



# Newsletter



April 2024

The emergency, SOS, Stitch on Saturday, was enjoyed by 15 members. Some were able to continue with their mini beasts stitching everyone enjoyed stitching with friends. Apologies again, I must have had flu despite my many vaccinations! It lasted nearly 3 weeks. I would have hated to pass it on to any members.

Remember to bring your finished mini-beasts to the next meeting so Pauline can begin to display them.

[Our next meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2 to 4pm.](#)

**A talk by Beth Powers.** Looking at colour, colour combinations, plus design, composition and perspective. Stitchescape kits will be available on the day.

So, bring your purses, sewing kits, needles, thread, scissors etc, although this is mainly an interesting and informative talk about the use of colour.

All Beth's kits are reasonably priced.

Website: [dottytextiles .com](http://dottytextiles.com)

**Workshop. Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> 10 to 4 pm, with Lara Sparks.**

**Entitled 'Wild Flowers and Grasses.' Cost £40.00 but only 14 places available.  
There are 2 places left.**

Lara is a local, excellent and patient tutor who produces some brilliant textiles. "The day is aimed to achieve maximum skills, knowledge and confidence. Lara will demonstrate techniques, giving clear and useful advice." [larasparks-embroidery.co.uk](http://larasparks-embroidery.co.uk)

Lara ran a workshop for us pre-covid and it was so successful members asked for her to return.

We will begin with a pre-drawn starter project concentrated on wildflowers and grasses, which is included in the £40.00 price. The workshop is suitable for all levels of ability. Lara's hand drawn stencils will be available to use to create the main project of your choice, a picture/wall hanging, lantern, lampshade, or cushion cover.

If you choose to create a lampshade or lantern, your choice, there will be an extra cost. (kits for the lampshades and lanterns can be purchased on the day if required) There is no charge for the cushion fronts or pictures.

At her Ferring workshops Lara charges £75.00 p.p. for a day workshop

You will need a Sewing Machine with darning foot. (BEG have some you could borrow.)

Spare needles (70/80)

Threads and spare bobbins, (but Lara will bring some fabrics and threads for you to use.)

Scissors.

Packed Lunch (tea, coffee and biscuits provided)

Laura will bring a range of greeting cards and kits for lampshades and lanterns for you to purchase.

To reserve a place please pay the £40.00 and let me know. The last time Lara came to BEG we were turning people away!



We should change to Metro Bank on the 21<sup>st</sup>, so email me to reserve a place and for bank details.

[A message from Judy](#)

**Brighton & Hove Arts Council Art Show** 17th to 20th April 2024, At the Friends Meeting House, in the South Lanes, Brighton.

Brighton Embroidery Group are members of the BHAC.

SUBMISSIONS May be made only through a participating art group using BHAC entry form. NUMBER OF ITEMS An artist may submit up to 2 items plus browsers. 2 framed paintings or embroideries for hanging or 2 sculptures, or 1 painting / embroidery and 1 sculpture, plus up to 4 unframed works to be displayed in a browser. FEES PER WORK £6.00 for pictures, embroideries, sculpture or digital picture and £4.00 for a browser item. A commission of 10% will be charged on all work sold costing over £100 and such items should take this into account when setting a price.

For further details and entry forms contact Judy Alexander, email: [jaalex15080@gmail.com](mailto:jaalex15080@gmail.com) or [begwebmaster@btinternet.com](mailto:begwebmaster@btinternet.com)

Judy will be at the next 6<sup>th</sup> April meeting so work, forms and entry payment can be handed to her then. All BEG members are also members of the BHAC so any work you wish to sell can be displayed. You will need an entry form and full instructions which can be emailed to you. This is also a good opportunity to advertise Brighton Embroidery Group.

Judy is our BHAC representative.