



# Newsletter



May 2021



The fascinating May 8<sup>th</sup> talk by Iain Webb and Caroline Alexander ranged from individualising denim jackets in the 1970's/1980's to showing us the work of present day students at Kingston Arts College. The first 'Blitz Jackets' were designed by the leading 1970's designers. These denim jackets were individualised using applique and embellished by fur, grips, safety pins, beadwork, and worn by the stars, such as Adam Faith, Patsy Kensit and others. There are now in a collection at The Victoria and Albert Museum, and Kingston College. Today's students individualised denim jackets using many types of textiles but first had to produce a mood board and state their inspiration. All the modern jackets were produced during the 2020 March Lockdown and created at home but encouraged by Caroline as part of their course, they then submitted their work via videos and social media.

We are planning a session embellishing a Denim Jacket, in 2022! Begin scouring charity shops and Ebay for your denim jacket!

We are still hoping that someone will take over the 2022 Programme management, as Louise is moving to Newcastle. We already have ideas for 5 meetings, so there will only be 4 or 5 outside speakers to book.

Plus is anyone interested in assisting Sue Lacey run the Young Stitchers Group, which we hope will begin meeting at the Patcham Community Centre in September. We need at least 2 adults to be present. All adults encouraging/ assisting the young people will need to be DBS 'Police' checked'.

Please contact Sue at [susan.lacey42@gmail.com](mailto:susan.lacey42@gmail.com)

The Regional 'Stitch Together Group' will continue assisting individual groups and booking their own events. All the individual groups will now be known as a '**A Cluster of Stitch Groups**'. More details will be attached to this Newsletter email.

Our next Zoom meeting is on **12<sup>th</sup> June NOT the 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 10.30 until 4.00. There was a clash with the S.E. Region Summer School. This is our first all day Zoom meeting and is organised by our very own Louise Mabbs.

Please remember the date has changed from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> June



## **Scrap happy- waste not, want not.**

**Full day, (10.30 to 4.00) Workshop**

Fabric scraps of a variety of colours/styles  
Thread ends/wool offcuts  
Bondaweb or equivalent  
Some transparent fabric, lacey bits and/or net  
Some base fabrics e.g. A4 or 10" square ish  
Leftovers from other projects, or half made pieces you want to use up  
General threads & sewing equipment

I'll show people lots of things I've tried and give people time to experiment with a load of different skills. Louise Mabbs

## **IT'S ON IN JULY The BHAC Art Show**

This is our opportunity to advertise our new Brighton Embroidery Group. Judy is organising for us. It would be good if members could contact her and submit work to be exhibited, or for the poster. We are a member of the BHAC, the letter below is a copy of their email. Judy's email address is [judyalexander47@aol.com](mailto:judyalexander47@aol.com)

Dear Fellow Artist

Thank you for your interest and encouragement in holding our annual Art Show.

With your support we plan to go ahead and have booked the Friends' Meeting House in Brighton for the 21st to the 24th July, set up on the 20th.

I do hope you will join us again, could you please let me know by replying to this email.

This years show will be organised by a small team, Christine Oram an artist living in Hove, Chris Cook a member of Newhaven Art Club and myself.

### **Poster**

As in previous years we are looking for two pieces of art work we can use on the poster and flyer.

Could you please ask your members to send their pictures to us by **Friday the 28th May.**

Pictures should be sent to our Secretary Caroline Earl at [earlybird67@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:earlybird67@yahoo.co.uk)

The pictures we use will be selected by our Executive Committee, not an easy task.!

If you need more information please call me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

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