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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE SOUTH EAST REGION

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We would love to share with members in the Region any work you have completed in this rather strange year - please send all entries for the next newsletter in early in 2021 to the Editor:

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Hello Lovely Stitchers,

Some of you may know me already from being the 'administrator' for the Regions' Summer School, but many of you I've not yet had the chance to meet.

I would class myself as a happy stitcher who tries her best to stitch really well and often fails. But this is my hobby, I do patchwork and quilting too, also I knit.

In the past I was chair at Brighton, a lovely bunch of ladies and I was sad when I had to hand over to Carolyn. But we had to stop running two cars, and going down to one meant that I had no transport to get to Brighton on a Saturday. Husband is a Crystal Palace fan and football has priority use!! I also attend Worthing Branch and I'm chair at Arundel Branch, neither meets on a Saturday so its OK for me to have the car!!!

I've been a member of the Regional Committee for the past seven years and I am proud of all the events we stage each year for the benefit of all branches and their members.

I'm hoping and praying that the Covid-19 pandemic will be over for 2021 and we can continue as before.

I thought I should take this opportunity to introduce the Regional Committee to you and the full line up is overleaf.

Finally I'd like to thank Kay Dennis for all her hard work for the last six years, and we are all delighted that she is staying on the committee as Summer School Coordinator.

Please take care and stay safe, and have a wonderful Christmas!



Best wishes,

Heather Starbuck
Chairman

The SE Regional Committee 2020/2021

Heather Starbuck (Arundel Branch)
Chair and support partner to the Events Coordinator and all other roles

Janet Brown (Horsham Branch)
Vice Chair, Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor and support partner to the Chair

Anne Sillifant (East Surrey Branch)
Creative Exhibition Coordinator and support partner to the YE Coordinator

Christine Seymour-Godwin (Isle of Sheppey Branch)
Secretary and support partner to the webmaster

Jen Ford (Kingston Branch)
Region Communication and support partner to the Summer School Coordinator

Jo Freeborough (Dorking Branch)
YE Coordinator and support partner to the Creative Exhibition Coordinator

Kay Dennis (Harrow & Isleworth Branch)
Summer School Coordinator and Finance

Sue Potts (Woking Day Branch)
FaceBook and Finance support partner to the Summer School Coordinator

Veronica Rees (North Kent Branch)
Webmaster and support partner to the Secretary

From Our Outgoing Chair

Thank you all so much for my present after stepping down as Chairman of the region. When I received the cheque I, for once in my life, was speechless, then I burst into tears! As photography is a hobby, I will probably put the money towards a new camera.

I had enjoyed every single minute of my time as Chairman, until February of this year, then it has been stressful. Like your branches we have had to cancel so many events; as you know we all put a lot of hard work into organising the days and it was heartbreaking so here's to 2021.

I am staying on the committee as Summer School Coordinator and will hopefully be going to the days planned for 2021 - see you there!

I cannot thank the committee team enough for all their hard work and the support they have given me over the six years, they have been a joy, well mostly! to work with. Thank you to all of you as well for your support and encouragement.

Take care and keep safe,

Kay Dennis

Reminder

If you offered to stitch one of the flowers (they were available as a kit) could you please return them to Anne Sillifant so that the Fantasy Garden panels can be completed.

Her email address for any queries is:
sillifant@sweethaven.biz

Regional Programme For 2021

As we approach 2021 there is more optimism that both branches and the Region can plan for meetings and events later in the year. Whilst the committee is not planning to hold a Branch Representative's meeting next spring, mainly because our regular Zoom meetings with the Branch Chairmen or representatives is proving to be helpful and successful, we are hopeful that the following events will take place.

So do note these dates in your diaries:

- 18th to 20th June 2021: **Regional Summer School**
Roffey Park Institute, Forest Road, Horsham RH12 4TB
The tutors are:
 Amanda Hislop with 'Paper Combinations .. Exploring Folded Forms with a Seascape Theme'
 Trish Zachariah and **Paula Bray** with 'Hand Stitch a Natural Collection .. Bugs, Butterflies, Bumblebees and More'
 Kay Dennis with 'Stumpwork – The Hedgerow'.
Further details and a booking form for Summer School will be released in January. There is also the opportunity of using the weekend as a Stitch Retreat and there will be the choice between residential or non-residential.
- 20th June 2021: **National Day of Stitch**
An opportunity for branches to demonstrate in their locality the joy of stitching.
- 24th July 2021: **Summer Regional Day**
Barns Green Village Hall, Muntham Drive, Barns Green, Near Horsham, West Sussex RH13 0PT
Full details of this traditionally Branch event will be in the next newsletter but we can confirm that we will hold an exhibition of the Games In Stitches challenge and the Members Competition for last September, an embroidered Initial.
- 25th September 2021: **Celebration of Stitch Day**
78 & 78A High Street, Bletchingley, Near Redhill, Surrey RH1 4PA
Hosted by East Surrey Branch
Traditionally this is our Members day; there will be a new members competition to be announced early next year and Reports and the Regional Financial Statement will be presented. Further details to follow.
- 9th July 2022: **Stitchfest 2022**
South of England Showground, Selsfield Road, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL

ThreadIT

ThreadIT, the Guild's virtual branch, offers a blog, which informs about stitches, techniques, articles and projects, a chatroom to share and interact with other members, a reference library with a directory of stitches, products and tools, inspirational images, a library of vintage images, patterns and magazines and a facebook page.

The content is interesting and increasing all the time with future ideas in the pipeline.

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