



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

This month is the beginning of our new year and next Thursday's meeting is, of course, our AGM. I do hope many of you will come along - the 'business' meeting won't last long and then we will have some socialising with nibbles/cakes and coffee - or wine if you prefer - and there will be a lighthearted quiz. It's also a free entry meeting including the drinks, etc. There will be an update on exhibition progress and we can have a look at the programme for the year ahead. If you have any suggestions or requests for future speakers and workshops there will be a 'suggestion box' available so please have a think before the meeting - we need your suggestions in order to plan future programmes. We will also need some new committee members as 4 committee members are stepping down this year so please think about volunteering to help with the smooth running of your group.

Exhibitions - an exhibition at the RBSA (St. Paul's Square, Birmingham) entitled 'Metropolis' is well worth a visit. It is on now until 29th September and work by three SCCS members has been selected - Margaret Fairhead, Kathy Morris and myself. Three cheers for the RBSA for selecting textiles!!! Margaret also has an exhibition of her popular canal pictures at the Highbury Theatre from 12th - 23rd September. At Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch, there is an exhibition by the Westhope Group who are mainly lacemakers, entitled 'Inspired by Machinery' from 7th September until 22nd October.

Some of you may be interested in the 'Gathering Memories' project. It's a community project to raise funds for Alzheimers Society. Find out what it's all about on the website www.gatheringmemoriesuk.wordpress.com

Our own exhibition is now only 8 weeks away and hopefully there will be some entry forms from you all to collect at our next meeting? Arrangements are well underway, publicity has been organised, the display stands have had a refurb - so all that's needed now is your entries. And, of course, your name on the rota for stewarding. If you haven't had an entry form please collect one at the meeting. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so next week, as you must be a member of SCCS to enter work in the exhibition.

Jenny O'Leary is our speaker next month and she will also be giving a workshop on 7th October which you can sign up for at our meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all.

AND keeeeeeeppp stitching!!!

Pauline