

June/July 2019 Newsletter

June 1st 2019

The 1st of June brought a beautiful day and a very special outing for all members. Dianne's garden was as beautiful as ever and her suggestions for stitching were enjoyed by all.



As every embroiderer knows, good company, tea and cake, in a wonderful setting, creates a very enjoyable afternoon. There was a choice of design, either a pear or shell, and so stitching began. Thank you Dianne for hosting a much appreciated Garden Party.



July 6th 2019

Stitches back in Time, A talk by Sue Lacey.

Time was reversed and everyone went back in time. Sue spoke about the detailed work created by her grandmother and mother. Her grandmother could make lace, crochet and stitch, whilst her mother created unique dresses for the University Ball, and have it ready in a few days. Sue brought along many examples of her grandmother's, mothers and her own work.

Sue's grandmother crocheted many table cloths, for all her children and grandchildren. Judging by the response from the audience this was common, as many grandmother's crocheted items for their children and grandchildren but not all were as elaborate as Sue's beautiful tablecloth.



Brighton Guild members also brought along some items created by their own grandmothers and mothers. There was a hundred year old treasured table cloth, with a fine, crocheted edging, The words 'Victory Peace 1919' were worked into the lacelike edging.



July 13th 2019 Stitchfest at Ardingly. The South East Area E.G. Festival.



The Stitchfest was as interesting and as amazing as ever. It was fascinating to look at the displays from other branches. Our display of boxes was much admired. The workshops were inspirational and fascinating. I now know how to embroider stump work, with free standing elements! I've almost finished my 'Scrumptious Strawberries' encouraged by the very patient instructions from Kay Dennis. I only spent a small amount on material (honestly), at the many trade stalls.

Dates for your Diary



7th September 2019. 10am to 4pm £35.00

This is a whole day workshop with Lara Sparks. Lara sells her wonderful work through the Sussex Guild and online. She is a very talented textile artist who runs Saturday classes at her studio where the fees are £65.00. However we have been able to obtain a group fee and the cost to members and visitors will only be £35.00 for the amazing opportunity to produce a lampshade, picture or cushion cover.

It is a freestyle machine embroidery workshop. Lara will bring along 29 different themes to work from. These will be her hand-drawn stencils, which are a starting point to designing your own piece of work. The choice of work is either, a lampshade, cushion cover or picture. It is obviously possible to work using hand embroidery but it will take longer.

Lara will provide a starter panel which includes fabric, a hand drawn panel of grasses and wild flowers, which can be made into a fabric lantern. For this practise project we will have the use of Lara's stencils and threads.

There will be no extra charge if you create a cushion cover or picture but lampshade kits will be £9.00 - £12.00 depending on size, Lantern kits are £5.

You will need to bring a basic sewing machine for the freestyle machine embroidery, the machine will need a straight stitch and zig-zag. An assortment of threads, stitch and tear, chiffons etc will also be useful.

Please let me know if you would like to participate as there are limited places, we are taking bookings already!

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5th October 2019 2 to 4pm. The AGM will be kept as short as possible.

It will be followed by a show and tell, which will begin with a demonstration by Rosalie Sinclair-Smith. Rosalie will show us how to create a tree using a teabag! This will give us all an easy way to create trees!

Please bring any recently finished work or ideas to show other members.

2nd November 2019 ,10 to 12.30.

There will be a material and haberdashery sale. Last years sale was very successful and raised money for our Brighton Guild.

More details later.

2nd November 2019, 2 to 4pm

The afternoon will involve the 'making of Christmas gifts that people will be delighted to receive'.

7th December 2019 Our Christmas get together.