



Embroiderers' Guild

## MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

[www.marlbroughembroiderers.org](http://www.marlbroughembroiderers.org)

### NEWSLETTER – MAY 2014

#### 2014 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**2 Jun Branch Open Day**  
Meeting/Speaker: Jae Maries  
"Jae's Journey & Development"  
**3 Jun Extra WORKSHOP** : Amanda Hislop  
"Layers in Land and Seascapes"  
9 Jun WOW  
30 Jun Stitch Day

#### REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

12 May Meeting/Speaker – Tiggy Rawlings  
"Travel & Textiles"  
13 May Workshop **CANCELLED**  
10 May SW REG. FESTIVAL DAY  
19 May Stitch Day  
20 May Branch Workshop "Overlocker"  
27 May Y.E.

#### **PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH**

From the many comments and thanks received it seems that our annual Ploughman's Lunch was enjoyed by all. The food was delicious - there was plenty of everything and the tables laid with cloths and flowers were welcoming. Around the room the demonstrations of our various items of equipment (the new sewing machine, embellisher, smocking machine etc.) and the various displays of work-in-progress - Design to Stitch group, Maggie's art group, Judy's beads and bead making samples, and the ongoing refurbishment of the Marlborough Surgery embroidery as well as signing in for workshops and our outing to Art in Action, and of course our regular but 'slightly different' raffle, all created opportunities for members to chat with friends and even make new ones.

The Committee worked hard all day but were greatly helped by members who undertook some of the more mundane tasks of clearing up, washing dishes and putting chairs and tables back into their racks. Thank you everyone.

We were also visited by Tony Millett from [www.marlbroughnewsonline.co.uk](http://www.marlbroughnewsonline.co.uk) who chatted with many members, took photos of work and people, and is planning an article about us.

\*\*\* This article is now up on the site :

<http://www.marlbroughnewsonline.co.uk/features/general/2874-to-see-embroidery-morphing-into-textile-art-check-out-marlbrough-s-embroiderers-guild> Copy also on Notice Board.

#### **BRANCH OUTING : ART IN ACTION**

There are slight changes to the pricing for the tickets for the outing to 'Art in Action' on **THURSDAY 17th JULY**. Please note Branch members will be charged £20, and non members £25. The price includes the entrance ticket as well as the coach - £10 deposit is required to ensure a place on the coach. Friends and family are very welcome.

The coach will pick up from Hungerford at 8.30am, Lockeridge at 9.00am and Sainsbury's, Oxford Rd., Swindon at 9.30am. There are still places available, contact Susanne Stedman on 01672 861658 or [sastedman@sarsendv.co.uk](mailto:sastedman@sarsendv.co.uk)

For full information regarding "The best in Visual Arts for demonstrations, exhibitions and traders etc in lovely surroundings" visit [www.artinaction.org.uk](http://www.artinaction.org.uk)

#### **WORKSHOPS**

Please see Vernice or Kay to book a place for the following workshops :-

**20 May** "Overlocker" (Ann Kingdon) and **3 June** "Layers in Land and Seascapes" (Amanda Hislop)

#### **BRANCH EQUIPMENT**

We are pleased to advise that we have had a generous donation of two brand new irons. Members are requested to please use these for 'CLEAN WORK ONLY'. The two dirty irons have also now been cleaned up for continued potentially 'MESSY USE'.

## AVEBURY MANOR

The following message from Cathrien Vanhak (National Trust) re Avebury Manor is self explanatory. It would be appreciated if you could please let Shirley know if you are able to help.

*" A few years ago, the Marlborough embroiderers helped with the BBC project The Manor Reborn, at Avebury Manor. I think one of your members, Dale Armitage, created a gold work embroidery for the Queen Anne closet, and some other members helped with making peacock eyes for the bedspread in the Tudor Bedroom. This year in September and October, we would like to put together an exhibition showcasing the various crafts people involved in the project. We would like to show our visitors the skill involved in designing and creating the objects in the manor.*

*It would be great if we could show some of the designs, drawings, half-finished items or trials, and materials needed to create it as well as showing the historic inspiration behind the new items. I have contacted The Royal School of Needlework and they don't have any of the peacock designs - the person who worked there during the project has left, and the new person has found some photos of people working on them, but not the design. Do any of the people from the Embroiderers' Guild who worked on the project have any of the designs still? Kind regards Cathrien "*

## SW REGION

The following message from Ann Hampton (Chairman - SW Region) is self explanatory. Members able to attend the meeting on **1 June** are requested to please advise Chris Cook as soon as possible to enable her to respond to Ann by mid-May.

*" Please could you remind your branches about the meeting at Whitminster on 1st June. The meeting will start at 1.30pm. Details of how to get there are on line look up Whitminster Village Hall, tea, coffee and cakes will be available on arrival. Terry (CE) will be telling us what has been done by the Guild and what the aims are for the next year. It also gives people a chance to ask questions. I need to know numbers by mid May. Ann "*

## BRANCH WEBSITE

Please remember to look at - and even use - our website on [marlboroughembroiderers.org](http://marlboroughembroiderers.org) Ros' blogs are brilliant and there are lots of other things to see as well.

## WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

### CUSTOMS AND CRAFTS

**3 Apr - 1 Jun. 2014 : Open 11.00am - 5.00pm (closed Mondays)**

at Lydiard House, Lydiard Tregoze, Swindon, Wilts. SN5 3PA Charges for entry to the house apply.

Great Western Embroiderers' 3rd exhibition at Lydiard displaying textiles and stitch

within the staterooms. Also featuring the Kingsdown Woodcarvers. Details: 01793 466 664

### TEXTILE EXPRESSIONS (UK Exhibition)

**20 May – 31 May 2014 : Mon – Fri. 9.30am – 4.30am Sat. 9.30am – 2.30pm**

Textile Expressions has embroiderers, mixed media artists and Quilters in their exhibiting group.

Ilminster Arts Centre, East Street, Somerset, TA19 0AN.

### An Exhibition of TEXTILES and EMBROIDERY (EG Branch Event part of Dorset Arts Week)

**24 May - 8 Jun.2014 : 10.00am – 4.00pm.** There are disabled access and facilities.

The Blackmore Vale Embroiderers' Guild present "An Exhibition of Textiles and Embroidery"

at Bishops Caundle Village Hall, Holt Lane, Bishops Caundle, Dorset DT9 5ND (on the A3030 between Sherborne and Sturminster Newton) Embroidery and Textiles for sale. There will be light Refreshments for sale.

### "EDGE REVISITED" (an exhibition of Textiles and Embroidery)

**Mon., 12 May – Thur. 22 May 2014: 10.00am – 5.00pm**

at Wimbourne Model Town, 16 Kinhg Street, Wimbourne, Dorset, BH21 0DY Details: 01202 881924

### JUST LOVE TO STITCH (West Country Embroiderers)

**12 – 23 June 2014 : 10.30am - 3.45pm**

An exhibition of traditional and contemporary embroidery and textiles.

at The Gallery Upstairs, Upton Country Park, Poole, BH17 7BJ

Competition, Sales Table, Cafe. Admission free. Parking free.

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

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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