

Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild Branch Newsletter September 2017

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BRANCH NEWS

AGM

Reminder -our AGM takes place on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd September, to be followed by a talk by Jan Knibbs of Atelier19 of Cheltenham.

Membership

If you haven't yet renewed your *membership* your current membership expires at the end of August. Remember that the EG Early Bird offer expires at the end of September. Renewal at the AGM is also an option. Please can **everyone** - whether you pay direct to the Guild or through the Branch - complete a Branch membership form so that we can ensure we have your correct details.

National Stitch Day, Saturday 5th August

*Small groups of members were at work stitching in both Cheltenham and Gloucester Libraries. We each had potential members showing interest, although footfall in each place was disappointingly low. However the **Fun Palace** event in Cheltenham Library on October 7th from 11am - 3pm may result in more of an audience. Call in if you are in Cheltenham!*

Social Stitch and Skills Share Morning Saturday 7th October, Committee Room Norton Village Hall 10am - 1pm

Following an initial meeting in July the first session proper took place on September 2nd with Sue Waddy leading a mini-workshop based on Di Wells' fabric houses - a relaxing day and a lovely project.



The next session will be on Saturday October 7th from 10am till 1pm and Julie Stenning will be demonstrating 'Inchies', or you can work on your own projects. Admission £2.00. Visitors welcome.

Socialise and Sew

*The next meeting of S&S Group1 (includes the Travelling Books group) is on Friday October 20th from 2-4pm at the home of Maureen Steffen, 23a Arle Road, Cheltenham GL51 8JT
Tel: 01242 321676 email: m247steffen@gmail.com*

The next meetings of S&S Group2 are from 2-4pm, at the home of Jane Attwood, 25A Albemarle Road, Churchdown, GL3 2HG

Tel: 01452 713838 email: maja62@talktalk.net

on the following dates:

Tuesday 26th September 2.00 - 4.00

Tuesday 24th October 2.00 - 4.00

Tuesday 28th November 2.00 - 4.00

No meeting in December as the date would fall on Boxing Day!

Jane is not able to offer to host further Socialise & Sew meetings after the end of the year so we would like to thank her for hosting these additional meetings this year which have been particularly appreciated by those from the more Western side of our area.

All are Welcome to any or all of these

Fun Palace at Cheltenham Library Saturday 7th October 11.00 - 3.00

We now have 3 members available to support this event so it has been confirmed with the organisers that we will be there.

If anyone else would like to come along for a short while on the day it would be lovely to see you.

Workshops

Places are still available for workshops in October (Maggie Davies, Needle Felting) and November (Lynda Monk, Creative Surface/Vessel). Please book with Janet Williamson if you wish to attend.

Lunches for tutors

A reminder that the committee would still like to hear from members who would be willing to provide lunch for the tutor at workshops they attend. You would only need to provide something simple such as a sandwich, yoghurt, piece of fruit etc and drinks during the day. We offer a £5 reduction on the workshop fee for the occasions when we ask you to provide lunch.

Please let Janet Williamson know email: williamson24cotswold@gmail.com tel: 01242 570883) if you are interested.



SW REGION AND HQ NEWS

The EG SW Region AGM

The AGM will be hosted by Frome Branch and will be held on Saturday, October 21st at Leigh Park Community Centre, Leigh Park Way, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 3FN. The doors open at 9.30 a.m. and the AGM starts at 10.30 a.m.

The address for tickets is Sara Bowley, 12 Churchill Road, Frome, BA11 4ED.

HQ Websites Members may be interested in the following Guild web-sites:

* The Embroiderers' Guild website - <https://embroiderersguild.com/>

* The Guild Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/embroiderersguild/>

* The Guild Pinterest pages - <https://uk.pinterest.com/theembroiderers/>

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## WHAT'S ON

### NATURE IN ART, TWIGWORTH

Main A38 Twigworth  
Gloucester  
GL2 9PA UK

SatNav Postcode: GL2 9PG

Telephone: 01452 731422

Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 5pm

### Applique Textile Landscape Mountain Scene

Two day course with Kathleen Matthews

30th September 2017 @ 10:00 am – 1st October 2017 10am to 5pm

Full details at:

[http://natureinart.org.uk/event/applique-textile-landscape-mountain-scene/?instance\\_id=252](http://natureinart.org.uk/event/applique-textile-landscape-mountain-scene/?instance_id=252)

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### Natural Selection

#### **Textile Art by Gordano Textile Artists, 7<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Gordano Textile Artists return once more with a fresh and vibrant exhibition of textile art based on the natural world with many pieces taking a theme from the objects selected for the popular CROWD exhibition last year. The display will feature a variety of techniques using fabric, thread and paper.

[http://natureinart.org.uk/event/natural-selection/?instance\\_id=319](http://natureinart.org.uk/event/natural-selection/?instance_id=319)

Craft for Crafters Show Shepton Mallett BA4 6QN  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

150 Craft Businesses, Guilds and Groups, 75+ workshops classes and demonstrations

Advance tickets 0345 3040 222  
Online tickets [www.craft4crafters.co.uk](http://www.craft4crafters.co.uk)  
£8.00 Adult £7.00 Concessions, Under 16s free  
Save £1.00 on all advance tickets

Free parking and free shuttle bus service

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**Certaine Wytches: Fear, Myth and Magic**, *Recent work by tapestry artist Anne Jackson*

**Saturday 30 September – Sunday 5 November**  
**The Museum in the Park, Stroud**  
*Exhibition Opening Evening Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 6-8pm, free*  
*Artist's Talk, 2pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, £7.00*  
[www.museuminthepark.org.uk](http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk)

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**LACE IN FASHION**

*Until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at the Fashion Museum, Bath,  
Assembly Rooms, Bennett St, Bath BA1 2QH, UK  
1030 - 1700*

*Tickets £9.00 adult, £8.00 Senior (65+) £7.00 Child 6-16  
(Museum entry covers entry to the exhibition)*

<https://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk/laceinfashion>

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**ACP presents**

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**CHINESE CULTURE DAY**

**Friday 13th October 10am -3.30pm**  
**The Beacon Hall, The Painswick Centre, GL6 6QQ**

**COME AND ENJOY A FASCINATING DAY IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THE CULTURE  
AND THE FABULOUSLY CRAFTED CLOTHES OF SW CHINA**

The day will be led by expert Jill Nicklin, who is generously sharing her amazing collection and anecdotes amassed during her travels through the region. You will be invited to closely examine the craftsmanship of these stunning pieces.

*Jill writes “ At a time when it seems that the whole world has access to identical clothing, such as the ubiquitous denim jeans and t shirts, it is heartening to know that there are still places on the globe where people continue to make and wear their own distinctive clothing. One such area is South West China and the bordering northern areas of Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand. Here numerous ethnic minorities are still attempting to maintain their traditional ways of life, which includes pride in the individuality of village identity in the form of unique clothes, hairstyles and jewelry. However, with the fast pace of change throughout the region, a number of key factors would suggest that the skills that have been handed down through the generations are fast being lost.*

*This study day will focus on looking at the beautiful homelands of these peoples, their distinctive cultures and especially the women's creative abilities in dyeing, weaving, batik, embroidery and colour co-ordination in assembling exquisite costumes and hats, both for everyday wear and for numerous local festivals. A large selection of male and female costumes will be closely examined to fully “appreciate the variety and skill of this wonderful, but potentially dying art form.*

*Phone or pop into the ACP Gallery to buy your ticket and secure a place.*

*Tickets £25 each or £40 for 2*

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20th - 22nd October

Autumn Quilt Festival, Malvern Showground

Sister show to Quilts UK, this Autumn event offers many quilt displays from all over the world and plenty of opportunities to shop for your seasonal supplies from all your favourite patchwork and quilting suppliers. Find out more and buy tickets

http://www.grosvenorshows.co.uk/view_show.php?ID=8

2nd - 5th November

Stitching, Sewing & Hobbycrafts, NEC, Birmingham

A show for stitchers, knitters and hobbyists full of ideas, inspiration and craft supplies. Plus workshops, demonstrations and new product launches.

Visit http://www.stitchandhobby.co.uk/birmingham/autumn/?_ga=2.134354873.955280673.1505831075-1661696626.1505831075 for more information.

Smocking Machine

The branch owns a smocking machine. Please note that Judith now holds please contact Judith to arrange the loan.

Lending scheme If you wish to borrow a book or books on a specific technique or by a named artist then please contact Judith stating what you are interested in borrowing, together with your contact details. I will then publish your request in the newsletter & anyone willing to lend such resources can contact you directly. Such an arrangement will be made solely between the lender and borrower.

Hosting Tutors

From time to time our workshop tutors need to be accommodated on the Friday night prior to their workshop. We would prefer to offer accommodation in a member's home rather than in a local hotel and it is a lovely opportunity to get to know a tutor before the workshop and have the chance to ask questions and explore their world of working in textiles. If you feel you would be able to offer such accommodation on an occasional basis please let Judith or another member of the committee know.

Future Programme

The development of our programme of workshops and events is ongoing and we aim to put on events that you would like to come to.

Please do let the committee know of particular:

- Tutors you would like us to book for workshops or talks
- Styles of stitching / textile art that you would like to be incorporated into the programme
- Places of interest or exhibitions we might like to visit
- Any other topics or events you think would be of interest to members

It is really helpful to have your suggestions – probably what you would like us to organise is what many others would like too. Please send in suggestions at any time.

If you have any news of members, eg illness, requests for assistance with transport, please pass it on to one of the Branch committee so that we can make contact and help out if needed.

Happy stitching,

Judith

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