a great success and much enjoyed by all attendees. Photos are now on their website [www.stroudinstitches.co.uk](http://www.stroudinstitches.co.uk) which can also be accessed via the EG website.

## WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

**“Traditions” - Exhibition by Great Western Embroiderers** (Swindon Group of West Country Embroiderers)  
Lydiard House & Park, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, SN5 3PA  
**29 March – 10 June 2012 (Meet the Artists Day 10 April)** House open 11am-5pm Tues - Sun.  
Admission charges apply. Details 017893 770401 [www.lydiardpark.org.uk](http://www.lydiardpark.org.uk)

Highcliffe Castle, Rothesay Drive, Highcliffe, Christchurch BH23 4LE  
**4U2Touch** A mixed media tactile Exhibition by members of CADArts  
**18 April - 27 May 2012:** 10am - 4 pm. Admission £3. Details 01202 428004 [www.cadarts.com](http://www.cadarts.com)

**Broughton Gifford Piecemakers invite you to their Open Meeting with speaker Alicia Merrett**  
**“From womens' work to womens' art”**  
**Mon. 21 May - 7:30pm : Non-members £5 entry**  
at Broughton Gifford Village Hall, The Street, Broughton Gifford, Melksham, SN12 8PN  
A slide talk looking at the world of patchwork and quilting from the early historical and functional uses to current art pieces coming from America, Britain and Europe. See [www.aliciamerrett.co.uk](http://www.aliciamerrett.co.uk)

**“Curiously Enough” - An Exhibition by the Brunel Broderers**  
at Ruskin Mill College, Horsley, Glos. GL6 0PL  
**2 June - 14 June 2012 :** Open Mon.-Sat. 10am-5pm  
Details: [www.brunelbroderers.co.uk](http://www.brunelbroderers.co.uk) [brunelbroderers.blogspot.com](http://brunelbroderers.blogspot.com) [www.rmt.org](http://www.rmt.org)

**“A Touch of Silver” – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition by the Frome & District EG**  
At Rook Lane Chapel, Frome, BNA11 1DN  
**19-30 June 2012 :** 10am-4pm (not open Sun or Mon)  
Details: Pam [pam.cooper6@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pam.cooper6@blueyonder.co.uk) or Daphe Tel.01373 830612

**Textile Bazaar** (Lovely World Textiles for Sale)  
at Hellens Manor, Much Marcle, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2LY  
**Wed. 27 June 11am-7pm and Thur. 28 June 10am-5pm.**  
Creative Mini Workshop with ArtVanGo “Colour n Stuff” : £6 p.p. to incl. all materials  
Lecture by Martin Conlan of Slow Loris Textiles (Wed. 27 at tpm)  
“Burnished & Beaten: Spiritual Indigo Cloth  
Tickets for both the above on 01531 828664 Email: [bailey@baileycurtis.com](mailto:bailey@baileycurtis.com) [ww.hellensmanor.com](http://ww.hellensmanor.com)

## HELP REQUIRED PLEASE

**Kennet Valley Hall** Brian Rayment, KVH Chairman, is currently looking for a Minutes Secretary to attend one meeting every two months and then type up the resulting Minutes. If anyone can help or knows someone who might be interested in performing this small but vital role within the Hall's management team, Brian would very much appreciate hearing from you.  
Tel: 01672 861513 or Email: [Brianrayment@aol.com](mailto:Brianrayment@aol.com)

**St. James Church, Avebury** The Church Warden is asking if any of our members would be able to do a repair to an Alter Frontal. If you are able to help – please contact Maureen Dixon.  
Tel: 01672 539690.

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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