

The 1st of February involved a quick committee meeting, work on the magical game and enjoying the colour blending and stitching created by Dianne. There was an option to make a small bowl or a coaster. Members also bought their finished pieces begun at the January meeting.

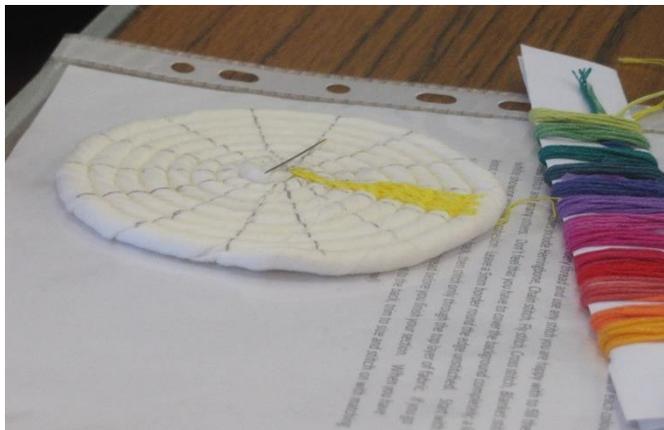


Margaret first stitched the lace onto the backing fabric then applied the discharge paint using a hot iron.. At home Margaret completed her work by stitching the seascape and rainbow, mounting and onto a board.



Diana used the same initial technique but chose to develop her stitching and create a floral picture. It is interesting that although they started from the same instructions the finished work is very different, and equally successful.

For the 1st of February meeting Dianne designed and created coil mats and bowls for members to stitch rainbow colour wheels. All members appreciate the time and effort Dianne spends making up the kits.



At the February committee meeting, it was decided that the monthly fee for all those attending the afternoon sessions, should remain at £3.00 for Embroidery Guild Members / £5.00 for none members, but a charge of £1.00 should be levied for each kit used.

All day sessions with outside tutors will be offered to Brighton Guild members first. All members have a 2020, programme, they can book any workshop with a £10.00 deposit, prior to the sessions. Booking can be done at the monthly meetings or by emailing me, Payment can be by cheque or the BACS system. The 2020 Programme is also on the website, brightonembroidery.org In order to have sufficient people attending, and so we don't run at a loss, we will advertise at the Patcham Community Centre and to the other SE Area Embroiderers Guilds. This will also encourage more people to join the Brighton Embroidery Guild. I was very surprised that Lara Sparks' session was very popular and very quickly fully booked, four people were turned away..

Ruth Smith's workshop on **Saturday 4th April**, involves creating folded secrets keepsake books. These are based on the traditional **Decorated Chinese booklets**, which are used to store threads and mementoes. Please let me know if you would like to attend as you will need 3 A1 sheets of paper. Louise has offered to purchase these and cut them to size at the next March meeting. This will be a great help and you will be able to achieve more on the day. The card will be pre-cut and sold at cost. Full instructions and a list of equipment will be emailed to those who have paid a deposit.

The 7th March meeting will begin at 10 o'clock for those involved in making the 'Magical Game'. From 2pm we will be stitching on commercially purchased bags. Helen Stark will be leading this session.

Please bring all the various pieces to make up the game, at 10 o'clock. We can start the permanent constructions and think about how to improve on my fairies! If anyone has a suggestion please let me know: begwebmaster@btinternet.com . We also need to think about how to create a cup and dice, a wired tree and write some instructions. One of our greatest difficulties is keeping things small and to scale, especially the fairies. If anyone is able to do so we could think about wizards and witches but they need to be small! We need 4 pieces for the players, to use like counters.

Everyone is welcome to arrive at 10 am on the 7th March, especially if they have suggestions. Any queries, suggestions, brilliant ideas please contact me on begwebmaster@btinternet.com

Please bring lunch.

The Regional Day is on 11th July 2020, 10am to 4pm. At Bexhill. There is an afternoon speaker. Sue Stone. More details later.