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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our AGM and Show and Tell meeting. It was lovely to see so many pieces of work, particularly the many projects that members had started at one of our workshops and then finished at home.

We're extending the section on our noticeboard, where we display work from some of our past workshops. We hope this will provide inspiration and perhaps remind you of some of the techniques you've enjoyed trying over the year.

Saturday 5th September – Creating Textured Surfaces with Heat Processes with Jane Russell

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 5th September, from 2.00–4.30pm**, when we'll be exploring **Creating Textured Surfaces with Heat Processes**.

We'll experiment with different types of synthetic materials that react to heat in different ways, producing a fascinating range of textures that can then be used for both hand and machine embroidery.

And yes – we'll be using **heat guns and soldering irons!**

What to bring

- A heat gun and/or soldering iron, **if you have one**. We'll also have some available from our stores for everyone to share.
- Small pieces of synthetic fabrics, particularly **organza**.
- Cotton and synthetic threads.
- A sewing machine, if you like, with an embroidery foot but it is **not essential**.

We'll be working on organza and can provide fabric on the day, unless you would prefer to bring your own synthetic organza.

Meet Jane

This session will be led by **Jane**, who has a dressmaking background. In 2019 she joined a free-machining class and discovered all the other things you can do with a sewing machine. It opened up a whole new world of textile



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discoveries that she had never come across before – and we're looking forward to exploring some of them with her! Samples of her work below.



Annual Subscription

Just a reminder that the annual subscription of **£50.00** is due on **1st September**. There has been **no change to the subscription fee for the last three years**.

For those paying by bank transfer, the bank details are:

Metro Bank, Payee Brighton Embroidery Group

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Please remember to include your name as the payment reference

Advance Notice – Day Workshop – Contemporary Goldwork

Our next day workshop will be on **Saturday 17th October, 10.00am–4.00pm**, led by our member, **Sue Norgrove-Moore**. This workshop was requested by members after we had an introduction to Goldwork workshop last year. There will be more details about it at our September meeting and in the next newsletter.

Exhibitions:

Ashdown Forest Open Studios – East Sussex's annual art trail Art Exhibition

Friday 4th September- Sunday 6th September 10-5.00pm daily

On their website there is an interactive map to help you to plan your trail.



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SHQA Quilt Show

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September

Brighton Racecourse

This is the Sew Happy Quilters Association first ever Quilt Show at Brighton Racecourse - it should be a great day out, with lots to see.

Please plan your trips to the exhibitions around our Saturday meeting!!

Volunteering at Emmaus

Would you like to put your sewing and textile skills to good use?

Emmaus in Portslade is looking for volunteers to join their small sewing group, working with donated clothing and fabrics. The group does **mending, darning, upcycling and making new clothes from donated materials.**

You can do as much or as little as you like. Some volunteers work at Emmaus, where a sewing machine and haberdashery are available, while others take items home to work on.

The group meets in the café once a month on a Thursday morning to catch up and share ideas. They are a very friendly and welcoming group, and would particularly appreciate some new volunteers.

**If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with Shirley Eborn
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We look forward to seeing you all in September and to another afternoon of experimenting, creating and sharing ideas!