

NW Region Newsletter September 2018



I spoke too soon about the quiet period on the NWR front, which is now building momentum.....

My generic NWR Chair email nwestregionchair@embroiderersguild.co.uk is now up and running, and I have managed to set up a contact group for branch chairs so I will be using that for all future emails. In the Autumn I will be asking all groups for updates to their branch officers and programmes for my records, the website and Journal. We will also be requesting the normal reports etc- watch this space!

With regard to the NWR website <http://www.nwregionembroiderers.org/> please encourage your members to visit this site on a regular basis, **they do not have to log in as the site is in the public domain**. However, it is now up to date and contains relevant information eg NWR tutor/ speaker list, branch details with their programmes and in some cases a google map. I can also add events to Whats/On and these do not need to be an EG event, but could be an exhibition, show or craft fair, as long as at least one of the organisers or participants is an EG member.

Jennifer has now sent out all the information regarding our Regional AGM which is being held on Sat 3rd November at Barton Village Hall. Please encourage your members to attend as it's a good event. This year we have arranged for outside caterers to supply the food, which will consist of soup, sandwiches and cakes good quality and a reasonable cost per head for those who wish to stay for the afternoon stitchy project. Of course, members who only attend the morning business meeting can still order and pay for a lunch.

We do need numbers of members staying for lunch from the Branches as we will have to advise the Caterers before the event. However, members will pay for their lunch when registering before the Business Meeting.

NB-The Region will be providing tea/coffee etc free of charge during the day.

The afternoon session is being arranged by Sandra Kendall, who always comes up with an interesting idea!!! We will be displaying the Regional Peacock made up from last year's paisley stitch project, the Regional travelling book and past Regional projects. You will also have an additional opportunity to pick up Summer School 2019 Booking forms, which are also being sent to branches on 1st September.



Please remember to bring your branch 2018-2019 programmes and flyers for any other events which are to be included in your branch packs. Don't forget to pick up your branch folder at the end of the day as this will contain your Branch Levy form and an array of programmes & information.

The Amy Williams Bursary information has also been sent out, and we look forward to receiving nominations for this award which will be presented at the AGM.

We will also be voting on the Broderers Competition, and hopefully we will receive plenty of entries. The winner gets to see the photograph of their piece of work on the cover of the journal etc and receives a certificate and the honour of holding the trophy for the year.

We also need nominations for Regional Secretary and additional members on the Regional Committee- its good fun and not at all onerous or scary.

The Regional Committee have visited two venues in Garstang for our proposed combined Autumn 2019 Regional Day & AGM. They both look promising, but the Regional Committee need to make a choice and iron out any problems which will occur due to change in dates etc. We will get back to you on this asap. If this is successful it could be repeated occasionally in the future. We shall see????

Regional Day in 2020 will revert back to its normal time of the year, and Merseyside are making good progress with this event.

We may also have a volunteer branch for 2021, but please consider hosting this event in the future. NWR members always look forward to this event, and a new venue and fresh approach helps to make it special.

It's the time of year AGM's are being held and branches are voting in Committee members. Please bear in mind that your committee needs support from the branch members either in opting to join as an officer or just to help out. Without a strong committee the branch can easily fail, and it only takes a little of your time & energy. **Please consider volunteering as the Committee is the heart & needs you as the blood line.**

Members have unfortunately received a couple of incorrect emails from HO in the last few months. Please bear with HO on this as like all new ventures problems will occur, and I am sure we will be pleased with the new modern EG website when it has been finalised.



You may have noticed the picture of my heart for 100 Hearts project, I am not showing off but it's the only photo I have!!! I have been advised that in addition to the Harrogate Knit and Stitch Show 22nd-25th November, NWR will have the opportunity to view the exhibition at the Liverpool Cathedral 10th Sept to 7th October. Our thanks go to Merseyside branch for helping with setting up the Liverpool Cathedral exhibition.

Please try to visit at least one of these venues- perhaps arrange a group visit?

Quite a few NWR branches were involved in National Stitch Day this year, so well done and I hope you had plenty of visitors, interest in the Guild, and that your participating members enjoyed the day and had fun. The date will be earlier in 2019, more to follow on that.

I now have a full diary of branch events to go to, with plenty of invites, Cumberland, Lytham St Annes, Macclesfield, Cumberland and Pendle so far this year. Lots to look forward to. I've also received invites for 2019, so get in quick!

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