



Embroiderers' Guild

sharing opportunities for discovery and creativity

Darlington Branch Autumn News

Autumn Greetings from your chairman, Julia Goudge, and the branch committee. Our branch president, Joy Bradshaw, in her role as Programme secretary, has been working hard on our behalf. We hope that you will see the fruits of her labours over the next few months. Some speakers are holding on till we can meet them face to face. Meanwhile Joy has some provisional bookings for Zoom talks. There will be at least one workshop via Zoom as an experiment. If that goes well, we have other possible Zoom workshops lined up. First workshop is likely to be with Nikki Parmenter. Joy has confirmed that Nikki's work incorporating capture of fabric or objects can be copied with hand stitching not just by machine. We are arranging for recording workshops so that you can watch as in a demo and work later. Joy will let you all know once arrangements for speakers and talks are firmed up. Meanwhile please pencil these dates in: -

The Programme so far: -

December 5th 2020

The December afternoon meeting is back to 2pm for the meeting start on the First Saturday

9th January 2021

Note that we have moved January to the second Saturday that is again for a 2pm start. We expect to confirm a speaker, via Zoom, for that meeting.

6th February 2021

Which is the first Saturday at 2pm

6th March 2021

Which will be the usual first Saturday 2pm. Again, we have a provisional agreement for a speaker for that date.

9th April 2021

The first Saturday of April 2021 will fall in Holy Week, being the day before Easter Sunday. We are changing it to the second Saturday.

5th December 2020 - White Christmas'

Helen Littlefield showed us a hanging which she had completed. 3 panels were from kits and 3 were of her own design. She has kindly provided us with 3 of her own designs. You can use one of these or make up your own if you wish. You can use white threads on festive shades of green or red or you could reverse that. You could embellish with sequins etc. We plan to start the meeting by showing the pieces. After that we ask you to join us in a Christmas treat. For instance, a mince tart and mulled wine. (As we aren't in the hall it could be alcoholic wine this year.) If you wish to send a Christmas message in the form of images including pictures of cards that you have made you can send them to me beforehand to collate. (Quite a few ideas in past issues of the guild magazines). It has been suggested that, at the meeting, you might like to read a poem or read a sentiment or piece of prose on a Christmas theme. That is not mandatory.

Finances

We have decided not to charge a branch fee for the moment, but you do need to be a member of the main Guild. We will probably go to door fees for 2021 once we can meet in person. Hopefully by September 2021 normal meetings will have resumed.

We are not paying rent for Elm Ridge Methodist church hall but Sandra, our branch secretary, has arranged for a monthly rental Zoom account (otherwise we could not hold a meeting over 40 minutes). We are paying for speakers.

A call for speakers

If any members can give a presentation Joy and I would be grateful to hear from you. We are prepared to pay a speaker's fee. You do not need a Zoom account. If you have given a talk via computer slides it will be easy to switch. Sandra would be host and admit members to the Zoom session. She makes you a co-host which means that you can share your PowerPoint or equivalent images via the 'share screen option'

Competitions

Folk Art

We will be waiting for a physical meeting to be able to share and judge the Folk-Art competition pieces.

The Fletcher Award 2020 is going online.

Normally we would hold the Fletcher award Competition in July for any embroidery completed that year on any theme and including kits. Multiple entries are allowed for this competition. The winner is chosen by the members.

Work will be accepted from July 2019 to the present.

Closing date for entries is 30th November 2020.

Multiple entries are allowed.

The pieces can be any size, mounted or practical items.

The piece can be 3D and a second image to demonstrate that will be allowed.

Send a photograph in jpeg format so that Gloria can upload it onto the branch website.

You can send it via the website <http://embroiderersguildarlington.co.uk/> or by email to Gloria at brunningr@btinternet.com with "Fletcher award" in the subject line.

Any device that lets you join Zoom should be capable of capturing a photo suitable for the entry.

The piece must be your own work but not necessarily your own design.

It is important that we can give design credit so if it is not your own design: -.

- If you started it in a workshop, then please give us the tutor name.
- If you used a kit let us know which firm and designer.
- If you followed an online workshop let us know which one.

Postal entry is possible. Gloria is able to scan a photograph but don't send the actual piece. It maybe that a nearby member living close by could take a photograph with suitable quarantine of the piece in each direction on behalf of those who don't have the necessary devices.

In December we will be voting on our choice by email.

Voting will be finished on Christmas Eve.

Results will be announced at the January meeting which is going to be postponed to the second Saturday of January 2021.

North East Region

Regional Day has been cancelled for 2021 and the competitions postponed to the October AGM. The website is showing possible Spring school for April 2021 as non-residential participants at Ushaw, Durham.

There are possible summer schools in June at Harmby and in August at Wooler.

Unfortunately, HQ has warned against making plans for 2021 due to uncertainty over the covid situation.

At present Ushaw college is thought to be able to offer B&B but not evening meals. Normally there are buses running past the college into the city centre bus station and back which would allow you to get to restaurants and takeaways. I don't know how good the service will be by April because of Covid.

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Website for our branch is now <http://embroiderersguilddarlington.co.uk>

North East Region is still <https://www.ner-embroiderers.co.uk/>

HQ is still at <https://embroiderersguild.com/>

We have Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonEG/>

Gloria has started a new Pinterest account at <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/761108405770070028>

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