



Hi, all I hope you are continuing to keep safe and coping with the current situation. On a personal level I have yet to find a face mask that allows me to breathe and not get overheated. Maybe when winter arrives, we may welcome the extra layer over our mouths and noses?

I assume you have now all heard that the Regional Committee decided to cancel our October event at Barton Village Hall partly due to the restrictions imposed on us and the threat of another wave. We felt that a watered-down event would be a disappointing waste of time, and that we would prefer to put all our efforts into a much grander affair next year. We hope to include all NWR branches on the day, with input from members, exhibitions etc etc & of course open to the public. Let's keep our fingers crossed for 2021.

As the event would have included elements of an AGM our NWR secretary will be sending out later this month, the relevant documents and a plea for nominations for new Regional Committee members, as we are losing 2 very valuable members this year. To give you some information about serving on the Regional Committee, we meet 4 times a year at my house in Leyland (pretty central to all branches!!) the meetings are always productive and lively and normally run from 10.30am to around 3.00pm. We provide on tap tea/coffee and biscuits, plus a lovely **cake**. Please consider joining us as we really need your help.

The Regional Committee have chosen the winner for 2020 Amy Williams award, and more will follow on this.

I have received requests for 25yr/50yr service, and these will be presented at the next appropriate event/s. However, please let me know of any further requests as I can still apply for the certificates 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 **25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. The booking forms are included in this email, and I will also ensure that the forms will be available for download on the NWR website.

We have booked two great tutors- CarolAnn J Allen **'Eco Dyeing'** and Helen Barnes **'Indian Stitches'**. In addition, there will be no increase in course costs- **a great bargain**.

I believe that most branch meetings have not yet resumed, but many branches are holding virtual meetings, setting projects and generally trying to keep up moral. Please let me know how your branch is coping during this strange time, I would love to add info to the NWR website and if you know of any events/ exhibitions etc it would be of great interest to our members.

Please note that articles must be in Word format and if applicable jpeg photos only.

The Guild are working very hard to keep all members informed and interested, with Contact Magazine and E books. Please encourage your members to read these and send in any articles they wish to see included.

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**Any magazine is only as good as the material received.**

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.

As you may have heard the Guild are collecting the annual subs £38.00 direct, and I have been assured that details on how to do this will be sent to every member shortly for those who normally renew their membership in September.

Please keep up your enthusiasm for the Guild, a unique charity which provides education opportunities to all, along with caring for and preserving our extensive and priceless collection.

Sue -NWR Chair