



# Newsletter



November 2021



The 'Young Stitchers', made an excellent start in October, really enjoying creating their 'Wonky Vegetables', carrots, parsnips, strawberries and other vegetables. The Young Stitchers and their parents were very interested in watching the B.E.G. members building up their landscapes and viewing Catherine Lawes examples. We now have 5 young stitchers and hope that the numbers will gradually increase.

Whilst the Young Stitchers' enjoyed creating vegetables, the Brighton Embroidery Group were inspired by the work of Catherine Lawson. Using silks, polyesters, and other recycled fabrics to create Layered Landscapes . Wonderful sunsets and cold, winter landscapes were begun. Cutting up chiffon scarves, old silk garments and using textured, slubbed wool. In fact using anything but cotton fabrics. The frayed edges of silk and polyester scarves were used to spectacular effect, plus polyester wadding was added to add texture to a piece.



## **AGM and Christmas Decorations.** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2 to 4 p.m.

The December meeting will begin with a very short AGM as we haven't been able to hold one due to the various lockdowns. There will be short reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Young Stitchers leader. Plus a financial statement. The officers will also be elected for 2021/2022. I hope we can persuade more members to join the committee. If you would like to join the committee please let me know by email [begwebmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:begwebmaster@btinternet.com) We urgently need more committee members!

The AGM should only last between 20 and 30 minutes giving us plenty of time to enjoy stitching "Boro/Kantha style Christmas Tree Decorations" similar to those in the Stitch Magazines. If you can bring along Stitch November/ December 2020 magazine along that would be helpful. We have plenty of Christmas Scraps available.

## Requirements for 'Creating Trees'.



Fabric Christmas Scraps ( I'll bring those)

Base Fabric 25cm/10 inches square. Any colour will do but not too thick.

Any type or thickness of embroidery thread, fine crochet cotton etc.

6 assorted buttons or the same colour. About shirt button size

Stuffing ( I'll bring some)

Thread or narrow ribbon for hanging loop.

Plate or 20cm embroidery hoop .(You could draw a circle on the backing fabric, before joining us.)

Pencil for drawing around plate.

Fabric and embroidery Scissors

Needles to suit thread. ( Longer with big eyes are good.) Pins.



If you have a copy of Stitch Magazine Issue 127, Oct/Nov 2020, and you could bring it with you that would be very helpful. It is page 32.

Wicker hoops are optional and can be added later. These are single Christmas decorations or several can be hung in a line on a cord.

We will try the Boro or Kantha method of stitching, you only need very small scraps of fabric, and will be following a method for creating new fabric from old, using only back stitch, running stitch and cross stitch,.

Instructions and Christmas fabric will all be available on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

I'll bring an assortment of suitable fabric and thread.

## 2022 Programme.

Jill, our new Programme Secretary, has created an amazing 2022 Programme. I will attach a copy of the 2022 Programme to the email, perhaps you can save it or print yourself a copy. The programme includes a mixture of hand and machine sewing, plus day and afternoon workshops. The June meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup> due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the fact that the whole of Patcham Community Centre is fully booked on the 11<sup>th</sup>.June.

I'm sure you will all enjoy the varied 2022 Programme.

Carolyn