

# WHAT'S ON FEBRUARY 2026

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### THE GUILD'S OWN EVENTS

Our events programme of workshops, talks and demonstrations, is well underway and we hope you'll find lots to tempt you during 2026!

#### Short Workshops

For Guild members workshops or demonstrations cost £2.99. Workshops for non-members cost £15, whilst demonstrations cost £10. We record our workshops, demos and talks. These are available on demand around 14 days after the live event. Those who have purchased a live ticket for an event will automatically be emailed a personal link to the event recording. On Demand recordings can be found here: **On demand - past talks and workshops, Embroiderers' Guild**

The Guild annual membership fee is £42 or twelve payments of £3.95 per month. If you fancy doing three or more workshops it's worth considering becoming a Guild member. More details here:

[embroiderersguild.com/membership](http://embroiderersguild.com/membership)

#### Members' Discount Codes for Workshops and Demonstrations

The discount codes are in the members' area of the Guild website under Member News, and the link you



25 April 2026 Caroline Homfray

need for the workshop discounts is: **Member discounts for Workshops and Demonstrations - Embroiderers' Guild** - you will need to be logged into your members' account for this link to work.

*Coming up next in our 2026 programme:*

#### Workshops

##### 21 MARCH 2026 MINDFUL STITCHING: PROCESS OR OUTCOME WITH HELEN BIRMINGHAM

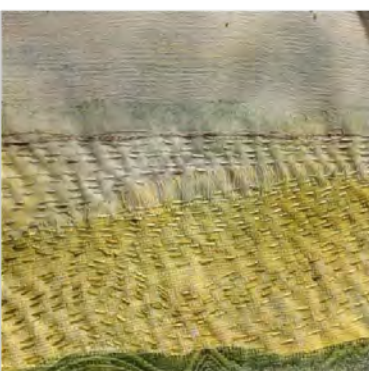
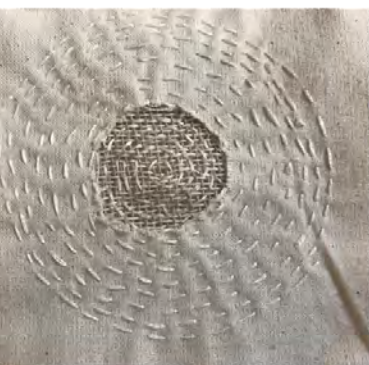
Join Helen to discover the benefits of mindful stitching, how mark-making, freedom of expression and communication through the act of stitching have supported well-being across the ages. Create a small sample and learn about Helen's new collaborative, fundraising project "Process or Outcome".

##### 25 APRIL 2026 FROM DOODLING TO DESIGN IN UNDER TWO HOURS WITH CAROLINE HOMFRAY

Follow along with Caroline as she guides you through playful techniques for generating embroidery designs using simple drawing processes. Create interesting and unique designs quickly without subject matter or previous drawing experience.

##### 9 MAY 2026 PAINT, PRINT AND STITCH LANDSCAPES WITH RUTH PARKINSON-JOHN

Watch your creativity evolve as you experience Ruth's intuitive and relaxed approach to developing an atmospheric landscape using mixed media and hand embroidery.



21 March 2026 Helen Birmingham

# IT'S TIME TO CREATE

## Our upcoming retreats: *We are waiting to welcome you.*

### Bring Your Own Sewing, Knitting & Craft Retreat

📍 Somerset, England | 📅 15th – 20th June 2026

Relax and create in the Somerset countryside with dedicated studio time in a light-filled space. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or craft projects and connect with like-minded makers.

#### Includes:

- 🏠 5 nights accommodation at the elegant Hurds Hill
- 🍽️ All meals
- 🏠 Spacious, exclusive studio
- 📷 Steam train trip & seaside fish and chips excursions



### 3D & Creative Flower Embroidery with Lorna Bateman

📍 Potsdam, Germany | 📅 5th – 12th August 2026

Spend a creative summer week in historic Potsdam with renowned embroidery artist Lorna Bateman. Focus on 3D and silk ribbon embroidery while enjoying expert tuition, cultural excursions, and time to stitch together.

#### Includes:

- ✂️ 27 hours of embroidery tuition
- 🏠 7 nights at 4-star hotel 'MAXX Hotel Sanssouci Potsdam'
- 🍽️ Most meals & group dining
- 🏠 Spacious, exclusive studio
- 📷 Guided excursions (Potsdam & Berlin)



NEW

### NEW – 'Life in Seasons Volume 2' in Scotland with Nicola Jarvis

📍 Fife, Scotland | 📅 14th – 20th September 2026

Join Nicola Jarvis on Scotland's east coast for an immersive embroidery retreat centred on focused teaching and calm surroundings. Teaching is based on Life in Seasons, Volume 2, with time for stitching, reflection, and coastal inspiration.

#### Includes:

- ✂️ 4 full days of embroidery tuition with Nicola Jarvis
- 🏠 6 nights at the Old Manor Hotel, Lundin Links
- 🍽️ Most meals & group dining
- 🏠 Spacious, exclusive studio
- 📷 Tailored excursions to the Wemyss School of Needlework



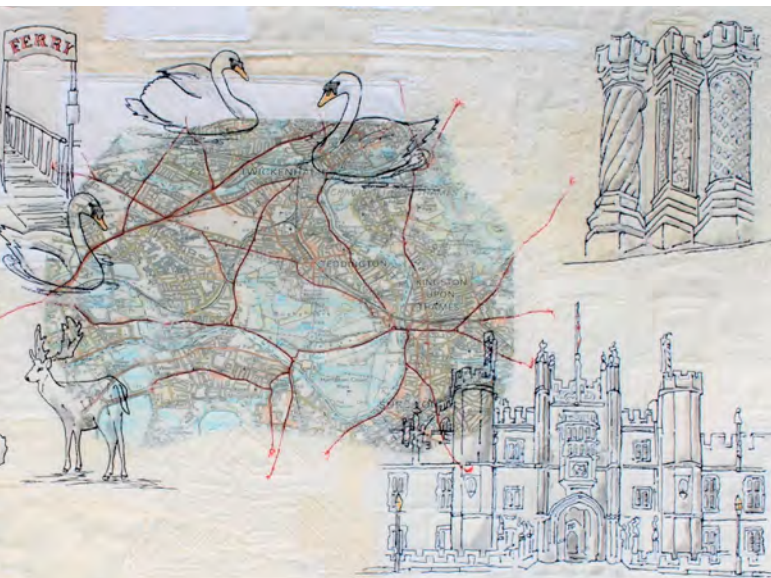
## FOR BOOKING & INFORMATION:

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5 March 2026 Wendy Dolan



15 April 2026 Jenni Dutton

## Thread Talks

A series of online lectures. Speakers talk about inspirations, community projects and other textile art related topics. They also discuss creativity and how they create their pieces. *Talks coming up:*

### **5 MARCH 2026 A CHANGE OF SCALE; THE CHALLENGES OF COMMISSIONED WORK WITH WENDY DOLAN**

Gain a fascinating insight into the excitement and challenges of commissioned work as Wendy walks you through the steps from brief to completion whilst reflecting on her own experiences.

### **14 MARCH 2026 VICTORIAN NEEDLEWORK: FROM DOMESTIC DECORATION TO MILITARY INSIGNIA WITH LUCY BARTER**

Travel back to a revolutionary time for needlework as Lucy explores the diverse skills, both practical and decorative from the Victorian period and demonstrates how the Victorians shaped Needlework for all.

### **15 APRIL 2026 THE DARNINGS WITH JENNI DUTTON**

Join Jenni's exploration of time, memory, identity and loss, as she shares the personal and emotional story behind her 16 portraits "Dementia Darnings".

### **20 MAY 2026 TACTILE SOCIAL HISTORY WITH LYNNE SETTERINGTON**

Enjoy a snapshot of key projects and drivers from Lynne's long career, ranging from the small early vignettes of home to kantha quilts and her more recent collaborative projects.

### **6 JUNE 2026 DECORATIVE TEXTILES AND DESIGN THEMES OF THE XHOSA PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA WITH MARY SLEIGH**

Enjoy this beautifully illustrated talk as Mary guides you through her collection of traditional Xhosa textiles and beadwork whilst celebrating identity and adornment.

### **18 JULY 2026 A FREE TALK FOR GUILD MEMBERS - LIFE IN A SINGLE STITCH WITH HELEN STEVENS**

Let Helen entertain you with an account of an adventurous lifetime in embroidery. From Anglo Saxon influences to the modern cyber age, enjoy the immersive narrative of a life in stitch.

## *Fabulous Feedback*

Thank you everyone for your feedback on Tanya's Bentham's Opus Anglicanum Thread Talk which took place in January. Here's just some of the comments we received:

*"I very much enjoyed Tanya's talk; she's a real expert in her field and it was intriguing to hear how she uses traditional medieval embroidery techniques and design styles for her contemporary subjects and also mixes traditional and modern subjects to create her own unique works of art. I enjoyed her unusual style of presentation; using a room to display her impressive body of work and taking us on a journey around the walls. Sue Jeffries"*

*"Fascinating insights into Tanya's work, really like her enthusiasm for the medieval world and how she is able to put her own unique spin on the ancient embroidery techniques. Well done to the Guild for continuing to find such excellent speakers and to you for giving up your time to run the webinar sessions. Linde"*

**You can still access Tanya's talk On Demand, On Demand: THREAD TALKS: Tanya Bentham: Opus Anglicanum Tickets, Wed 21 Jan 2026 at 19:00 | Eventbrite**

## Demonstrations

### **20 JUNE 2026 SPOTS, STRIPES, BEADS AND TASSELS - EXPLORING IDEAS BASED ON A XHOSA THEME WITH MARY SLEIGH**

Following on from Mary's Thread Talk discover how Xhosa traditional textiles and decorative arts can inspire idea development, innovation and experimentation in your work.

*Find more details and how to book these talks at:* [embroiderersguild.com/thread-talks](https://embroiderersguild.com/thread-talks)

**Recorded events will automatically be made available to all ticket holders within 14 days.**

*Our On Demand Recordings of previous talks can be found here:* [embroiderersguild.com/on-demand-past-talks-and-workshops](https://embroiderersguild.com/on-demand-past-talks-and-workshops)

## Other Guild Events

### **GUILD COLLECTION EXHIBITION 2026 SEW DAINTY: THE ART OF TINY STITCHES**

This exhibition explores how miniature stitches and tiny designs are used to express creativity in the form of embroidery. Take a closer look to appreciate the extraordinary detail hidden in the smallest of things. In addition to the announcement of this exciting new exhibition, the Embroiderers' Guild Gallery has relocated downstairs into a new space just off the Discover Bucks galleries. Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury, Bucks. **Embroidery Gallery: Sew Dainty - Discover Bucks**

### **28 FEBRUARY 2026 TWO IN PERSON TALKS TO ACCOMPANY THE FUSILIER MUSEUM: FOLLOWING THREADS EXHIBITION: EXPLORING REGIMENTAL EMBROIDERY IN THE VICTORIAN AGE EXHIBITION** 1.00pm until 3.30pm

Event booking details here: **Talks Event: Embroidery Through History | The Fusilier Museum, Warwick**

**Talk 1 From Distaff to Digital - 1000 Years (and more) of Decorative Stitching**, Guild Trustee, Dr. Penny Hill  
Explores the rich history of English embroidery including the regimental items on show. Dr. Penny Hill will provide an overview of the history of embroidery in the UK, primarily illustrated by items from the Embroiderers' Guild collection.

**Talk 2 Following Threads - Exploring Embroidery Work Created by Soldiers of the Victorian Age**, Exhibition curator, Prof. Janet Ainley

Discover the remarkable collection of regimental embroideries created by soldiers of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in the 19th and 20th centuries.

### **12 UNTIL 15 MARCH 2026 FASHION & EMBROIDERY SHOW IN BIRMINGHAM**

We will be at the NEC Fashion & Embroidery Show **Fashion & Embroidery - The Creative Craft Shows - UK**

On our Make & Takes stand we will be running mini workshop sessions with a range of stitch samplers giving you an opportunity to discover different stitches or try out old favourites in a new way. Plus we will have a new panel of The World's Longest Embroidery to add to. The mini workshop sessions cost £10. There's no need to book just

12 until 15 March 2026 Fashion & Embroidery Show



**Some of the stitches and techniques (couching & running stitch) that will be available to work through on our Make & Takes stand.**

come along. If you want to be guaranteed a place the quieter times are usually 9.30-10.30am and 3.30-5.00pm  
The 2025 Members' Challenge *Colour Rhythms* sponsored by Janome and Members' Project *Land & Sea* will be exhibited in the Embroiderers' Guild gallery and there will be a chance to meet and chat to some of the Trustees about the new Members' Project, *Look In, Look Out*.

In addition, Penny & Helen will also be hosting some short workshops in the breakout areas on Thurs, Fri & Sat  
**Fashion & Embroidery - The Creative Craft Shows - UK**

ICHF are offering a **50% DISCOUNT off tickets** (on door price) for the NEC Fashion & Embroidery Show for Guild members. The code to use when booking online is noted in the February members Bulletin newsletter page 10.

# Sew Dainty

## The Art of Tiny Stitches

**10 January 2026 -  
December 2026**

This new exhibition celebrates the beauty and skill of producing textiles on a small-scale.

For more details please scan the QR code or visit  
[discoverbucksmuseum.org](https://discoverbucksmuseum.org)



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# Special Offers & Giveaways

**Congratulations** to Debbie Southwood who won our December giveaway, the Mary Cozens-Walker book, *Objects of Obsession 1955-2011*. The book is also available for sale at £12 including UK postage from the Guild eBay shop **embroiderersguild on eBay** and on the *Embroidery* magazine website where it can be purchased internationally in several currencies including euros, US\$, CAN\$ and AU\$\$  
**Embroidery Merchandise - My Magazine Subscriptions**

## The Stitch Festival Discount on tickets:

Discover the ultimate London event for contemporary dressmaking, sewing, and stitching! The Stitch Festival returns to the Business Design Centre, London, from 19 - 22 March 2026. Use code **EMBG26** at checkout to enjoy a **£2\* DISCOUNT** on your tickets.

T&Cs: £2 off standard adult / concession tickets only. Offer not valid on Afternoon tickets, VIP, Child or group tickets, or on Sunday 22 March. Offer expires 11 March 2026. Booking fee applies.

## DAZZLE Thread Pack Offer:

We are running a special offer on a *Wonderfil Dazzle™ thread pack* (50yd spools). 8wt silky rayon with one strand of metallic. Great for highlighting the details on dimensional stitches and passementerie projects for that extra sparkle. You can find a link to purchase the thread pack for **£5** plus p&p (RRP £21.60) in the members' area of the Guild website.

**Louise Saxton 'Cut and Pinned' Book:** Reduced from **£37.50 to £25:** To purchase visit **Embroidery Merchandise - My Magazine Subscriptions**. Louise Saxton's gorgeous book *Cut & Pinned* reflects the artist's collecting, reclaiming and re-imagining discarded needlework. Her reclaimed 'cut & pinned' needlework assemblages, make a significant contribution to the long line of artists seeking to level the playing field between what is considered fine art and what is dismissed as craft.

## Guild member Rachel Mary Wright's Book offer 10% off:

Embark on a mesmerizing journey through the sands of time with Rachel as she reimagines ancient Egyptian art and history in embroidery

and paint. The book priced at £28 plus p&p is available on the Guild merchandise page. A discounted price of **£25** plus p&p is available to Guild members and Embroidery subscribers via this link: <https://bit.ly/468nhXR>

## Search Press Books Offer:

Use the code **EGBOOKS25** to get **25% OFF** your purchase. P&P is free for book orders that are over £25 after the EG discount offer has been applied. Using the discount code helps the Guild too as we get a small commission every time you use the code. Thank you

## Crewelwork Company Kit Discounts and Book Giveaway:

The Crewel Work Company have kindly provided an exclusive offer on the associated kits for the NEW *Then & Now* Book by Phillipa Turnbull & Hazel Blomkamp.

Discover the history of crewel embroidery with eight projects that blend Jacobean tradition with modern innovation. Featuring full-size embroidery charts and a stitch directory of over 100 stitches, this hardback is both a practical guide and a collector's treasure.

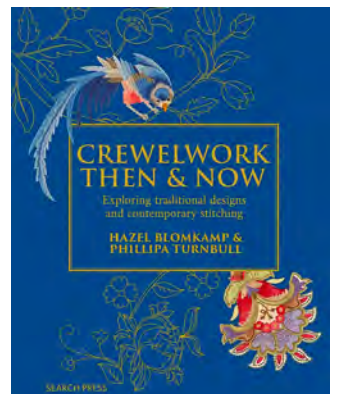
Guild members can take advantage of **10% OFF** the Blue Bird, Phoebe's Vineyard, Traditional Eagle & Greedy Squirrel kits.

Use code: **EG-CWC** at the checkout.

[www.crewelwork.com/collections/i-crewelwork-then-now-i-book-collection](http://www.crewelwork.com/collections/i-crewelwork-then-now-i-book-collection)

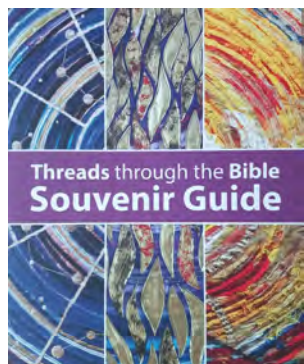
This offer is available until the 31 March 2026.

**PLUS** We have the NEW Crewelwork *Then & Now* Book to giveaway. Please email [receptionist@embroiderersguild.com](mailto:receptionist@embroiderersguild.com) with your name and address by 10 March 2026 to enter.



## Special Offers & Giveaways

**Our February giveaway** is a copy of *Threads Through the Bible Souvenir Guide*. The exhibition is an extraordinary display of three huge sequences, 'Threads through Creation', 'Threads through the Cross' and 'Threads through Revelation' as one exhibition.



**Threads through the Bible | Jacqui Parkinson Textile Artist**

### EXHIBITION DATES:

28 January - 1 March – BATH ABBEY  
8 May - 28 June – CHESTER CATHEDRAL  
2 July - 31 August – LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Further copies are available online to buy here: **Embroidery Merchandise - My Magazine Subscriptions** priced at £15 plus p&p.

To enter the giveaway email: [receptionist@embroiderersguild.com](mailto:receptionist@embroiderersguild.com) with your name, and address by midnight 10 March 2026.

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Current Events

#### **BEDFORD UNTIL 19 APRIL 2026**

##### **UKRAINIAN FOLK ART AND HERITAGE EXHIBITION**

An exhibition of beautiful, colourful, regional antique costumes of Ukraine curated by a local Ukrainian artist. Ukrainian folk art workshops will be run during the year. The Higgins Art Gallery & Museum, Castle Lane, Bedford, MK40 3XD. **Exhibitions**

#### **BRUTON UNTIL 11TH APRIL 2026 'BALANCING ACT' ALICE KETTLE**

In this dynamic interplay of thread, Kettle explores lived experience where rupture and renewal are in a perpetual balancing act. Bo Lee Gallery, West End, Bruton, BA10 0BH. **Alice Kettle: Balancing Act | 7 February - 11 April 2026 | Bo Lee Gallery**

#### **DARLINGTON UNTIL 15 MARCH 2026 PART OF ON TRACK: DARLINGTON STITCH & CREATE**

Selected highlights of 'Through the Carriage Window' in The Space. Hopetown Museum, McNay Street, Darlington DL3 6SW.

#### **DUNDEE UNTIL APRIL 2026**

##### **THREAD MEMORY: EMBROIDERY FROM PALESTINE**

Explore the history of tatreez and the power of Palestinian dress both past and present. V&A Dundee, 1 Riverside, Esplanade, Dundee, DD1 4EZ.

#### **FORFAR UNTIL 30 MAY 2026 'NOVEL IDEAS':**

##### **DUNDEE STITCH & TEXTILE GROUP EXHIBITION**

Gallery open Friday to Monday only 10.30 to 4pm, free entry. MEFFAN GALLERY, 20 W High Street, Forfar, DD8 1BB.

#### **LONDON UNTIL JUNE 2026**

##### **DIVINE AND MYTHICAL CREATURES FROM THE RSN COLLECTION & ARCHIVE**

Featuring imaginary earthly and celestial beings, both human and animal spanning multiple centuries and continents. Hampton Court Palace, London, KT8 9AU.

**Divine and Mythical Creatures from the RSN Collection & Archive - Royal School of Needlework**

#### **LONDON UNTIL 21 JUNE 2026**

##### **WOMEN IN PRINT: 150 YEARS OF LIBERTY TEXTILES**

William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4PP. **Women in Print**

#### **LONDON UNTIL 31 MAY 2026**

##### **CANTICLE OF THE BIRDS**

A mixed-media exhibition inspired by the Sufi poet Farid ud-Din Attar, bringing together artists from the UK and beyond with artisans and young people in creative collaboration. In partnership with the Kings Foundation School of Traditional Arts, Royal School of Needlework, Drawing for the Planet, Songbird Survival and Kings Cross Academy. Aga Khan Centre Gallery, 10 Handyside Street, London, N1C 4DN.

**Canticle of the Birds - Aga Khan Centre**

#### **MARKET HARBOURGH UNTIL 23 MARCH**

##### **2026 'STRAITLACED AND STITCHED UP'**

A Collaborative exhibition with the Second Turning Textile Group and Leicestershire Museums Archive, Harborough Museum, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough LE16 7LT. An expanded exhibition to show contemporary textiles and mixed media interpretations inspired by the Symington Corset Collection.

#### **OLDHAM UNTIL 7 MARCH 2025**

##### **CONNECTING THREADS 2 BY LYNN SETTERINGTON**

Lynn combines popular culture, folk art and the everyday to make extraordinary artworks that celebrate what it means to be human. Gallery Oldham, Greaves Street, Oldham, OL1 1AL.

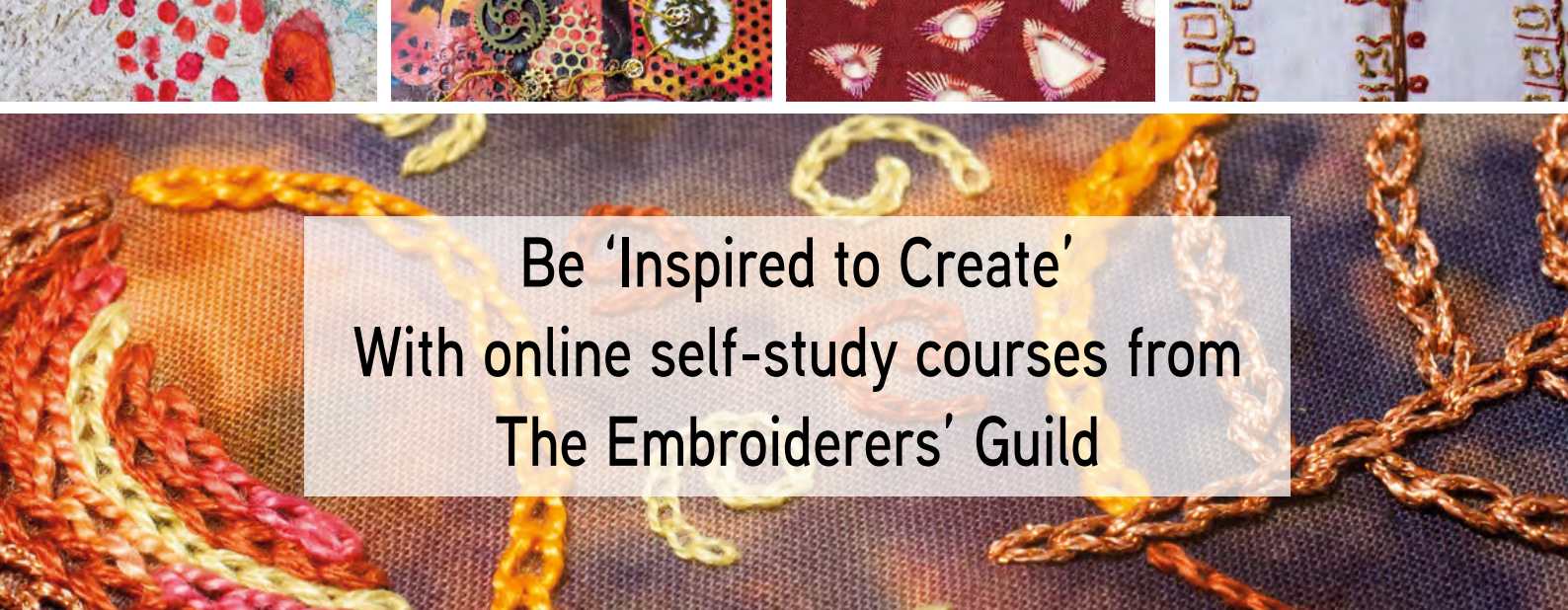
**Exhibitions - Oldham HLA**

#### **REDDITCH UNTIL 8 MARCH 2026**

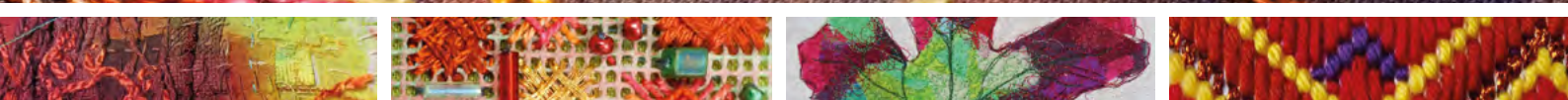
##### **TEXTILE WHISPERS**

An exhibition celebrating the work of students IDC College, Bromsgrove, Forge Mill Needle Museum & Bordesley, Abbey Visitor Centre, Needle Mill Lane, Riverside, Redditch, B98 8HY.

**Exhibitions | Forge Mill Needle Museum**



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# EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2025-26

TICKET AVAILABILITY KEY: AVAILABLE NOW (AN) COMING SOON (CS) ON DEMAND (OD)

### TALKS

**16 September** - Kirstie Macleod - *The Red Dress* OD

**14 October** - Marion Plumb - *The Hidden World of the Geisha* OD

**11 November** - Cas Holmes - *Making Connections* OD

**3 December** - Polly Woolstone - *From Sketchbook to Final Piece* OD

**7 January** - Tanya Bentham - *Opus Anglicanum* OD

**14 February** - Anthea Godfrey - *Care & Presentation* OD

**23 February** - Phillipa Turnbull - *An introduction to Crewelwork* OD

**5 March** - Wendy Dolan - *A Change of Scale, the challenges of commissioned work* AN

**14 March** - Lucy Barter - *Victorian Needlework: From Domestic Decoration to Military Insignia* AN

**15 April** - Jenni Dutton - *The Darnings* AN

**20 May** - Lynn Settrington - *Tactile Social History* AN

**6 June** - Mary Sleight - *Xhosa Design Techniques of the Eastern Cape* CS

**18 July** - Helen Stevens - *Life in a Single Stitch* CS

**5 September** - Linda Hadden - *Samplers* CS

### SHOWS 2025-26

**The World's Longest Embroidery** will be available to stitch on at Knit+Stitch Harrogate and a new section at NEC, Birmingham

**Knit+Stitch** featuring Graduate Showcase, Members' Challenge & Members' Project, Guild retail stall

- Alexandra Palace, London 8 - 11 October 2026
- Harrogate convention Centre, Harrogate 19 - 22 November 2026

**Sewing for Pleasure/Fashion & Embroidery** NEC Birmingham 12-15 March 2026 featuring the National Embroidery Awards, Members' Challenge & Members' Project exhibition gallery, demonstrations and make & takes on Guild stand, Guild workshops

**Guild Collection Exhibition** at Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury - *'Sew Dainty: The Art of Tiny Stitches'* from January 2026

**\*If you fancy doing three or more workshops or demos it's worth considering becoming a Guild member. More details here:**

**Membership - Embroiderers' Guild**

**For more information and to book any of our events see our website: Activities - Embroiderers' Guild**

### WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

**JUST £2.99 FOR GUILD MEMBERS\***

**13 September** - Melanie Missin-Keating - DEMO: *Dyeing to do the Colour Wheel Demo* OD

**25 October** - Sarah Boardman - DEMO: *Small Steps in Swedish Weaving/Huck Embroidery* OD

**1 November** - Batool Showghi - DEMO: *Image transfer onto fabric prior to stitching* OD

**24 January** - Nicola Panteleo - WORKSHOP/DEMO: *Shibori inspired Furoshiki Cloths using natural dyes and modifiers* OD

**3 February** - Anne Brooke - WORKSHOP/DEMO: *Stitched Paper Book in a Box* OD

**21 March** - Helen Birmingham - *Mindful Stitching Process or Outcome?* AN

**25 April** - Caroline Homfray - WORKSHOP - *From Doodling to Design in under 2 hours* AN

**9 May** - Ruth Parkinson-Johns - WORKSHOP/DEMO: *Paint, Print & Stitch Landscapes* AN

**20 June** - Mary Sleight - DEMO: *Exploring ideas based on a Xhosa theme* CS

### MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

**MEMBERS' CHALLENGE:** Theme for 2025-26 is *'Feast'*

- Deadline for submission of entries **27 Feb 2026**
- Entries judged and winners announced during **April 2026**
- Entries exhibited at Knit+Stitch Shows 2026 and Fashion & Embroidery Show 2027

**MEMBERS' PROJECT:** Theme for 2025-26 is *'Look In, Look Out'*

- Registration for Members' Project 2025-26 by **31 March 2026**
- Deadline for submission of completed entries **31 August 2026**
- Entries exhibited at Knit+Stitch Shows 2026 and Fashion & Embroidery Show 2027

**Annual General Meeting:** Online Saturday **18 July 2026 10.30am BST**

### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**Three Guild scholarships:** under 30, over 30, & Education application deadline is **28 June 2026** for the 2026-27 scholars

**Graduate Showcase:** applications from colleges and universities by **30 June 2026** for the 2026-27 graduate showcase

**SLEAFORD UNTIL 15 MARCH 2026 MATERIAL & MEANING: DESIGN NATION**  
The Hub, Sleaford Navigation Wharf, NG34 7TW.  
More information about the exhibition can be found at:  
[www.hub-sleaford.org.uk](http://www.hub-sleaford.org.uk)

**SLEAFORD UNTIL 8 MARCH 2026 THROUGH THE WINDOW: SLEAFORD EMBROIDERERS**  
Ground Floor Gallery, The Hub, Sleaford Navigation Wharf, NG34 7TW. More information about the exhibition can be found at: [www.hub-sleaford.org.uk](http://www.hub-sleaford.org.uk)

**WARWICK UNTIL 11 APR 2026 FUSILIER MUSEUM: FOLLOWING THREADS EXHIBITION: EXPLORING REGIMENTAL EMBROIDERY IN THE VICTORIAN AGE EXHIBITION.**  
An exploration of the embroidery work undertaken by members of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in India and other locations, during the late Victorian period. More details here: The Fusilier Museum, Warwick. The museum in partnership with the Embroiderers' Guild is presenting 2 talks at the Museum Warwick, see the Guild Events for details.

## Upcoming Events

**CHICHESTER 3 UNTIL 15 MARCH 2026 WILD & WILDER!: PHOENIX CONTEMPORARY TEXTILES**  
Oxmarket Contemporary, St. Andrew's Court, off East Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1YH.

**FONTWELL 23 UNTIL 25 APRIL 2026 'THE TREE OF LIFE': CREATIVE TEXTILES GROUP**  
An exhibition of embroidery and textile art, Denmans Garden, West Sussex, BN18 0SU.  
[www.denmans.org/events/the-tree-of-life-an-exploration-in-textile-art-and-embroidery-taking-inspiration-from-nature](http://www.denmans.org/events/the-tree-of-life-an-exploration-in-textile-art-and-embroidery-taking-inspiration-from-nature)

**HARROGATE 2 UNTIL 28 MARCH 2026 'STOLEN FOR THE SKIES': DECORA**  
Mixed media textile exhibition explores the alarming decline and extinction of bird species. Harrogate Library, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate HG1 1EG.  
Free to view during Library opening hours.

**LOSTWITHIEL 6 UNTIL 20 MARCH 2026 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EXHIBITION**  
Celebrating Women, Craft and Collective Voices, Elaine Foster-Gandey Art, 15, Queen Street, Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 0AB

**LOUGHBROUGH 5 MARCH UNTIL 18 APRIL 2026 GROWTH: DESIGN NATION NOTTS**  
Mixed craft exhibition, Sock Gallery, Market Place, Loughbrough, LE11 3EB. Design Nation Notts – Designer-Makers from Nottinghamshire and the surrounding area.

**LONDON 17 UNTIL 26 APRIL 2026 DICTIONARY: PRISM**  
An exploration of hidden meanings in embedded words. Open daily 11.00 to 18.00. The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park, London, E3 4QY.2026  
**exhibition — PRISM TEXTILES**

**ROWSLEY 18 UNTIL 26 APRIL 2026 NOW AND THEN TEXTILE ART BY ART THROUGH TEXTILES**  
Peak Village, Chatsworth Rd, Rowsley, DE4 2JE.

**SOMERTON 7 MARCH UNTIL 11 APRIL 2026 "FLIGHT" ART TEXTILES: MADE IN BRITAIN**  
An exhibition exploring the many meanings of flight as movement, freedom, and imagination. ACEarts, Market Place, Somerton, Somerset, TA11 7NB. The exhibition then moves to Mandell's Gallery, Elm Hill, Norwich, NR3 1HN 25 April until 23 May 2026.

### GROUP Exhibitions

**STAMFORD 10 UNTIL 21 MARCH 2026 'LIFE'S RICH COLOURS' STAMFORD STITCHERS**  
An inspiring exhibition of embroidery, needle craft and textile art by a diverse group of local textile artists. Stamford Arts Centre, 27 St. Mary's Street, Stamford, Lincs, PE9 2DL.

## For those travelling further afield

**NORWAY UNTIL 5 APRIL 2026 THE DREAM BALLAD**  
Draumkvedet (The Dream Ballad) is the last of Torvald Moseid's major embroidered works, completed 7 years before his death. Kunstsilo, Sjølystveien 8, 4610 Kristiansand, Norway. **The Dream Ballad**

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## USA UNTIL 11 APRIL 2026

### SOURCE MATERIAL: LESSONS IN RESPONSIBLE FASHION

Drawing from The Textile Museum Collection, the exhibition highlights how cultures across time have cherished the resources needed to make textiles. The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, 701 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052, USA.

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## Other opportunities

### A STITCH GROUP FOR WAKEFIELD, INTERESTED?

Gillian Richardson has been looking for a group to join for some time. There are a few affiliated groups in Yorkshire but none based in Wakefield and district where she lives. If there is anyone interested in forming a Wakefield group please email Gillian: [56gillrich@gmail.com](mailto:56gillrich@gmail.com). Thank you.

### TUTOR OPPORTUNITY

The Jean Williams Embroidery Group meet in a hall in Glangryney between Crickhowell and Abergavenny. They are looking for a tutor to come and run an in-person workshop using traditional designs and techniques. The group are happy to cover tutor fees, travel and expenses etc. The majority of the group are

reasonable stitchers. If you would like to provide a workshop for the group please contact Margaret email: [margaret@3sdt.com](mailto:margaret@3sdt.com)

### OPEN CALL THE NATIONAL TRUST AND SUSSEX CONTEMPORARY

Submissions now OPEN for creatives to submit works for a 3 month exhibition at Standen House July 2026. The exhibition will celebrate contemporary responses to Standen and the Arts & Crafts Movement. An opportunity to have work curated within the main exhibition, or displayed throughout the house alongside the properties significant collection. We welcome work that engages with a contemporary response to the Arts & Crafts movement with a particular focus on: - Craftship, Nature, the material culture of home, Interior objects

**Submissions Open:** 12 December 2025, **Submissions Close:** 31 May 2026, **Exhibition Opens:** July 2026.

Visit the Instagram post **Instagram** for more information on applying or email [enquiries@thesussex.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thesussex.co.uk)

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