



Embroiderers' Guild

Isleworth and District Newsletter – November 2014

Branch Chairman: Sheila Underwood Tel 020 8568 7642

Forthcoming Branch Events

Thursday 27 November 7:30pm: Members Evening. We hope to spend the first part of the evening beginning to construct the Branch Banner. If you don't fancy that then bring your own stitching. After a short interval, when it is unlikely that ice creams will be served but there might be cake, or mince pies, there will be some social time with a mixture of quizzes and puzzles to exercise our minds!

There are still some letters missing from our Branch Banner to be. If you haven't finished yours and handed it in, please try to get it done by this next meeting so we can begin to assemble the Banner. Mollie Kingham is collecting the letters.

Thursday 13 November 7:30pm: Stitch Night. All welcome. Just turn up, pay up, if you haven't already done so, and enjoy stitching and chatting.

Saturday 15 November 10:00am to 4:00pm Workshop – Beading with Eliza McClelland. There may still be the odd place left so if you'd like to come along please contact Jeannie Rowe asap on 020 8566 0562.

Sunday 30 November 10:00am to 4:00pm Mayor of Richmond's Charity Craft Fair at York House, Twickenham. The Mayor has very kindly allocated the Terrace Room for the branch's sole use. We shall be promoting the Guild and the branch, selling small items, displaying some of our recent branch projects and doing some stitching. We're hoping to have a section of the World's Longest Embroidery on which visitors, and members, will be invited to stitch. Some Rainbow Squares should be on display although not the Branch Banner as the assembly process has not yet started. Help with stewarding throughout the day is needed as well as with setting up and taking down! Mandy Timpson is organising the rota for this so please see her to add your name to the list. Even an hour of your time will be appreciated.

Please think if you can make a few small items for us to sell; either on a Christmas theme, tree decorations, cards or gift tags or suitable for gifts, maybe bookmarks. Bring them along to the November meeting or arrange to drop them off at Mandy's or Sheila's. If you need a poster, then contact Mollie.

Branch Matters

The Children's Workshops at Gunnersbury Park Museum on the theme of **Autumn Leaves** were well received by about 25 children with mothers and carers. Most of the children completed their mug-rug during the session so were able to take home a finished piece. Others took threads with which to finish them. Thanks to everyone who helped with preparations and on the day itself.

The good news for Gunnersbury is that the Museum has been awarded Heritage Lottery funding for renovations etc. This means the Museum will close this December until 2017 when it will re-open in its new glory and offering attractive venue hire in addition to the Museum itself. There's lots of things happening in the Park too. The Education Department will continue to operate so expect to see requests for help for workshops at Gunnersbury in the coming year.

Accounts for 2013/14: These have now been accepted by our verifier, Patricia Barrett, signed off and sent to Guild House. Copies will be available at our November meeting for members to look at. If anyone would like a personal copy, then please let Mollie know.

Membership Subscriptions: If you have not yet renewed your subs then please, please do so as soon as possible. Payment by cheque is preferred. See our Membership Secretary, Wendy Archer.

Money Matters: If at all possible, please pay any moneys due to the Branch by cheque. Since the Guild's bank does not have high street branches, cash is not easy for our Treasurer, Wendy Archer, to handle. Also to keep things as simple as possible, please use a separate cheque for each event, activity, sub and write on the back what the cheque is for. Eg. Workshop, Annual Sub, Stitch Mag Sub. Thanks.

Monday Class News: From the New Year, Mandy Timpson will be taking over the admin from Hazel Lyell who has very competently filled this role for over 11 years. In the Spring Term we will be looking at two complementary folios from the Guild, *Chain Stitch* and *Stitching on Net* using them as starting points and inspiration for our own work. Class members are being invited to take the lead for a week or two, to spread the teaching load. The cost will remain at £45 to cover the hire of the room. If you'd like to know more about the group, or have decided you'd like to join us, have a word with Mandy.

Looking further ahead, a tutor is lined up for the Summer Term, more about that later, so the fee will increase as we have to cover the tutor fees and expenses. A permanent, long term tutor is still being sought to replace Sandra Hurl, and we would be grateful if any branch member knows of a suitable textiles tutor who might be interested. If you are aware of anyone, please let Sheila or Mandy know.

Region Affairs

Region Hanging for CHASE Children's Hospice: Thanks to everyone who submitted slips for this. Fay Maxwell is thrilled with them all. It is intended that the hanging will be completed by early summer and displayed at the Region Day at Ardingly before going to its permanent home at Christopher House, Guildford.

Summer School: Once again this is being held at West Dean College, the dates are June 12–14 2015. The tutors are Carol Naylor on *Skyscapes in Machine Embroidery* and Kate Farrer on *Cosmos in goldwork hand embroidery*. The Non-residential course costs are £220 (WE5487) and £255 (including materials supplied) (WE5486) respectively. There is an additional charge for accommodation. Flyers will be available at the next meeting but if you'd like one sooner, then contact Mollie.

Forthcoming Exhibitions

Textile Studio Annual Exhibition Hall Place, The Stables Gallery, Bourne Road, Bexley Kent DA5 1PQ - ***An exhibition of Contemporary Textile Art*** 24 October – 23 November. Open daily 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Entrance Free.

Witney Antiques: Annual Exhibition of Historic Samplers *Industry Taught in Early Days*. Monday November 3rd - Saturday November 22nd Open Daily 10.00am to 4.00pm and Entrance is free. Forming a background to the exhibition will be a collection of fine antique furniture. There is likely to be more samplers too from their regular stock. Their showroom is at 96-100 Corn Street, Witney OX28 6BU. There is on street parking nearby or the shop is just a short walk from the town centre.

Corn Street boasts several excellent pubs and cafés should refreshments be needed! For more information visit their website <http://www.witneyantiques.com>.

The **North Weald Art Group - Annual Exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking** from 11 – 23 November. It's open every day and entrance is free. There is a large café on site and an interesting gift shop as well as optional, to be paid for, tours of the winery.

Embroidered Textiles Exhibition: Connections Greenstede Gallery, Chequer Mead Theatre, De La Warr Road, East Grinstead RH19 3BS. 28 November to 9 December. 10:00 am to 4:00pm. Closed on Sundays. Entrance free. See www.embroidered_textiles.com for details and facts about the exhibitors.

Whitechapel Gallery: Richard Tuttle: I Dont Know. The Weave of Textile Language 14 October - 14 December 2014. Entrance free. Renowned North American master **Richard Tuttle** (b.1941) fuses sculpture, painting and poetry. A bit weird and wonderful but thought provoking with some interesting ideas on the use of negative shapes. The Gallery is right next to Aldgate East tube station and has a reasonably priced café. There is a complementary installation in the Turbine Hall at Tate Modern which might also be worth a visit as that too is free.

Fashion and Textile Museum, 83 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3XF
T: 020 7407 8664 E: info@ftmlondon.org **KNITWEAR Chanel to Westwood** to 18 January 2015, open daily except Mondays. Also closed 24, 25, 26 December and 1 January. Entrance: £8.80 adults, £6.60 concessions.

Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington **Wedding-dresses -1775 – 2014**. On until Sunday 15 March 2015 Entrance £10 upwards plus Booking Fee! Free if you're a Friend of the V&A.

Sociable Stitching

Bring your own work along and stitch in company have a cup of tea or coffee (usual 20p)– no regular commitment! Session fee £3.

Stitch-Night Next meetings Thursday 13 November and Thursday 11 December, 7.30 -10.00 pm. Save by making a block booking, or come when you can at £3 per time. See Karen Thorp or Sue Groves for more information.

Morning of first Saturday each month All members are welcome to come and do their own stitching during Young Embroiderers' meetings. The next dates are: Saturday 6 December 2014 and Saturday 3 January 2015 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. £2 per session.

Monday Class - All members are welcome to come and do their own stitching during this class, 1.00 pm – 4:00pm. The fee is £3 per session. Term finishes on Monday 24 November and starts again on Monday 12 January 2015.

This is YOUR Newsletter: If you have news, information about events, or a stitching (etc) experience you'd like to share with branch members contact Mollie Kingham on: 020 8979 8053 or by email mkingham@waitrose.com