



# THE H.A.D.E.G. HERALD

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The following message was received from Terry Murphy (CEO of the Embroiderers' Guild) yesterday, please read it. Terry has plans to change the structure of the Guild and as a member it may concern you one day.

"We are very aware that Contact is still not with you despite original estimates that it would be published in January/February. This was certainly our intention. As ever, a combination of factors largely outside our control contributed to the now late publication for which we apologise. Contact will be printed and go to the distribution house this week and be with members during the course of next week.

It will contain the formal notice of the AGM including details for 'Any Other Business' and 'Questions' members may wish to ask. There is also a 'Call for Nominations' for the Broderers' Award. In addition, we are introducing 'Proxy Voting' for Ordinary and Special Resolutions. This means that every member will have the opportunity to vote individually on important decisions whether or not they can attend this forthcoming AGM or any General Meeting.

As part of creating a long term future for the Guild we have been developing a revised framework. This framework is usually referred to as the 'Memorandum & Articles of Association'. This has not been an easy process. It has taken much longer than we were led to expect and has been a steep learning curve for all involved, not least because the Guild, a company since 1936, is subject to the provisions of the Companies Act. A summary of proposals will be published before the AGM and the AGM agenda includes time for a presentation and 'question & answer' session. The presentation

and details of the questions and answers will be made available to members soon after the AGM. However, no decision will be taken at the AGM. It will be taken at a later date. This will allow members time to familiarise themselves with the proposals before being asked to make a final decision. The proposal relating to the chairmanship of the Guild and the new role of 'Artistic Director' will be part of the decision to be taken at a later date.

However, on the lighter side of things, we can tell you that the Magna Carta project is likely to generate a lot of publicity for the Guild in May of this year and we will be announcing a new 'whole-Guild' project for 2016 that has opportunities throughout the UK for members to exhibit their work. Look out for the Capability Brown 300th Festival announcement in Contact with further details in coming weeks being sent to branches, appearing on the website and published in the next issue of Contact."

When you receive 'Contact' there will be a proxy vote, PLEASE use it. If you are not going to the AGM and would like to vote you can give your voting slip to Sue, Judith or me to take for you.

## ***The Embroiderers' Guild AGM***

The Embroiderers' Guild Annual General Meeting is to be held at the Library of Birmingham on the 11th April. Details will be in "Contact". Please go if you can, as I said earlier, the decisions made may affect you and our Branch.

# ***South East Region News***

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Did you know that Harrow and District Branch is part of a Region? there are 11 Regions around the Country and we are part of the South East Region along with 23 other Branches. In Harrow Branch there are two Officers of the Region, I am the Region's Chairman and Judith Bailey is the Treasurer. Each year we hold three main activities that all members of the Guild (and non members) can attend, Summer School, these have been held at West Dean College in Sussex for the last few years, Regional Days, alternate years are held at Ardingly and the next year can be anywhere in the region, and finally the AGM, this can be anywhere in the Region, a few years ago we hosted the AGM in Northwood Hills. The two first events of the year are the fun events, with the serious business meeting at the AGM.

**Region Summer School** 12th - 14th June West Dean College. West Dean, Sussex.

Tutors Kate Farrer "Cosmos" and Carol Naylor "Skyscape" More details were given in the last edition of the Herald. If you didn't come and see Kay and she will tell you more.

There are a few spaces left (1 for Kate and 3 for Carol)

**Regional Day** 27th June at the South of England Show Ground, Ardingly. Tickets in advance £5. on the door £7.

Traders, Workshops, Exhibitions, Madeira Project and the Branch Competition (with the theme of Alice). The Regional days, especially at Ardingly, are great days out, with lots to see and do. There are usually about 20 plus traders, this year 9 workshop (see below for details), the other Branch competition entries, plus our own of course!, the sea panel by Fay Maxwell, (some of you took part in it last year) and The Madeira Project.

For those of you who have "Stitch" magazine, you may remember Pauline Spences' article in issue 90 on Dorset Buttons, you may have even said 'I would like to have a go at those', now is your chance, Pauline is going to lead the Madeira project - the Madeira project is the workshop where you can join in at any time and runs all day.

The workshops are: Judith Bailey - Raised Embroidery, Val Toombes - Felting Memories, Myfanwy Hart - It's all done by numbers, Michael Dennis - Needlelace, Kate Farrer - Pulled work, Anne Sillifant - Metallic Magic, Goldwork - Wendy Smith, Fay Maxwell - Sea Urchins, Julie Snowden - Japanese Embroidery. All the workshops cost £5 and all you need to do is attend, you will get a kit with everything you need.

If you would like to go Stella has organised a coach, so all you need to do is get yourself to Joel Street and enjoy the ride, have a lovely day, sleep all the way home then enjoy the evening looking at all your goodies purchased at the traders and finishing either your workshop project or starting another Dorset button, or both of course! most of us have to be quiet during the evening as our throats have worked over time during the day chatting to old friends.

**Region Annual General Meeting** September 26th  
at Patcham Community Centre, Ladies Mile Road, Brighton. BN1 8TA  
The Coats Competition, open to all members, is "Floral Fantasy"

## ***Members Exhibition at The Cow Byre Gallery 14th - 27th June***

Entry forms for the exhibition are ready to be given out. Please see Gillian Moore for a form.

The exhibition is open for ALL members, please do not say "my work is not good enough", you may not think so, but I bet it is and to somebody just starting to embroider it is heartening so see an embroidery that may not be absolutely perfect.

The exhibition is to be hung on Saturday evening, so at the next Branch meeting Gillian will be letting you know who you can give your entries to.

We would like to make cards for sale at the exhibition for Branch funds, so if you are happy to let us do that please let Gillian know.

## ***National Celebration of Stitch day 8th August***

The actual celebration of stitch day is on the 1st August but we have been told that the Branches can decide when they would like to hold their day, as long as it was as near to the 1st as possible, so Harrow has chosen the 8th.

We have hired the Stables which is beside the Cow Byre Gallery for the afternoon from 1pm - 5pm. We hope as many of you will come down and just sit and sew and hopefully we will get members of public coming in to see us. There will be more details nearer the time.

## ***Alice in Wonderland panel for the Branch challenge at Ardingly***

About 12 members have come forward now to help make the various characters and background for our entry to the challenge, it is such a pity that so few members have volunteered to make something. I often wonder why members do not want to join in the various Branch activities.....the Branch is for all its members not just 12 of us.

For those who are making something, please bring them, completed, to the May Branch meeting.

## ***Branch competition at the AGM 2nd October***

This year's theme is "Found Items" - which sounds interesting! all entries will be judged at the Branch meeting and AGM on the 2nd October.

## ***Dates for your diary***

- March 6th Branch Meeting Carole Diggins Her work as a textile artist
- April No Branch Meeting
- April 11th Embroiderers' Guild Annunal General Meeting in Birmingham
- May 1st Branch Meeting Joan Kendall The construction and conservation of textiles at Hatfield House
- June 5th Branch Meeting Stitching evening.
- 6th Day School with Jenny Adin-Christie Shadow Quilting
- 12th - 14th Region Summer School, West Dean
- 14th - 27th Branch Exhibition at the Cow Byre Gallery
- 27th Regional Day, Ardingly

## ***Workshop***

A group of members meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 - 3.30pm at Eastcote Community Centre, situated at the junction of Southbourne Gardens and Oak Grove, Eastcote.

All members are welcome to drop in. We bring our own 'work-in-progress'. Several members work on the competitions, we have occasional day schools, have a demonstration of some new materials, share books, magazines and exhibition information.

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## ***Committee and their positions***

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