

Welcome to the September issue of the Runaround.

Although our Branches have not been able to meet for some months, we hope that eventually this will change and we will all be able to enjoy catching up and seeing what we have all been working on while staying at home. It would be lovely to be able to share more photos of your 'lockdown work' so please send them to me – patashton-smith@hotmail.co.uk – and we will feature them in forthcoming issues. In the meantime, have a look at the **2020 Virtual Exhibition** on the Region's website to see some of the works that members have completed recently:

<http://www.ner-embroiderers.co.uk/exhibitions.html#2020>

Regional Exhibition 2021

Members will have an opportunity to exhibit their work at Washington Arts Centre from 11th June to 10th July 2021.

The exhibition title is 'The Natural World' and you will shortly receive full details of how to enter your work together with an entry form.

We hope to show work from as many members as possible so please get stitching.

The full guidelines and an entry form can be found on our website exhibitions page:

<http://www.ner-embroiderers.co.uk/exhibitions.html>

If you need some inspiration for the forthcoming exhibition you might like the Lost Words exhibition at The Sill Visitor Centre, near Greenhead, Northumberland - www.thesill.org.uk Featuring work from author Robert Macfarlane and artist Jackie Morris it is well worth a look.

If you need supplies, The Crafter's Companion (or your favourite...) is worth a visit in store or on line:

Horndale Avenue, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6DR Tel: 01388663251

<https://www.crafterscompanion.co.uk/sewing-needlecraft.html>

Plans are progressing, subject to any restrictions which may be imposed, to organise our usual calendar of Regional Events next year so we will hopefully be able to look forward to lots of opportunities to stitch together. Until then here are a few pictures of work from last year.



Notes from the Regional Chair

First of all,

Many congratulations to Lesley Wood from Durham City Branch. We are delighted to tell you that she was awarded 'Highly Commended' in the category *Margaret Nicholson Award for best composition* in the Guild's 2020 Members' Challenge 'My Favourite Things'. A copy of Lesley's winning piece 'Cinematic Escapes' is shown here.

If you are inspired to enter this National Members' Challenge for 2021, the title is 'Exquisite Containers'. Full details are on the Guild's website – you will have to log-in as an individual to see the section on the left-hand menu bar.



A gentle reminder for the branch treasurers. The annual insurance premiums are due on 31st October. Last year, more than one of our branches did not send their insurance premiums to HO by the deadline. Let's get it right this year - please.

By the time you are reading this you should all have received your subscription renewal forms either by email or in the post. If not, please check your 'Spam' folder for a message from Jo Dendle or contact your branch secretary.

Some branches may be struggling to get together again because of the size restrictions of their present venue. Perhaps one way to overcome the problem could be to move to a non-kitchen-venue thus allowing a larger room to be found. Like me, many of you would probably prefer not to use the community kitchen facilities and crockery for the foreseeable future. A break in the meeting could always be incorporated to allow members to chat and enjoy their own refreshments.

Have you thought about joining the regional committee yet? I would urge you to consider it. As well as needing more committee members we are still looking for representatives from most of our branches. Please consider joining the committee - it is your region and needs to be run by regional members. It cannot run on fresh air! Pauline Oldershaw, the present vice-chairman, will be there to help guide the new committee. You will find all the job descriptions on the regional website: <http://www.ner-embroiderers.co.uk/committee.html>

Just to remind you all again there will be no regional AGM this year (*at Bowburn, Saturday 24th October*). The end of year accounts with treasurer's report are being sent out together with this Runaround. If you have any questions regarding the region's finances, or any other matters, please contact me. I shall include the answers or explanations in my end of year chairman's report – due towards the end of October. If the query is of a more urgent nature, I shall contact you personally.

Please do continue to stitch your fundraising key fobs, we hope to be able to sell them at our Exhibition in 2021.

With very best wishes and happy stitching *Janet*

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Finally, just to (try) and make you laugh



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