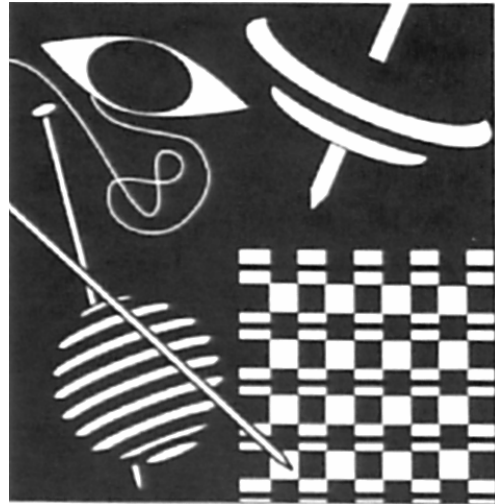


**EAST SURREY GUILD  
CREATIVE FIBRES**

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*Wishing you all a  
**Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year***



***RECENT MEETINGS***

**Colourful Clematis**

An appliqué and embroidery workshop with Jennifer Hughes – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July



The aim of the workshop was to produce a decorative picture of clematis using the techniques of appliqué and embroidery on a hand painted background.

Jennifer produced a range of beautiful and artistic examples for us to aspire to. She also brought pictures of clematis for inspiration.

Firstly we painted a background using acrylic paints on pieces of unbleached cotton. Jennifer provided a range of tasteful, pre cut petals and leaves to make the flowers and leaves which we stitched on using a running stitch. Most people stitched on one flower, intending to add others later. Jennifer also showed us how to make fluffy centres for the flowers, seed heads, silk ribbon daisies and needle lace leaves.

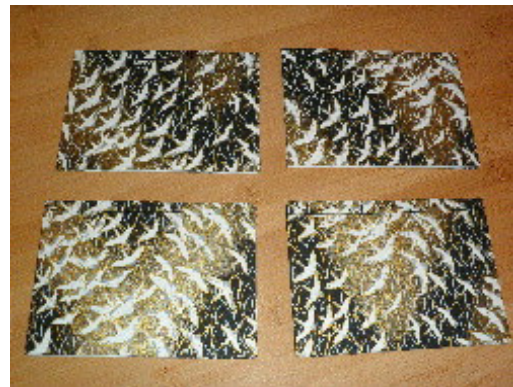
I found it quite difficult to paint the background so that it looked nice and position the items artistically so that they produced an attractive composition. In the end I favoured the random approach to the background and flowers, but was defeated by the positioning of the leaves. In answer to my distress call, Jennifer came and positioned them for me, explaining how they grow and I pinned them and stitched them exactly where she put them. Interestingly we stitched on the petals and leaves without finishing their edges and they didn't seem to fray. If you don't normally embroider it was an interesting change and everyone was very engrossed in their activity.

I'm not sure what I will do with my creation, it would probably be designated a "solid effort" rather than "lovely" and I went away from the class with the thought that the class was an example of how a flair for artistic design can raise a picture above the ordinary.

## ***Felicity***

### **Bound to be Beautiful**

**Book workshop – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**



We had an excellent day working with Diana Sims and Chrissie Allen, making small books.

They brought some attractive Japanese papers for us to play with, and ready cut sheets for the pages. We were slightly taxed by having to measure VERY accurately before cutting the covers of the four little books that we made. It was surprising how long it took to prepare everything. The pages were stitched into the covers using several types of pattern, so each of the books looks a little different. Those of us who had time, then made a coloured card slip box, and we left with a most impressive little set of handmade books in its own box.

I was quite tickled pink with mine. Even my husband admired it – a sure sign of success!

## ***Jennifer***

## **Open Day – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Thank you to everyone who helped at this event. It was a good day with lots of visitors who were very interested in all the crafts we were demonstrating.



*Wendy with visitors*



*Our display*

## ***Subscriptions 2011***

Please note that the [subscriptions](#) for next year will be £15 (as agreed at the AGM).

## ***Stitch & Creative Crafts Show***

**Sandown Park, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011**

Once again we will be having a stall at this event. If you are able to help with demonstrating please contact Betty Newman. Please bring any items, particularly items made at our various 2010 workshops, for display to the meeting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

## ***FUTURE MEETINGS***

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January – General Meeting & Sales Table**

Please see "[Meetings](#)" page on the website for details of all 2011 meetings and workshops.

## ***Fleeces for Sale***

Coloured Leicester Longwool Fleeces for sale from:  
Peter Bond  
Drydown Farm  
Shere  
Surrey GU5 9JG

For more information please ring Peter on 01483 203821

## ***FOR YOUR DIARIES***

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Stitch & Creative Crafts Show at Sandown Park** For more information see [www.sccshows.co.uk](http://www.sccshows.co.uk) (click on “Esher”)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – The Beadwork Fair, The South of England Centre, Ardingly, Sussex from 10am – 4pm**

For more information see [www.beadwork.net/jan\\_ardingly\\_beadfair.html](http://www.beadwork.net/jan_ardingly_beadfair.html)

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – The London Bead Fair, Kempton Park Racecourse, Sunbury on Thames from 10am – 4pm**

For more information see [www.westofenglandevents.co.uk/london.htm](http://www.westofenglandevents.co.uk/london.htm)

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Manchester Antiques Textile Fair, Armitage Centre, Mosely Road, Fallowfield, Manchester from 10am – 4.30pm**

For more information see [www.textilesociety.org.uk/events/](http://www.textilesociety.org.uk/events/)

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***Janice Russell***