

NW Region Newsletter July 2020



Hi, I hope you are all keeping well during this very weird period. Everything seems to be on hold, and despite the relaxation of lockdown rules we are still in an unsure state.

Having heard from Barton Village Hall who have confirmed they hope to open up the hall in October, we **currently** still intend to go ahead with our 'Embroidery and Textile Open Day' due to be held on 24th October, but unfortunately without the 'Open Day' bit. We think inviting the public is a stretch too far in this present climate, but hopefully we can hold an all dancing and singing (an expression not an idea!) next year. Instead we still hope to hold a short business meeting in the morning, with a raffle etc and our traditional stitch session after lunch.

We will not be including our usual AGM, but we can discuss the future format of the Guild, suggestions on how meetings can be held etc and an exchange of ideas. We will send out the minutes from 2019 AGM, with notifications etc for nominees for any vacancies on the Regional Committee at least a month prior to the day.

After our Regional Committee meeting in August when we will be discussing full details for the proposed meeting, I will ensure that you all receive information regarding our plans and safeguarding members. Hopefully, everything will be back to some form of normality, but obviously things change on a day to day basis, so please bear with us.

However, I can tell you that we will **not** be asking for pieces of work for the Broderers Cup but will continue to use the image from the 2019 winning piece - more will follow on this.

We do however intend to award the certificate and prize to the Amy Williams Award winner. I have received one nomination so far, but would ask you to kindly send nominations for any of your members who you deem to have gone that extra mile in respect of promoting, teaching and their enthusiasm in the

education of embroidery and textile art. I just need a short report outlining their efforts etc.

The winner will be chosen by the Regional Committee who are meeting from afar in early August- **so please send your entries by the end of July.**

I will also be awarding service badges and certificates, as I have about 5 which have been sorted out prior and during lockdown. Please let me know of any further qualifying members, I just need their full names, branch and 25yr/50yr service, and then I can apply for the certs and badges.

Hopefully, my Regional Chair challenge on **'Positivity'** is being worked on by your members, but due to the dreaded virus and branches being unable to meet, displaying of the completed branch folding books or hangings will be postponed until 2021. Again, I will be contacting you all later regarding this.

At this point in time Regional Day 2021 is still going ahead so please ensure that your diaries note the **Saturday 24th April 2021**, hosted by Merseyside branch at L.A.C.E. Conference Centre, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, Liverpool L17 1AA.

I will arrange for the amended booking forms for tickets and competitions for new applicants to appear on the NWR website -<http://www.nwregionembroiderers.org/> when available.

However. the original booking forms for tickets along with any competition forms will still stand and be utilised for **2021**, as the Rosebowl Competition theme will still be **'All You Need Is Love'**.

As stated in my last newsletter, Regional Day for **2022** will now be hosted by Glossop branch and the chosen theme for the Rosebowl competition is **'Northern Landscapes'**

Also note next year's Summer School will be held on **25th to 27th June 2021**. More will shortly follow on this.

National Stitch day 20th June was cancelled, and when I hear details re next year's date etc I will send them out.

I have had a few queries and comments re Guild and branch subs which I forwarded to Terry- here is his reply to this-

'The tests on whether there would be any reductions in subscriptions at branch level would relate to any clear cost reductions in the period of no meetings coupled with the needs of the branch to stay financially healthy in the

I can still add items to the blog, so please continue to send me articles in Word format and jpeg photos to add to the NWR blog. If you have any events, exhibitions or news I will add them to the blog. It's another way to communicate and pass on information to all members.

As you can see from Terry's email Guild staff are working from home if possible. I would ask you to bear with them and only to contact them with urgent queries. Please check on the EG website for updates.

Pat Tempest is doing sterling work and is managing to complete and send out monthly CONTACT magazines to all members. If you are not receiving yours please let Pat know ptempest@embroiderersguild.com

You can also send Pat articles, photos etc and if possible, she will include them in future editions.

The Guild Members Challenge for 2020/2021 is 'Exquisite Containers' so this would be a great theme for future branch meetings- come on NWR members you are a talented bunch and it's an inspiring theme.

Please excuse any grammatical errors as I still have lockdown brain. I have been keeping busy with exhibition pieces, but admin has been low down on my list of priorities.

I can't wait to resume duties and attempt to visit the branches that I missed out on since March- I had a full diary of invites etc- but hey ho- hopefully back to the fray in the Autumn.

Sue -NWR Chair