

WHAT'S ON JUNE 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE GUILD'S OWN EVENTS

As our events programme of workshops, talks and demonstrations continues, we hope you'll find lots of interesting, exciting and fun options to tempt you.

IN-PERSON EVENTS

Sharing The Joy Of The Guild Collection

Our knowledgeable Collection Trustees, Anthea and Anne, will be taking to the road in the Autumn to share a range of selected items from the Guild Collection at Hobbycraft stores where there are dedicated craft rooms. This is a great opportunity to see Collection items up close.

16 September 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Selly Oak, Birmingham store 10.30am and 1.30pm

25 September 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Watford store 10.30am and 1.30pm

30 September 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Coventry store 10.30am and 1.30pm

2 October 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Harlow store 10.30am and 1.30pm

21 October 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Bridgemere, Nantwich store 10.30am and 1.30pm

4 November 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Tamworth store 10.30am and 1.30pm

25 November 2026 *Sharing the Guild Collection*, Hobbycraft Selly Oak, Birmingham store 10.30am and 1.30pm

Note: The items shared at Harlow and Watford stores by Anthea are different to those shared by Anne at Birmingham, Coventry, Nantwich, Tamworth stores.

There are between 7-15 places available per session depending on the location. Tickets are now available

In Person Workshops - Embroiderers' Guild

Online 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, around 14 days after the live event. On



Sharing The Joy Of The Guild Collection

Demand recordings can be found here: **On Demand 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: <https://embroiderersguild.com/membership>

Members' Discount Codes for Workshops and Demonstrations

The discount codes are in the members' area of the Guild website under Member Profile/Discounts & Offers and the link you need for the event discounts and to access the free On-Demand talks and workshops is: **Discounts and Offers - Embroiderers' Guild** - you will need to be logged into your members' account for this link to work.

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



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18 July 2026 Helen Stevens

Important news for members about Guild talks

For our 2026-27 events programme we are updating the way we offer a reduced price for tickets to members for Guild talks. From September onwards instead of having suggested prices for members and non-members there will be one ticket to buy with members entering a discount code. We already do this for workshops and demonstrations. The talk discount code will be in the members area under discounts and offers **Discounts and Offers - Embroiderers' Guild** - you will need to be logged into your members' account for this link to work.

Online Workshops

30 SEPTEMBER 2026 "Visible Mending - embellishing small holes and stains" with Sonja Galsworthy

Join Sonja in the first of three workshops helping you give new life to old clothes. Learn creative techniques for repairing, patching, and embellishing garments to create beautiful, unique textile details. In this first session learn; eyelets, buttonhole wheels, and basic surface stitches to cover small holes or add decorative details.



30 September 2026 Sonja Galsworthy

4 NOVEMBER 2026 "Visible Mending - covering large holes with patches" with Sonja Galsworthy

Patching large holes from underneath using sashiko-style stitching, as well as patching from the top with printed fabrics and surface stitch embellishments.

2 DECEMBER 2026 "Visible Mending - colourful darning for medium holes" with Sonja Galsworthy

Learn surface darning with colourful threads to create plaid-style patches for medium-sized holes. These workshops are perfect for anyone looking to breathe new life into their wardrobe, explore creative textile techniques, and enjoy hands-on, process-led making.

Find more details and how to book these online workshops at: embroiderersguild.com/workshops.

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:*

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. *There is a special member discount code for this talk in the members' area.*

5 SEPTEMBER 2026 Samplers - A Brief History and Their Stories with Linda Hadden

Journey with Linda through her fascinating work with the Sampler Guild researching the history behind antique samplers. Discover the skills involved in identification of origins and uncover the stories behind the unusual examples.

16 SEPTEMBER 2026 With Their Own Hands: Women Weaving Their Stories with Nicole Nehrig

Join psychologist and passionate textile crafter Nicole in a celebration of the quiet revolution stitched into fabrics. Delve into the ways women have made—and been made by cloth, turning needle and thread into tools of freedom, identity, and resilience.



16 September 2026 Nicole Nehrig

A Little Creativity Can Spark Big Ideas



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Fabulous Feedback

In May Lynn Settrington hosted the Thread Talk "Tactile Social History" we were pleased to receive some lovely feedback.

"Very interesting talk from Lynn especially about the community projects and how she gained funding and the materials she used." (Row)

*If you missed Lynn's talk you can access the on-demand version here: **On Demand: THREAD TALKS: Lynn Settrington: Tactile Social History Tickets, Wednesday 3 June - Thursday, 3 June 2027 | Eventbrite***

17 OCTOBER 2026 From drawing to stitch: a practice in process with Sophie Bowen (tickets available soon)

Sophie shares an honest and reflective insight into building a creative practice. Discover how her ideas emerge from mark making into stitch, using repetition, rhythm and attention to materials to guide her work.

Find more details and how to book these talks at: embroiderersguild.com/thread-talks

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

ON-DEMAND EVENTS ENDING SOON:

Our On-demand recordings remain available to access for 6 months. Be quick to make sure you get to see the following event *Stitched Paper Book in a Box with Anne Brooke* ends 31 July 2026

On Demand: Workshop: Stitched Paper Book in a Box with Anne Brooke Tickets, Tuesday 17 February-Friday 31 July • 7PM - 11:30PM GMT | Eventbrite

As we start our new programme of events for 2026/27 a number of our current On-Demand events are only available to buy until 31 August 2026 these include Philippa Turnbull two talks on Crewel Work, Tanya Bentham's talk on Opus Anglicanum and Lucy Barter's two talks on May Morris and Victorian.

See the Guild website for more details **On Demand: Past Talks and Workshops - Embroiderers' Guild**

Other Guild Events

DISCOVER "THE CREATIVE THREAD"

The Summer issue of our new members' magazine *The Creative Thread* is out on 25 June, and it's packed with artists, ideas and fresh perspectives to inspire an expressive season. We spotlight the two 2025-26 Guild Scholars Lucy Bishop - one of her evocative pieces is on the cover - and Veva van der Wolf, both of whom candidly share their creative practice and how the Guild supports them.

The recent winners of our FEAST Members' Challenge, sponsored by Janome, are featured - and we're delighted to have a beautiful Egyptian-inspired project, designed by overall winner Nikki Parmenter, together with a delicate coastal scene

The Creative Thread

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Summer 2026
ISSUE 2



project by Trustee Amanda Smith for you to try. Master a new stitch with our expert tutorial, take a deep dive into a Collection piece that reflects the joy of midsummer and learn from our experienced and emerging artists who give friendly feedback to each others' work. Enjoy the issue!

Guild members will receive *The Creative Thread* as part of their membership. Not a member but curious to see what's inside? *The Creative Thread* is available for non-members to buy on **Pocketmags** or **Zinio** at £4.99 per issue and £14.99 for a subscription.

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, just off the Discover Bucks galleries. Discover Bucks Museum, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Embroidery Gallery: Sew Dainty - Discover Bucks

EXHIBITING MEMBERS' CHALLENGE AND MEMBERS' PROJECT IN 2026/27

All entries for Members' Challenge 'Feast' and Members' Project 'Look In, Look Out' will be exhibited at Knit+Stitch Show Harrogate and Fashion & Embroidery Show Birmingham. However, the number of pieces on show at Knit+Stitch Show, London will be limited due to space restrictions.

WIN a 2027 embroidery retreat!

Embroidery, The Textile Art Magazine has teamed up with Creative Experiences for an exclusive competition to win an embroidery retreat in the UK or Madeira

■ CREATIVE EXPERIENCES organises exceptional embroidery, stitching and lace-making retreats. Hosted in beautiful destinations across the UK, Europe and beyond, their retreats combine inspiring tuition from world-class tutors with relaxed stitching, sightseeing, delicious food and time to connect with fellow makers. The retreats are suitable for both beginners and experienced stitchers alike. creative-experiences.com

The team

At the heart of all Creative Experiences' retreats is the belief of owners Nadine and Mark that creativity brings people together. What began as a small idea fuelled by a love of crafting and their years spent working in luxury hotels and restaurants, has grown more than ten years later into something to treasure: a community of creative people who come together to learn, unwind and share a meaningful learning experience.

Nadine and Mark dedicate themselves to overseeing the details of every retreat, from choosing the locations and working with their incredible tutors to being at the venue in person to welcome each guest. Everything is achieved with their care, excitement and genuine joy.

The prize

Embroidery magazine is excited to offer one reader the opportunity to win a Creative Experiences retreat, from a choice of three unique embroidery holidays (subject to availability). The prize includes:

- ▶ Accommodation during the retreat, which is single occupancy unless otherwise stated
- ▶ Tuition and workshop fees
- ▶ The materials and kit required for the programme
- ▶ Meals included within the official retreat itinerary
- ▶ Scheduled group excursions included within the retreat programme
- ▶ *Embroidery* magazine will pay up to £100 towards travel/expenses. If a UK retreat is chosen it will be £50 unless an overseas winner is coming to a UK retreat, when it will be up to £100.

For details of what the prize does not include and terms and conditions, see below.

How to enter

Entering online is easy at mymagazinesub.co.uk/embroidery/competitions

Closing date: 30 September, 5pm. The winner will be picked at random and their name and home county will be announced on Instagram.com/embroidery_mag

The winner will need to provide feedback to *Embroidery* magazine's editor for a feature in a future issue, plus photographs (high resolution) from their experience.

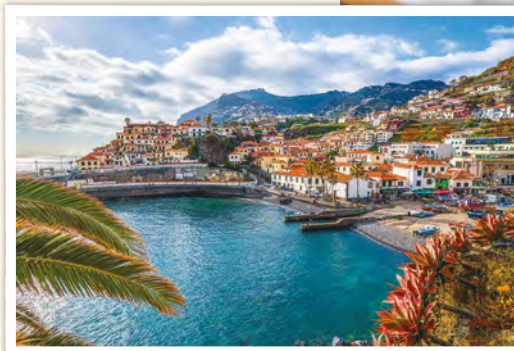
The winner will need to provide proof of purchase of *Embroidery, The Textile Art Magazine's* July/August 2026 issue or be a subscriber. For subscriptions and single issues visit embroiderymagazine.co.uk/subscribe-3



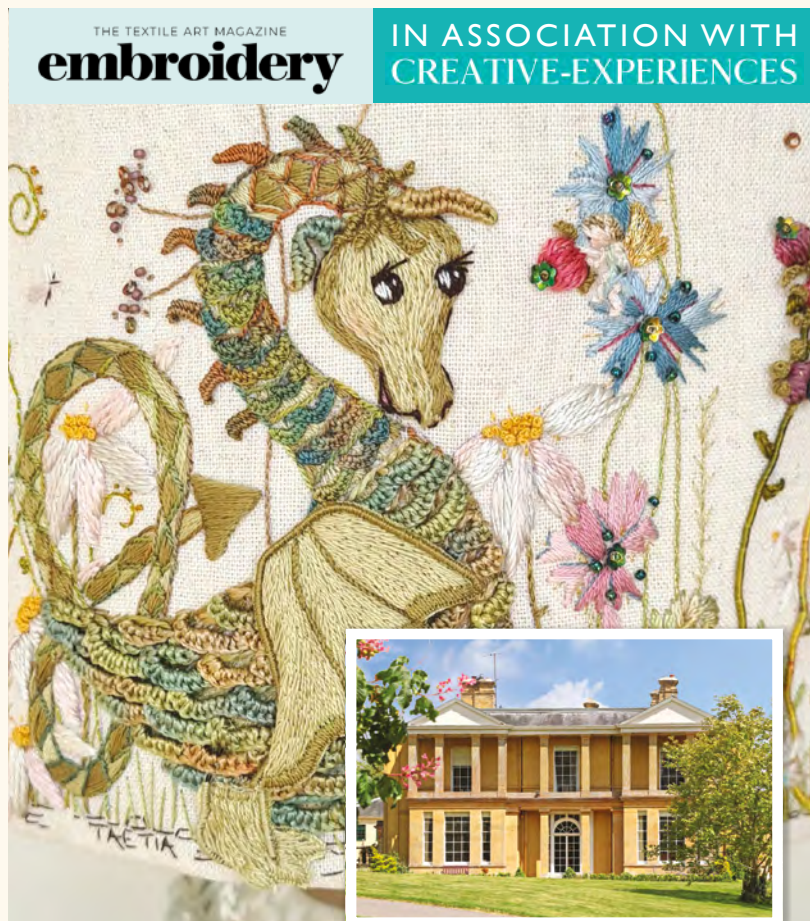
Above: Option 1 tutor Hannah Mansfield, better known online as @theperpetualmaker, is an expert in tambour beading and 3-D goldwork embroidery and is passionate about using these traditional techniques in a modern context.

Left: Your base is Funchal, Madeira, and the Hotel Quinta da Bela Vista, with time to explore the area built-in to the schedule.

Below: Hannah Mansfield's *Welsh Poppy*.



The prize does not include: Additional international or domestic travel to/from the destination; Travel insurance; Personal purchases; Meals not included within the official retreat programme; Beverages (unless explicitly stated); Any additional excursions or services not listed as included; Visas or entry requirements. The winner will be picked at random with their name and home county announced on Instagram.com/embroidery_mag. The winner will be contacted by @embroidery_mag only. **Terms and conditions:** The winner will attend a Creative Experiences retreat (choice of options). *Embroidery* magazine will pay up to £100 towards travel/expenses. If a UK destination is chosen it will be £50 unless an overseas purchaser/subscriber is coming to a UK retreat, when it will be up to £100. Entrants must be 18 or over. No cash alternatives are offered. The prize is not transferable. The winner will provide feedback to the editor for a future issue of *Embroidery* magazine, plus high resolution photos from their retreat experience. The winner will provide proof of purchase of *Embroidery* magazine July/August 2026 or be a subscriber. Closing date: 30 September, 5pm. Full standard and specific terms and conditions are at mymagazinesub.co.uk/embroidery/competitions



Your choice of retreats

1. 3-D GOLDWORK EMBROIDERY RETREAT WITH HANNAH MANSFIELD

Location: Madeira, Portugal (Hotel Quinta da Bela Vista)

Date: 15/02/2027 to 22/02/2027

About the tutor: Hannah Mansfield is a hand embroiderer who specialises in tambour beading and 3-D goldwork embroidery. She is known for combining traditional embroidery techniques with modern designs and creating detailed 3-D goldwork flowers using specialist wires and sculptural techniques. Hannah is also an award-winning artist and the author of *Tambour Beading: Techniques and Projects*. She works with organisations including CHANEL and The King's Foundation.

2. FAIRY AND DRAGON EMBROIDERY RETREAT WITH TAETIA MCEWEN

Location: Somerset (Hurds Hill country house)

Dates: 21/06/2027 to 28/06/2027

About the tutor: Taetia McEwen is an Australian embroiderer known for creating richly detailed embroidered scenes filled with flowers, birds, butterflies and magical creatures. Her work combines femininity, texture and a signature touch of whimsy. Introduced to stitching by her mother at the age of 12, she later rediscovered embroidery after the birth of her first daughter, when it quickly became a fulfilling passion. Inspired by childhood memories of beautiful books and rambling gardens, she creates whimsical embroidered scenes filled with flowers, birds, butterflies and magical creatures.

3. CHRISTMAS EMBROIDERY RETREAT WITH DEBORAH WILDING

Location: United Kingdom (tbc)

Dates: 06/11/2027 to 13/11/2027

About the tutor: Deborah Wilding trained at the Royal School of Needlework, graduating with distinction in 2015, and specialises in historically accurate embroidery techniques, including goldwork, silk shading, crewelwork, blackwork and stumpwork. Her work combines exceptional craftsmanship with a passion for preserving traditional embroidery methods through both teaching and contemporary design.



Top left: Option 2 tutor Taetia McEwen, who creates stunning whimsical designs.

Top right: Taetia McEwen's *The Fairies' Pet lampshade*.

Inset: Your base, Hurds Hill country house, Somerset.

Left: Option 3 tutor Deborah Wilding specialises in historical embroidery and the traditional arts, with a focus on preserving these time-honoured methods.

Below: Deborah Wilding, *Spring Flowers*, a 3-D stumpwork piece.





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Offers & Giveaways...

CONGRATULATIONS to Sheena Stone who won our May giveaway a sample pack of Wonderfil threads. 15 samples of machine and hand embroidery threads: including Invisavil, Decobob, Razzle, Dazzle Konfetti, Frutti, Tutti.

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS GIVEAWAY & DISCOUNT TICKETS: WIN one of two pairs of tickets to Festival of Quilts, between 30 July - 2 August at the NEC, Birmingham! Home to the largest open quilt competition in the world, has the largest programme of workshops and talks offered anywhere in Europe and hosts some of the leading quilt artist exhibitions from around the globe, including Soul Stories and The Quilt Collection, showcasing narratives ranging from 18th-century pieces to modern contemporary statements.

To be in with a chance to WIN one of the two pairs of tickets simply submit your entry to receptionist@embroiderersguild.com

This giveaway ends 30th June 2026. We will select a winner at random, on 1st July 2026.

We will contact the winner directly via digitalmarketing@embroiderersguild.com. This competition is open to UK Only residents.

For discounted tickets use code **EMBG26** to **save £2** on standard adult/concession tickets only. Offer not valid on VIP, Two-Day, Child or group tickets, or on Sunday 2nd August. Offer expires 2nd August 2026. Transaction fee applies.

DAZZLE THREAD PACK OFFER: We have left a few special offer **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 OFFER: 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.

LOOK OUT FOR: Special limited-edition July/August issues of *Embroidery* magazine with a voucher for a hand embroidery taster course worth £75! Priced at £12.99 out on 25 June! *Only available at selected Tesco Extra and WHSmith Travel stores
In all copies of the July/August issue of *Embroidery* magazine there is the opportunity to win an Embroidery holiday with Creative Experiences in the UK or Madeira with up to £100 towards travel/ expenses. To enter you need to be a subscriber or provide proof of purchase of the July/August issue.



... Offers & Giveaways continued



ITEMS FOR SALE EMBROIDERERS' GUILD EBAY SHOP:

We have some beautiful Gutermann silk thread packs in a range of thicknesses and colours for sale in our eBay shop. Exceptional quality, lovely for hand embroidery. **Items for sale by embroiderersguild | eBay**

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.

UPDATE FOR MEMBERS ON THE GUILD PATTERN BOOKS PROJECT

This project will produce two transfers books, Flora and Fauna. We asked Guild members to help produce samples to illustrate the books. We had so many

responses content plans had to be completely changed so as many samples as possible could be included in the books. Those involved have wondered why it is all taking so long to produce the books. The Trustees working on the pattern books are volunteers and with the best will in the world it has taken much more time than we anticipated.

We had expected around 25 samples per book. The time to photograph and record the 349 samples we are now using has taken much much longer. In addition, the volunteers writing the book have been beset with ill health and domestic upsets.

We now have a structure for each book, the 349 photographs in order with annotations. We have nearly completed writing each chapter. The draft books will then go to the designer and then to the publisher. We don't know how long these stages will take and when the books will be ready for printing. As each stage is completed we will provide a further update.



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OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Current Events

BANBURY UNTIL 5 JULY 2026

Visualise at Sulgrave Manor

An exhibition of contemporary stitched textiles, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, 10.30 until 4pm. Sulgrave Manor, Manor Road, Sulgrave, Banbury, OX17 2SD. [What's On](#)

MACCLESFIELD UNTIL 25 JULY 2026 "Time & Place - A Celebration of Macclesfield Silk Museum's Pattern Book Archive" - A Stitch & Mixed Media Exhibition by Threadmill

Open Wednesday to Saturday - 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free admission. The Silk Museum, Park Lane, Macclesfield, SK11 6TJ.

www.thesilkmuseum.co.uk www.threadmill.org.uk

NOTTINGHAM UNTIL 1 NOVEMBER 2026

Peapods & Gillyflowers: Embroideries from the Lord Middleton loan collection, plus The Greensleeves Project

PEAPODS & GILLYFLOWERS is a new exhibition offering a rare opportunity to see outstanding embroideries from the Lord Middleton Collection, in behind-the-scenes period rooms at Wollaton Hall, Nottingham, NG8 2AE. wollatonhall.org.uk/exhibition-peapods-and-gillyflowers

THE GREENSLEEVES PROJECT exhibition showcases the clothing and accessories reconstructed for The Greensleeves Project, alongside a range of information about the social and historical context of the song and its elements. wollatonhall.org.uk/exhibition-greensleeves



Until 1 November 2026 NOTTINGHAM Wollaton Hall

CTLOAN 3/24 Cushion-cover (1600-1650), cream satin, embroidered in coloured silks and gold and silver threads with spangles. Photo: Nottingham City Museums and Galleries.

ULSTER UNTIL 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Ashes to Fashion"

Marking 50 years since the 1976 Malone House fire that destroyed its entire costume and textile collection. The exhibition reveals how the team rebuilt that collection from scratch, featuring five centuries of garments and the only surviving original piece: the 1712 Lennox Quilt. Ulster Museum, Stranmillis Road, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, BT9 5AB, Northern Ireland.

[Discover Together | Ulster Museum](#)

Upcoming Events

ACCRINGTON 18 JULY UNTIL 13 SEPTEMBER

2026 Our Precious Planet Ribble Creative Stitchers

12pm to 4pm, free admission. Haworth Gallery, Accrington, BB5 2JS.

BEXHILL ON SEA 18 JULY 2026 Sussex

Stitchers Open Day and Exhibition of Embroidery

10am - 4 pm. Admission £5 (includes refreshment) plus 3 stalls. St Mark's Church Hall, Green Lane, Little Common. Bexhill on Sea TN39 4BZ.

BIRMINGHAM 30 JULY UNTIL 2 AUGUST 2026

Festival of Quilts

Europe's largest quilt show, The Festival of Quilts returns to Birmingham's NEC. This year's opening times are as follows: Thursday 30 July: 9:30am - 5.30pm, Friday 31 July: 9:30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 1 August: 9:30am - 5.30pm, Sunday 2 August: 9:30am - 4:00pm.

More information: [Home - The Festival of Quilts](#)

LONDON 11 UNTIL 16 JULY 2026

Cloth and Consequences

City Lit Advanced Textile Art - end of course exhibition. Private View 11 July 6 - 8pm. Hours 9am - 6pm. 9 Keeley Street, London WC2B 4BA.

NEEDHAM MARKET 18 UNTIL 19 JULY 2026

Creative Stitch Graduate Show 2026

An exhibition of stitched textiles by students completing courses in Advanced Stitched Textiles. Plus exhibitions by five Creative Stitch alumni groups. 10am - 4pm each day, entry £5, under 18's free. Venue: Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8BB

NORFOLK 27 AUGUST 2026

The Inaugural Exhibition by the Icon Lady

The Clock Room Downham Market Norfolk PE38 9DW. Open: 10:30 - 15:30 There will be Crewel Work Company versions of the Guild Collection red altar frontal in both red and blue plus some examples of religious icons based on Byzantine examples embroidered. For further info email:

Iconlady@proton.me

OSWESTRY 4 JULY UNTIL 29 AUGUST 2026

Stitch Unbound

A collection of contemporary textile art at the Willow Gallery, 56 Willow Street, Oswestry, SY11 1AD.

[Exhibitions - Willow Gallery Oswestry](#)



Crewel Work Company

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SNAPE 10 UNTIL 15 JULY 2026

Textile Art Group Suffolk

Open daily, Snape Maltings, Pond Gallery, Snape, Suffolk, IP17 1SP. www.tags.org.uk

WOLVERHAMPTON 3 UNTIL 5 JULY 2026

"My Favourite Things" Wolverhampton Creative Embroiderers

An exhibition as part of the Festival of Flowers and Crafts. Opening times: Friday and Saturday July 10am-4.30pm and Sunday 1pm -4.30pm. Donations for programme and entry. Refreshments available St Benedict's Church, Church Road, Wombourne, near Wolverhampton, WV5 9EZ.

For those travelling further afield

FRANCE UNTIL 12 JULY 2026

"Fashion in the 18th century: A Fantasized Legacy" and UNTIL 18 OCTOBER 2026 "Weaving, Embroidering, Embellishing - Crafts & Trades of Fashion"

In Paris, the Palais Galliera brings the eighteenth century back to life with Fashion in the 18th Century: A Fantasized Legacy, this exhibition reveals how the Age of Enlightenment shaped women's silhouettes, fabrics, and accessories and how it continues to inspire designers today.

In "Weaving, Embroidering, Embellishing- Crafts & Trades of Fashion" see how fashion roles and techniques have evolved from the 18th century to today. [Current exhibitions | Galliera](#)

FRANCE 2 AND 3 OCTOBER 2026

Filet di Bosa Workshop with Guild Scholar Veva Van Der Wolf

Born from fishing nets, shaped by repetition...Filet di Bosa carries the rhythm of the sea. Veva will be teaching a 2 day workshop in Brioude, France: part of the Grand Couvige at Hôtel de la Dentelle. Learn how to work with the grid, the traditional stitches, and slowly create your own piece. No experience needed, only curiosity and hands ready to feel. To join email: vevavanderwolf@gmail.com [Instagram](#)

NEW ZEALAND UNTIL 18 JULY 2026

Changing Threads Fibre and Textile Art Awards 2026 Arts Council Nelson

See the finalist work at REFINERY Art Space, 114 Hardy Street, Nelson, New Zealand. [Changing Threads](#)

UNITED STATES UNTIL 15 AUGUST 2026

T3%+!le\$ - The Language of Fiber: A Surface Design Association Juried Exhibition

"Well done to Liz Tomes @auspicious_haptics Guild Graduate showcase 2025-2026 who has had work selected for an international exhibition."

An exploration of language in all its expressive forms: written, spoken, and illustrative. The artworks evoke responses, provoke thought, and foster connections between textiles and language. The Schweinfurth Art Centre 205 Genesee St. Auburn, NY 13021, United States. [Exhibits - Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center](#)

Other opportunities

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE GUILD

Share what you love: We all start somewhere, and this is your chance to inspire beginner embroiderers with your skills and experience. We're looking for volunteers to share their knowledge, introduce others to the joy of stitching and meet the next wave of makers and artists.

In collaboration with Hobbycraft, we're planning a series of short skills sessions **in stores** across the UK from October 2026 to April 2027. We're inviting volunteers to play a vital part - for just one session or several, whatever suits you best, **we're asking you to help beginners become familiar with using a needle and thread and basic embroidery stitches.**

Designs and materials will be provided, travel expenses reimbursed and support is available throughout.

If this sounds like you, contact receptionist@embroiderersguild.com by 30 June to find out more. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

The Guild Digitisation Project: This is progressing well with nearly 4,500 pieces photographed, however only 2,000 have been checked for loading to the Art UK website. We have two people checking photos, another person would help progress. The checking can be done remotely at home. A keen eye for detail and the ability to be organised and systematic is required. A computer and internet access is required. Familiarity with using Dropbox useful but not essential. It would lovely if you were a Guild member but you don't have to be.

Full instructions and guidance on the checks required, how to find the photos in Dropbox and what to send back after checking will be provided by Anne Haigh the trustee who is managing this project. Interested in helping on this exciting project? Please contact receptionist@embroiderersguild.com

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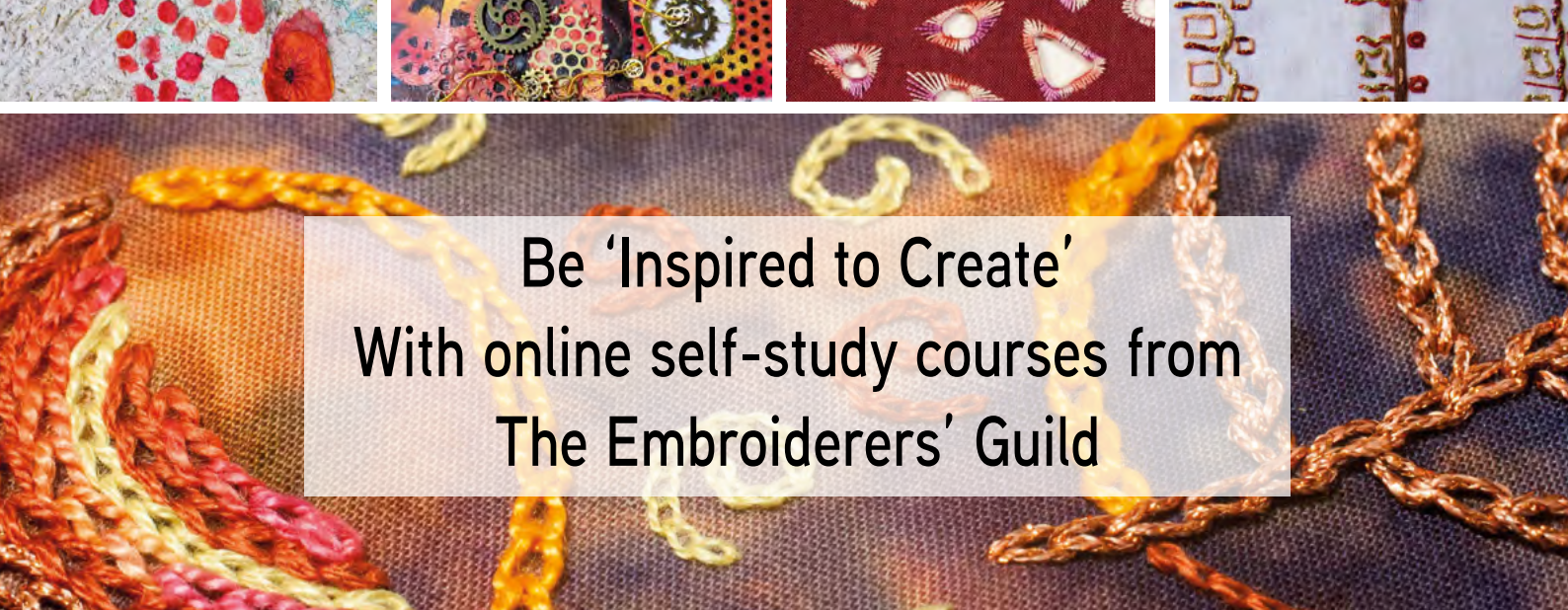
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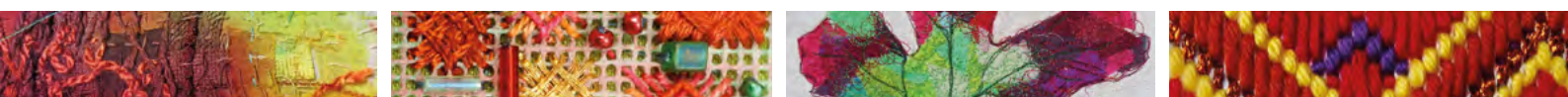
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TICKET AVAILABILITY KEY: AVAILABLE NOW (AN) COMING SOON (CS) ON DEMAND (OD) *OD ENDS 31 AUGUST 2026

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* OD*
- 14 March** - Lucy Barter - *Victorian Needlework: From Domestic Decoration to Military Insignia* OD*
- 15 April** - Jenni Dutton - *The Darnings* OD*
- 20 May** - Lynn Settrington - *Tactile Social History* OD
- 6 June** - Mary Sleight - *Xhosa Design Techniques of the Eastern Cape* OD
- 18 July** - Helen Stevens - *Life in a Single Stitch* AN
- 5 September 2026** - Linda Hadden - *Samplers A Brief History and Their Stories* AN
- 16 September 2026** - Nicole Nehrig - *With Their Own Hands: Women Weaving Their Stories* AN

SHOWS 2025-26

Look out for **The World's Longest Embroidery** coming up at Knit+Stitch Harrogate.

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

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

THE CREATIVE THREAD

2026 release dates: Summer - 25 June

Autumn - 17 September Winter - 3 December

*If you fancy doing three or more workshops or demos it's worth considering becoming a Guild member. More details here: [Membership - Embroiderers' Guild](#)

WORKSHOPS & DEMONSTRATIONS

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- 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 (ENDS 31 JULY 2026)
- 21 March** - Helen Birmingham - *Mindful Stitching Process or Outcome?* OD*
- 25 April** - Caroline Homfray - WORKSHOP - *From Doodling to Design in under 2 hours* OD*
- 9 May** - Ruth Parkinson-Johns - WORKSHOP/DEMO: *Paint, Print & Stitch Landscapes* OD*
- 20 June** - Mary Sleight - DEMO: *Exploring ideas based on a Xhosa theme* OD
- 30 September 2026** - Sonja Galsworthy "Visible Mending - embellishing small holes and stains" CS

MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

MEMBERS' CHALLENGE: The theme for 2026-27 is 'Extraordinary, Innovative Architecture'. Deadline for submissions 28 February 2027.

2025/26 entries exhibited at Knit+Stitch Shows 2026 and Fashion and Embroidery Show 2027

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

- 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

For more information and to book any of our events see our website: [Activities - Embroiderers' Guild](#)

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