



Embroiderers' Guild

MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – JULY 2016

*Welcome to all our Members and Guests.
Happy reading and a very enjoyable Summer break*

Reminders for this month

- JULY 4th** Speaker: Lisa Early
'The Nature of Mending' project and **'Paul Nash Piece'** (purchased by HQ)
- JULY 25th** Stitch Day
- JULY 26th** Young Embroiderers' Meeting **Cancelled**

Dates for September and August

- SEPT 5th** Speaker Isabelle Jourdan
"Wild Woman Weaving".
- SEPT 6th** Tutor-led workshop: Isabelle Jourdan
"Frame tapestry weaving for beginners"
- SEPT 26th** Stitch Day
- AUG 15th** Young embroiderers

September speaker and tutor-led workshop

Isabelle Jourdan is a professional, self employed coach and mentor in personal development and performance. In her work she is passionate about creative expression. This stems from her own childhood experiences of being told, and believing for most of her life, that she lacked creativity and therefore could never be an artist. It is only within the past 5 years, after a chance encounter, that she finally found her own personal creativity in tapestry weaving. Isabelle is so passionate about her craft that she uses it as a meditation as well as a symbol of her own personal journey. In her talk she will help us to explore our own personal beliefs about creativity and to unlock the innate creative skills within each of us. In the one day workshop she will teach us the technique of frame weaving, show us some of the basic tapestry patterns, how to remove the piece from the frame and finally how to give it the perfect finish. Frame weaving has lots of potential for practical uses as well as being wonderfully therapeutic. Why not have a go! If interested please sign up at the July meeting.

Avebury Day



Saturday 10th September 1.45pm-5.30pm
Sportsfield, Beckhampton Rd, Avebury

The Marlborough and District Embroiderers' Guild Branch have been invited to hold a stall at the Avebury village fete, a special biennial event – a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family featuring live music, entertainment, local food sellers, children's activities, numerous stall holder events and demonstrations, tractor rides, ponies, vintage cars, dog show and much more! Admission £1.00 for adults, 50p for children or £5.00 per car, which includes entrance for 5 people plus parking. Under the guidance of Chris Cook, a small group of volunteers from the branch will provide a small display stand showcasing some of the work we do at workshops, on the design to stitch course, on stitch day and on young emroiderers' days. There will also be a sales table selling any hand made items that were unsold at the exhibition, an interactive stitching project for children and some promotional materials which to publicise our branch. If you have anything to sell or would like to help on the day, please see Chris at the July meeting. Thank you to Sarah Wicks and Lindsay Sherwood for their offers of help. For more details about the day follow the link: www.aveburyday.org.uk

Branch Outing



**KNITTING AND STITCHING SHOW,
ALEXANDRA PALACE, LONDON
WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

Nikki Vesey-Williams has volunteered to organise our branch outing to this flagship event which has been running annually since 1991 and has become the largest and most highly regarded textile and craft event in the UK. It is always an enjoyable day out with galleries showcasing the works of leading textile artists, plenty of workshops, as well as a big range of retailers enticing us to buy accoutrements that we can't possibly do without!

Nikki has provisionally booked a **49 seater coach** for the opening day of the show. In order to cover the cost of the coach and **to make the trip financially viable** it would mean **that all seats must be sold**. This would make it possible to charge a total price of **£25 for Guild members and £30 for non members**, including entrance fees. As always a very warm welcome would be extended to friends and family wishing to join the outing.

An interest in attending the show must be accompanied with **full payment no later than the September meeting**, as cancellation of the coach without penalty requires a full month's notice.

Pick up points will include Kennet Valley Hall Lockeridge, Lloyds Bank Marlborough, and the the Car Sales Garage Hungerford.

Please speak to **Nikki Vesey-Williams** or **Linda Wells** at the July meeting if you are interested in coming along.

Savernake Textile Hanging Project

MDEG under the direction of **Margaret Heath**, has been commissioned by **Maria Moxham**, **Prospect Hospice's director of resources**, to produce a piece of textile art for **the Outreach Centre** building, which was completed in September 2015. Margaret is well placed to take on this onerous challenge; not only is she qualified in creative embroidery and in art and design, but she has already proved herself more than capable by designing and supervising the collaborative work on the Kennet Valley wall hanging, which is not only a beautifully crafted piece of textile art but also a piece of history. The remit of the Savernake project is to provide a calming, restful and soothing piece of creative textile to provide comfort and reassurance to patients during this distressing sojourn in their life's journey. The design is well under way and comprises a painted and layered base for a seasonal triptych of Spring, Summer and Autumn, reflecting the vast array of both flora and butterflies within the Wiltshire countryside. Although Margaret likes to work mostly from nature for accurate reproduction of colour, shape and texture, she also uses photographs to provide an aide-memoire for calculating size and proportions. When the design stage is complete Margaret will be recruiting members of the branch to be involved in implementing the design in stitch. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 at a cost of £1000, including framing.

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL AGM

15th OCTOBER 9.30am – 3.00pm

Hosted by the Salisbury branch of the Embroiderer's Guild at: St. George's Church Hall, Lower St. Harnham Salisbury Sp2 8ey

Tickets: £7.00 (morning coffee and biscuits, afternoon tea and cake included in price) PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH

Contact: Lynda Harrison landrh108@icloud.com . Advanced booking necessary.

The day includes the speaker Anthea Goidfrey. Anthea will be presenting a very interesting talk on the life and work of her mother, Margaret Nicholson, a prolific textile artist of the 20th century, who dedicated her life to embroidery and fashion and who, in the year before her death in 2006, was made an emeritus member of the Embroiderers' Guild. The presentation will be illustrated with slides and many examples of her mother's work. There will also be an opportunity for an open-forum discussion following the AGM. If you are planning to replenish or add to your stockpile of fabrics and threads, this is a chance to do so. Among those who are trading will be 'The Dye Bag' a small company based in Hampshire who specialise in creating their own dyed fabrics and threads to a high standard for embroiderers, quilters and crafters. Lorna Bateman, a teacher and designer will also be selling a large range of designer embroidery kits, a variety of hand dyed threads from Chameleon Threads, silk ribbons from River Silks, pincushions and some haberdashery. Not a difficult journey and parking provided at the church hall, so why not come along - meet some of our fellow members, enjoy an interesting talk and have a say about what goes on in our Region!

Made in Britain: Concealed

Venu: Forge Mill Needle Museum and Bordesley Abbey Visitor Centre, Worcestershire B98 8HY

Dates: 9 Sept- 23 Oct Daily 11-4pm (closed Mondays in Oct)

Admission: Normal museum charges £5.10 Adult £3.90 OAP



This vibrant exhibition comprises work from some of Britain's most well-known and respected textile artists: Louise Baldwin, Pauline Barns, Hilary Beattie, Ineke Berlyn, Cas Holmes, Rosie James, Edwina MacKinnon,

Sandra Meech, Stephanie Redfern, Christine Restall and Jenny Rolfe. The group between them cover a wide range of textile art interpretation methods and styles. Each member has considered what 'concealed' means to them, from physical concealment to hidden histories, hidden kingdoms, cities, civilisations, veiled faces, expressions and views. Much of life is about what we conceal and what we choose to reveal - very little is as straightforward as it seems. **The admission charge includes a visit to Bordesley Abbey, which is rich in history and archaeological evidence, and to the Forge museum itself which tells the fascinating and sometimes gruesome story of needle making in Victorian times.** The Mill is a listed building which houses original water-powered machinery. Models and recreated scenes and an audio trail provide a vivid illustration of how needles were once made, and how Redditch came to dominate the world needle trade. A great day out with something to interest everyone!

SWANSEA FESTIVAL OF STITCH

5th-19th AUGUST 2016

All that is best in textile art will be hosted by the City of Swansea in this extravaganza of stitch offering exhibitions, external street art, workshops, free taster sessions and much more.



The following exhibition venues are already booked to show creative textile art from local groups.

Swansea Museum is the venue for ContexArt's 'Telling Tales' exhibition.

Tapestri Cafe Bar & Bistro will exhibit 'Alice's Adventures in Swansea' by the Wednesday Stitchers textile group.

The Civic Centre will display work by Swansea Embroiderers' Guild based on Children's Stories.

The Dylan Thomas Centre will house the textile installation of The Village of Llareggub (the seaside town in 'Under Milk Wood').

The Grand Theatre hosts Stitches Coven's exploration of Once Upon a Time

The Ceri Richards Gallery at The Taliesin will exhibit the Itchy Fingers Textiles 'Threads of the Unexpected' - a tribute to Roald Dahl.

The Waterfront Museum will display The Wizard of Oz by the Swansea Quilters. Free textile taster sessions will be offered to the general public on the 13th and 14th August in the marquee on Portland Street. There will be an opportunity to try a large variety of different stitch activities.

A Makers' Market on the 13th and 14th August with must-have Welsh textile products will be located in a large marquee on the green in front of the Waterfront Museum.

If you are planning to spend some time over the summer in Wales this is a golden opportunity to combine leisure with pleasure!

"Have needle, will travel" by Mary Hart.

Venue: English Heritage in Northampton 78 Derngate, Northampton. NN1 1UH

Dates: 9 July – 25 Sept. Tues - Sun 10am to 5pm

Admission: Free

Parking: St. John's car park: Free w/e, 2 hrs free weekdays.

Mary is a textile artist working in textiles for 25 years. Her style is explorative, experimental and ever evolving, as Mary is forever developing more techniques and adding new ideas to her repertoire. She finds that new media and processes fuel her work and she often responds to a brief in an intuitive way. Her work is abstract, free flowing and multi-layered. She has a wide range of textual techniques at her fingertips and is a keen exhibitor with a large folio of work. This solo exhibition of unique pieces of textile art is inspired by the diverse landscapes Mary sees in her local environment and during her travels throughout the world. MEET THE ARTIST! From 2.30pm to 4.30pm 9th July, 2016, join Mary as she opens her summer exhibition at 78, Derngate.

Contact for more info: www.derngate.org.uk Tel: 01604 230166



North London U3A Freestyle Embroidery and Textile Art Group Summer Exhibition

Venue: Burgh House Museum, New End Square, Hampstead, NW3 1LT

Dates: 3 August to 25 September, Wed to Fri and Sun 12 mid-5pm

Admission: Free

The exhibition will display a large collection of work and will range from individual art work to joint projects. It is a partnership event which will include workshops, talks and organised visits.

For more information: www.burghhouse.org.uk

The Bath Textile Artists 'To Gather Threads Exhibition'

Venu: The John Bowen Gallery, Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury SN16 9BZ

Dates: 2nd-14th July, Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm.

This select group of 10 professionals combine years of experience in the fields of embroidery, felting, quilting, costume, weaving, dyeing and stitching. Their aim is to expand the boundaries of textile techniques into the realms of fabric art. The strength of the group lies in its variety of styles and sparkling creativity. The exhibition in Malmesbury comprises a review of the work from their last exhibition in addition to work from new members.

For more information: www.bathtextileartists.com Tel: 01666 840375

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