



Newsletter



April and May 2024

URGENT Please read,

Unfortunately, we have a problem with the Lara Sparks workshop, but Jill has solved it brilliantly!!

Lara Sparks is unable to attend due to ill health and a need to rest. However, Jill has found an excellent substitute. Details of Esther's Collins workshops were available at the last meeting and several of you wished her to be added to the 2025 list of workshops. Esther is just arriving earlier than planned!

20th April 10am to 3pm. Esther Collins Embroidered Leaves and Flowers

esthercollins.co.uk/workshops shows more details:



Esther's course will be based on Embroidered Leaves and Flowers, very similar to the planned Lara Sparks course but using a slightly different technique and fabric. The cost will be £35.00 and if it is ok with you, rather than offering a £5.00 refund we will put it towards the next afternoon meeting attended. We will offer a refund if you prefer and if you no longer wish to join us on the 20th at 10am April. We will need your bank details.

Esther and Jill thought the best option for the workshop was Embroidered leaves and flowers, (this was the most popular one that members chose on Saturday)

The course details are:-

Machine Embroidered leaves and flowers is suitable for those with some experience of machine embroidery. Learn how to make a variety of beautiful machine embroidered fabric flowers and leaves, suitable for all sorts of embellishments and accessories. Then enjoy adding beads or sequins to complete your pieces. We will be using organza and net along with dissolvable fabric to create some stunning effects. There is no extra charge for the materials/fabric.



You will need to bring along your own sewing machine with embroidery/darning foot and a selection of threads. Plus, an embroidery hoop and sharp embroidery/small scissors.

We do have some sewing machines, hoops and scissors you could borrow but please let me know.

I can imagine the flowers and leaves used to embellish bags, fascinators, brooches, blouses or other items.

If you didn't plan to join Lara Sparks workshop, but would like to attend the Esther Collins workshop, there are more places available, as she will take up to 15 students. Please email me if you are happy to transfer to the Esther Collins workshop or wish to join Esther Collins workshop. (we'll need your bank details for a refund)

Saturday 4th May 2 to 4pm.

A talk by Aruna Mene 'From Rags to Riches'

Aruna's "fabric collages and craft work convey the joy of living and optimism, they are inspired by the enchanting natural world." Aruna is an excellent speaker and offers a slide show with many examples of her work. arunamene.com



Aruna uses scraps of fabric backed with bond-a-web to create her remarkable textile pictures. I heard her speak at the Eastbourne and Wealden u3a and obviously spoke to her for quite a while! She gave me permission to take photos. The topic at that time was Around the World in 50 Fabric Collages. Aruna is a very talented lady who lives in Hertfordshire. We are lucky to be able to book her to speak but she was speaking to several venues in the S.E., so in the area.

There are more details on Aruna's website. arunamene.com

I don't usually send out the newsletter so early in the month but the changes on the 20th April made this necessary. If you lose your email, there is always a copy on our website: brightonembroidery.org

Your amazing 'mini beasts' and other examples of members work are also shown on the website under Gallery.

