

WHAT'S ON JANUARY 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 as we enter 2026!

Short Workshops

For Guild members the short workshop or demonstration costs remains at £2.99* each, the cost for workshops for non-members is £15* each, whilst demonstrations are £10*. There are now seven on-demand recordings for short workshops that are FREE to Guild members. There are many more workshops from our previous years' programme that remain available on demand at £2.99 each for members and £15 non-members. 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

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 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.



3 February 2026 Anne Brooke



21 March 2026 Helen Birmingham

Coming up next in our 2025/26 programme: Workshops

3 FEBRUARY 2026 STITCHED PAPER BOOK IN A BOX WITH ANNE BROOKE

Anne will share with you her love of combining paper, collage and stitch so you can create a mini stitched concertina book in a box. Enjoy seeing an array of techniques and inspiring samples.

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".

More details to come for:

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

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

There are currently 7 FREE on demand workshops available for Guild members during the whole of 2026. They are available on the Guild website, click on the workshop titles below to book.



Anne Brooke: Knots, Knots, Knots



Elnaz Yazdani: Mark Making



Elnaz Yazdani: Experimental Embroidered Worlds



Felicity Billing: Distorting Stitches



Jessica Grady: Embellished Textile Brooches



Anne Kelly: Collage Bird



Beth Upstill: Embroidered Bugs



The workshops above are free for Guild members only (£10-15 for non-members). Members will need to use the relevant code published on the Guild website [here](#).* In addition the following workshop is free to all, members and non-members:

Mary Sleigh: Encrusted with Eyelets

*you will need to be logged in to access the codes

Goldwork & Silk Shading Embroidery Retreat

with Jane Drummond



⌚ **22nd March to 25th March 2026**
📍 **in Worcester**
4-star Bank House Hotel



About Jane:

Jane Drummond is a highly accomplished embroiderer known for designing, making and restoring intricate ecclesiastical vestments at Lincoln Cathedral for over 30 years and undertaking specialised textile conservation projects.

She has contributed to major heritage pieces such as the Magna Carta panel and the coronation anointing screen, blending traditional goldwork and silk shading techniques with meticulous craftsmanship

What's included in the retreat?

- ✓ Four inspiring days of embroidery with Jane Drummond
- ✓ Stay at the elegant Bank House Hotel & Spa, Worcestershire
- ✓ All meals included
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- ✓ Class project: Goldwork and silk shading design inspired by a Victorian textile



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Demonstrations

More details to come for;

EXPLORING IDEAS BASED ON A XHOSA THEME WITH MARY SLEIGH, 20 JUNE 2026

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:*

14 FEBRUARY 2026 CARE & PRESENTATION WITH ANTHEA GODFREY

Join Guild Trustee, Anthea as she shares the wealth of knowledge the Guild team has acquired around the storage, care and presentation of a wide range of textile embroidery items, enabling them to be shown at their best.

23 FEBRUARY 2026 AN INTRODUCTION TO CREWELWORK WITH PHILLIPA TURNBULL

Journey with Phillipa through history, from the early beginnings of crewel work to its modern-day interpretations, enjoy following the evolution of stitches and designs.

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 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FUSILIER MUSEUM WARWICK

The Victorian needlework period saw great changes in design, technique, materials, threads and dyes used. In this talk Lucy will explore the diverse styles to find out 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.

More details to come for;

DESIGN TECHNIQUES OF THE XHOSA PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN CAPE WITH MARY SLEIGH, 6 JUNE 2026

LIFE IN A SINGLE STITCH WITH HELEN STEVENS, 18 JULY 2026

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.

Our On Demand Recordings of previous talks can be found here: embroiderersguild.com/on-demand-past-talks-and-workshops

Other Guild Events

GUILD COLLECTION EXHIBITION 2026

OPEN 10 JANUARY 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. From a finely worked First World War silk postcard, an embroidered 1600s coif panel, which is alive with tiny caterpillars, to intricate tiny shoes and hens perched on nests, these objects will ask visitors to look closer and 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



5 March 2026 Wendy Dolan

RAMSTER EMBROIDERY AND TEXTILE ART EXHIBITION 2026

6th March - 22nd March (10am - 4pm)



Puffin Portrait by Gillian Smith

Discover exceptional embroidery and textile art by leading artists in the splendour of Ramster's historic halls. Browse the embroidery shop and enjoy delicious food and drinks at the Ramster Teahouse, open 10am-5pm.

Adults: £9 (children under 16 free). Registered Disabled: £4.50

Ramster Hall, Petworth Rd, Chiddingfold, Surrey, GU8 4SN

www.ramsterevents.com



28 FEBRUARY 2026 TWO IN PERSON TALKS TO ACCOMPANY THE FUSILIER MUSEUM: FOLLOWING THREADS EXHIBITION: EXPLORING REGIMENTAL EMBROIDERY IN THE VICTORIAN AGE EXHIBITION (see Upcoming Events for exhibition details)

1.00PM UNTIL 3.30PM 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.

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. Event booking details here: [Talks Event: Embroidery Through History | The Fusilier Museum, Warwick](#)

12 UNTIL 15 MARCH 2026 NEC FASHION & EMBROIDERY SHOW

The Guild will be at the NEC Fashion & Embroidery Show in Birmingham 12-15 March

Fashion & Embroidery - The Creative Craft Shows - UK

On our stand we will have mini workshops, cost £10, with a range of stitch samplers giving you an opportunity to discover different stitches or try out old favourites in a new way. There's no need to book, just 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 at the Show in the Embroiderers' Guild gallery.

We will also be hosting short workshops in the breakout areas on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Fashion & Embroidery - The Creative Craft Shows - UK

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Current Events

ABERDEEN UNTIL 15 FEBRUARY 2026

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: EMBROIDERED SAMPLER EXHIBITION

Aberdeen Stitch and Textile Group celebrate the Tall Ships Race in Aberdeen in conjunction with Aberdeen Art Gallery. Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen, AB10 1FQ.

Aberdeen Art Gallery | Aberdeen City Council

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**

Until 31 May 2026 **Canticle of the Birds**



CARDIFF UNTIL 31 JANUARY 2026 MADE WINTER ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Including work by Guild member Gail Holland. Roath Gallery, 41 Lochaber Street, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 3LS.

WINTER OPEN EXHIBITION 25

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.

LEICESTER UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY 2026

MARY LINWOOD: ART, STITCH AND LIFE

A retrospective of the Leicester textile artist Mary Linwood. Leicester Museum & Art Gallery, 53 New Walk, Leicester LE1 7EA.

Event Details – Leicester Museums

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. Aga Khan Centre Gallery. 10 Handyside Street, N1C 4DN. **Canticle of the Birds - Aga Khan Centre**

Special Offers & Giveaways

Congratulations to Jean Keay who won our November giveaway which was two "Quilted Hug - Going Around in Circles" kits from Herma de Ruiter using Wonderfil threads. You can learn more about Herma and her imaginative use of circles here: **Going round in circles - the series - Herma de Ruiter**

January Giveaway: This month for our members only giveaway we have a pair of Koma (already wrapped with gold thread) and a copy of Jane Lemon's Metal Thread embroidery book to give away. To enter email your name and address to **receptionist@embroiderersguild.com** by midnight 10 February 2026.

You can find Koma for sale online from West Pennine workshop here:

Japanese Koma for embroidery / couching thread (Pair) – West Pennine Workshop
or Golden Hinde here: **Koma - Golden Hinde**

The Stitch Festival offer: 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.



The Stitch Festival Giveaway:

WIN a pair of tickets to The Stitch Festival, at the Business Design Centre, London, from 19 - 22 March 2026!

Immediate Live have provided an opportunity to WIN a pair of tickets! To be in with a chance to WIN simply email **receptionist@embroiderersguild.com** with your name by midnight 10 February.

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. Strictly one thread pack per member/purchase please, only whilst stocks last.

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!

USE PROMO CODE **EMBG26**
FOR UP TO £2* OFF TICKETS!

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19 – 22 March 2026

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For more information: thestitchfestival.co.uk

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T&Cs £2 off standard Adult / Concession tickets only.

Offer not valid on Child, VIP or Afternoon tickets.

Offer expires 8th March 2026. Transaction fee applies per order.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2026

STITCHUATION: A GROUP EXHIBITION BY TRAVERSE

Playful, provocative and thought provoking, using stitch as both medium and message, this collaborative show traverses personal, emotional and imagined landscapes through thread, texture colour and form. The Sock Gallery, Loughborough Town Hall, LE11 3EB. NB Jan 31st and Feb 14th – limited access due to workshops.

Stitchuation | Loughborough Town Hall

MARKET HARBOROUGH 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**

SEDBERGH UNTIL 1 MARCH 2026

AVANT GARDE – INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE EXHIBITION

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10.30am to 4pm. Farfield Mill, Garsdale Road, Sedbergh Cumbria, LA10 5LW.

Exhibitions - Farfield Mill

SHILDON UNTIL 15 FEBRUARY 2026

ON TRACK: DARLINGTON STITCH & CREATE

Group Project Triptych 'Full Steam Ahead' together with 'Wagons Roll'. Carriages of the imagination. Open daily 10.00 - 17.00 Free entry, Locomotion Museum Part of the Science Museum Group. Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon DL4 2RE.

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

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

SOMERTON UNTIL 28 FEBRUARY 2026

STILL LIVES

Work by artists transforming everyday domestic moments into quiet reflections. Old Town Hall, Market Place, Somerton, TA11 7NB. **2026 | ACEarts**

WARRINGTON UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY 2026

BEAUTIFUL BOTANY, NATURE'S ALCHEMY

- A STITCH & MIXED MEDIA EXHIBITION BY THREADMILL

Wednesday to Friday - 10.00am to 16.30pm. Saturday - 10.00am to 16.00pm. Sunday 11.00am to 15.00pm. Free admission. Warrington Museum & Gallery, Bold Street, Warrington, WA11 1JG.

www.threadmill.org.uk

WHITCHURCH UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY 2026

VISIBLE THREADS: JANE SANDERS

Discover Jane's intricate portraits of iconic musicians from all genres stitched using a vintage 1960's Singer sewing machine. Included in our Mill admission price. Whitchurch Silk Mill, 28 Winchester Street, Whitchurch, RG28 7AL.

Upcoming Events

BIRMINGHAM 14 FEBRUARY UNTIL 11 APRIL 2026

MADE IN THE MIDDLE, CRAFTSPACE

Final destination of the touring exhibition of contemporary crafts made in the East and West Midlands. Midlands Art Centre, Birmingham
Made in the Middle – Craftspace

BRUTON 7 FEBRUARY UNTIL 11 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

Inspired to Create

Develop your skills in 2026: take a closer look at our range of Inspired to Create online courses.

Hand embroidery is calming, creative, and endlessly rewarding. Beyond basic stitches lies a world of design, texture, and personal expression — and 2026 is the perfect time to explore it!

If you'd love to:

- ✓ Set a creative goal for the year ahead
- ✓ Design your own embroidery and textile art
- ✓ Extend your existing stitch skills with confidence
- ✓ Experiment, play, and bring your ideas to life
- ✓ Treat yourself to some focused creative YOU time

...then Inspired to Create online self-study courses are your next step.

The courses are perfect for the keen stitcher ready to extend their creative horizons, try new techniques, and make 2026 a year of self-development, experimentation, and joy in your hobby.



Learn at your own pace, through step-by-step lessons, you'll build samples, explore innovative techniques and materials, and develop a final design that reflects your creative voice.

Start the year with a new challenge, set a goal, and give yourself permission to play, learn, and grow.

Get started today! with prices starting from £75.

Don't forget Embroiderers' Guild members receive exclusive discount codes for course in the Members' area of the website.



Be 'Inspired to Create' With online self-study courses from The Embroiderers' Guild

You've done some embroidery kits and bought or followed designs from artists you admire. You are ready for your next step in your creative journey!

You'd LOVE to be able to 'do your own thing' and design your own embroidery & textile art projects. But you lack confidence and aren't sure where to start.

Welcome To 'Inspired To Create'

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- ✓ Easy to use & follow, work at your own pace
- ✓ Step-by-step, develop your confidence & skills
- ✓ From beginner through to more experienced
- ✓ An exciting route of design discovery
- ✓ Explore through sampling & testing
- ✓ Experiment with materials & techniques
- ✓ Develop designs & make samples
- ✓ Practice techniques to understand their use

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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* **AN**
23 February - Phillipa Turnbull - *An introduction to Crewelwork* **AN**
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* **CS**
20 May - Lynn Setterington - *Tactile Social History* **CS**
6 June - Mary Sleigh - *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** **AN**
21 March - Helen Birmingham - **Mindful Stitching Process or Outcome?** **AN**
9 May - Ruth Parkinson-Johns - **WORKSHOP/DEMO: Paint, Print & Stitch Landscapes** **CS**
20 June - Mary Sleigh - **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 February 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 30 June 2026 for the 2026-27 scholars

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

28 January until 11 April 2026 Following Threads Exhibition, Warwick



CHIDDINGFOLD 6 UNTIL 22 MARCH 2026 RAMSTER EMBROIDERY AND TEXTILE ART EXHIBITION 2026

Ramster Hall and Garden, will be welcoming some of the best artists from across the country for its biannual Embroidery and Textile Exhibition. Over 250 pieces of the finest embroidery and textile art by leading artists from across the country will be on display and for sale. 10am-4pm. £9 per entry, registered disabled £4.50. Ramster Hall and Garden, Petworth Road, Chiddingfold, Surrey GU8 4SN. Ramster Tea House will be open. www.ramsterevents.com

FORFAR 7 FEBRUARY 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.

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.

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.

WARWICK 28 JANUARY UNTIL 11 APRIL 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.

For those travelling further afield

PARIS UNTIL 8 MARCH 2026

THE TRAVELLING THREAD: SHEILA HICKS
Musée du quai Branly, Jacques Chirac, Paris.

NEW ZEALAND UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY 2026

SHORT THREADS

Stitched works inspired by Katherine Mansfield. Open Tues to Sun 10-4, admission \$10, Katherine Mansfield House and Garden, 25 Tinakori Road, Thorndon.

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

SWITZERLAND UNTIL 8 MARCH 2026

TIMES IN TAPESTRY

Goshka Macuga x Grayson Perry x Mary Toms. The mudac and the Toms Pauli Foundation present an exceptional exhibition dedicated to tapestry as a vector of social and political discourse. Museum of Contemporary Design and Applied Arts, Place de la Cathédrale 6 · 1005 Lausanne, Switzerland.

Weaving your time - mudac

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.

Source Material: Lessons in Responsible Fashion | The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum | The George Washington University

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: gillrich@gmail.com. Thank you.

OPEN CALL THE NATIONAL TRUST AND SUSSEX CONTEMPORARY

Submissions are now OPEN inviting contemporary creatives with UK links to submit works for an exhibition at Standen House during summer 2026. Spanning the entire property, the exhibition will celebrate contemporary responses to Standen and the Arts & Crafts Movement. A three month exhibition in the summer months at Standen House offers a unique opportunity to have work curated within the main exhibition, and to have work selected to be displayed throughout the house alongside the properties significant collection.

We welcome work that engages with a contemporary responses to the Arts & Crafts movement with a particular focus on the keystones of the movement:

- Craftship
- Nature
- The material culture of home
- Interior objects

A National opportunity for the UK creative sector.

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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in the next What's On?**

**Deadline for the next issue of
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