



Embroiderers' Guild

January
Newsletter

Brighton Branch



A happy new year to all our members



What's next - 3rd February

One of the many advantages of belonging to the guild is the opportunity to learn new techniques and improve your skills. We are delighted that Julia Brown has agreed to run a workshop entitled **`Instilling atmosphere into landscape embroidery**. We will build up a landscape considering composition, transferring designs to fabric, painting backgrounds and lots of tips and cheats. The cost will be £20.00 and the workshop will start at 10a.m.

What to bring A photo or picture of a landscape preferably with a horizon (not a close up of your garden) Your sewing machine. Small pieces of natural coloured fabric for experimentation. Various scraps of natural fabrics with different textures, eg silk, slub cotton dishcloth, bandage etc., Scraps of *plain* fabric in colours that feature in your picture, including greens, natural tones and browns and blues. The extensive Guild stash will be available so don't worry if you are short of anything. A range of machine embroidery threads, a notebook/sketchbook and pencil. If possible a couple of copies of your picture blown up to A4

The year got off to an excellent start . We spent the morning making fiddle quilts for the patients in the hospital In the afternoon we listened to a really fascinating talk by Dr. Heidi von Kurthy about the effect of craft work on aging. You will be pleased to hear that it has a very good effect and the use it or lose it message came across loud and clear. We were also pleased to learn that our neurons keep on growing and replacing those we loose until our dying day so there is no excuse for not learning new things.

Membership. There are a few people who have forgotten to renew their membership of the Guild, this is £35 for twelve months plus £10 to the branch. If you are not a member you can only attend three branch meetings as a guest. Members pay £3 per meeting and guests £5.

so you can mark on these rather than your original.

New webmaster. We would like to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' to Ann Turner who has been looking after our web site and facilitating communication with the guild for many years. She has agreed to ease our new Web master Carolyn Brown into the job.

Carolyn's guild web address is begwebmaster@btinternet.com

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.

April 7th Learn a new twist to the beautiful embroidery that is shadow work. Led by Janet Summerton who will bring samples of her work so we all have something to aim for!! We will tell you what you need to bring in the next newsletter

May 5th **This is the highlight of our year.** Full day workshop being held in the Methodist Hall oppsite 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.

A selection of the fiddle quilts made by our members.



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