



MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2015

2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 Oct. **BRANCH AGM** / Speaker: Alison Lister
 "Textile Conservation"
 12 Oct. Tutor-led Workshop: Caroline Marriott
 "Bangles & Beads"
 17 Oct. **S.W.REG. AGM (Bristol)**
 20 Oct. Design to Stitch Course (1)
 26 Oct. Stitch Day
 27 Oct. Y.E.

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

7 Sept. Meeting/Speaker : Carol Naylor
 "Crossing Boundaries"
 8 Sept. Tutor-led Workshop : Carol Naylor
 "Machine Embroidery - Night & Day"
 28 Sept. Stitch Day

2015/16 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS/FEEES

Membership renewals are due as from September - please make cheques payable to MDEG.

HQ	£30.00
Branch	£20.00
Total	£50.00

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 5 OCT. 2015

Nominations forms have already been circulated. Any members interested in joining the Committee are requested to complete a nomination form and return it to the Secretary at our meeting on **7 September** or via email / post by **21 September**.

Notice of any AOB items for the Agenda must be given to the Secretary by 28 September.

(NB: Susan Stedman has now been co-opted as Secretary)

EG CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Received from Terry Murphy)

Details have been emailed to members and are available on the Notice Board – the closing date for nominations is **12 October 2015**.

WORKSHOPS / STITCH COURSE

TUTOR-LED WORKSHOP : 8 September

"Machine Embroidery – Night & Day" - Tutor: Carol Naylor

TUTOR-LED WORKSHOP : 12 October

"Bangles and Beads" – Tutor: Caroline Marriott

DESIGN TO STITCH COURSE : October – April

Six-month course for members (all levels of experience) - Tutor: Chris Cook

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

BRANCH OUTINGS

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

We extend thanks to Susanne for kindly organising our recent trip to the Festival of Quilts at the NEC in Birmingham. Everyone had a great time and obviously come away with lots of "must-have" goodies. We also congratulate **Christine Seager**, one of our members, who for the second year in succession had a quilt displayed on the Contemporary Quilt Stand – certainly a great achievement.

KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW – ALEXANDRA PALACE

The preferred date for our next outing is **Wed. 7 October** which we will be going with **IF** we can get a few more takers to make it viable. Are there any more people out there who would like to come?

Details as follows:- Cost: Members £33 / Non members £38

Pick-ups: 8.00am from Sainsbury's, Oxford Rd, Swindon
 8.30am from Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge

Friends and relatives are always very welcome. Please let Susanne know ASAP to enable her to book a coach. Email: sastedman@sarsendv.co.uk Tel: 01672 861658

CAPABILITY BROWN PROJECT

At present we still have no details about the CB project at Bowood – this will be passed on if and when received.

40TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

Among our membership we know there has been and is some wonderful work going on in all areas of stitch, design, etc., and that all members would love to have the chance to see. We hope to have much of this work on show for our Anniversary Celebration next April, so look out for further information from Ann Smith (Team Leader).



THANK YOU MESSAGE

I would like to thank everyone who kindly sent condolence cards and messages following the death of my dear son Paul - who sadly had been suffering from Malignant Melanoma cancer for the past two years. Needless to say this has deeply affected all our family especially as we have already lost our other son with Leukaemia and also a baby daughter due to a bad heart when she was 4 months old. I have therefore now decided to stand-down from the Committee to enable me to spend more time with Paul's wife, daughter and son and also my husband and family to hopefully help us all come to terms with our loss. It is however my intention to remain a Branch member and I will look forward to attending as often as I am able and to be among so many good friends. Kind regards, **SHIRLEY**

NB: My son always wanted to make people aware and understand the dangers re moles/skin cancer and he encouraged everyone to have any suspicious moles checked without delay. The one mole he had removed in 1997 was given the all clear after 5 years – but without his knowing it spread to his internal organs 16 years later. Until then he had always been very fit and active and only went to his doctor because he had a pain in his chest. After various scans, etc. it was sadly too late to be cured - apart from his agreeing to test Early Trial drugs which thankfully gave him another two years.

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

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

MOONRAKER QUILTERS' AREA DAY

at Bromham Social Centre, New Road, Bromham, Wilts. SN15 2JB

Sat. 12 Sept. 2015 : Doors open 10am – programme commenced 10.45am.

Speakers: Gail Lawther "Glimpses of Britain" & Claire Passmoree "Stories in Stitch"

Show & Tell, Traders, Bring & Buy, Raffle, Tea, coffee & home-made cakes – bring own lunch

Ticket only event: £10 for Quilters' Guild members, £15 for non-members (*completed booking form required*)

Details: Janet Price - Tel: 01380 728687 Email: kenandjan.price@tiscali.co.uk

EXHIBITION BY YVONNE MORTON

at Highcliffe Castle, Rothesay Drive, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 4LE

16 Sept - 1 Nov. 2015 : Daily 11am - 4.30pm (Admission charge)

Exhibition by Yvonne Morton, fibre artist, contemporary stitched **textiles**

STUDIO 21 THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECT (EG Member Organised Event)

at The Bracknell Gallery, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Ringmead, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 7PA

27 Oct - 7 Nov. 2015 : 11am-6pm / 8 Nov. 11am – 4pm : Admission Free

Studio 21 members explore all aspects of the sewing machine from sewing machine mechanics, decoration and operation, to personal and social histories. Each member has produced a comprehensive body of work that reflects their interest in this transformational machine. Contact : Tel: 0134 448412

EG SW REGION AGM will be on **Sat 17 Oct. 2015** at Cleeve Village Hall, Cleeve Hill Road, Cleeve, Bristol, BS 49 4PH. Free Parking. Contact : Sally Wilkinson embroiderersguildbristol@googlemail.com

2016 SW REGION FESTIVAL DAY

The Cornwall Branch will be holding the Festival at the Pavilion, Royal Cornwall Showground at Wadebridge, Cornwall, PL27 7JL on **9 April 2016**. A copy of the poster with details has already been circulated and is also available on our Notice Board. Please note the original cost of £29.50 has now been reduced to **£25.00 (incls. picnic style lunch, tea, coffee & cakes)**.

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

A copy is also available on our website. www.marlbroughembroiderers.org