



Embroiderers' Guild

February Newsletter

Brighton Branch



The joy of getting everything out, paints, fabrics, threads, spreading them all over the work surface and letting your imagination combine with knowledge to produce something you are proud of. That was the treat enjoyed by the guild members at our February workshop. The class was packed we could not have fitted another person in. Julia Brown skillfully led us through the thought process of composing a picture and then the practical ways of getting it onto canvass and sewing into it with machine embroidery. We learnt many tips and short cuts as well as an in depth look at composition and format. In future newsletters we hope to show some of the finished work but in the meantime so we know what we are aiming at, here is Julia's picture of Arundel Castle.



What is to come: March 3rd

An 'in house' afternoon session on experimenting with new stitches. Sewing by hand on beautiful Sari Silk. Led by Dianne Bunyan we will learn new stitches and make a reference sample (or two). A small donation to the branch to cover materials would be appreciated. **Please bring your sewing kit.**

A coffee morning with a difference. The Church Warden of the beautiful St. Martins Church in Lewes Road, Brighton has offered to let us look at their needlework. They have some stunning vestments as well as hand sewn banners. One in particular by the Mother's Union in the 30's is a real work of art. The plan would be to gather at the church at 11.45 after their service on a Saturday when the church will be open till 1.30. Suggested dates are the 10th or the 17th of March. Lots of buses pass the door. If you would like to join in please email or ring Frances fm@lindsayhills.plus.com 01273 326560

April 7th Learn a new twist to the beautiful craft that is shadow work.

Led by Janet Summerton, Shadow Work and Beyond. Much of Janet's work is about transparency, layers of sheer fabric and machine made lace. Her continuing research led her to shadow work, old and new. In this session we will look at some traditional hand stitched shadow work. You will have an opportunity to make a piece for yourself.

Please bring your sewing kit, there will be threads available.

May 5th This is the highlight of our year.

Full day workshop being held in the Methodist Hall opposite the Community Centre. We will learn to make a lotus flower covering cloth using kkogpgi technique from Korea. Our teacher Sara Cook is an acclaimed expert on Bojagi Korean Textiles and we are very fortunate to have this workshop. The cost will be £20 and we will be taking reservations at the next meeting. There has been a lot of interest in this session so early booking is advised. We would like you to pay at the time of booking.

Any items for the newsletter please email the editor fm@lindsayhills.plus.com