



Embroiderers' Guild

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Annual Members Competition 2008

Open to all Members of the Embroiderers' Guild

Journeys

The theme for 2008 is Journeys

Using your favourite materials and techniques enjoy creating and stitching an original embroidery inspired by the theme "Journeys". This can be interpreted in any way you wish.

You might begin by thinking about a journey you make frequently in your car or by other means, perhaps on foot. Where are you going and why? What do you see and experience along the way?

Through special journeys we can learn more about the world and ourselves e.g. scientific expeditions, safaris, sea voyages, and pilgrimages.

Travelling from one place to another involves routes and maps, tickets and timetables, luggage and labels, passports, travelling companions, destinations etc.

Sequences of stitches and stages in a technique could be developed to explore the idea of journeys as being about progress, movement from end to end, starting and finishing.

The journey through life is often expressed through embroidered designs created for different events associated with birth, rites of passage, marriage, death etc. You might like to explore the significant stages of an emotional or spiritual journey you are going through, or to trace the journey a character from a favourite book or film or TV programme.

You could include mix media, machine embroidery and any techniques but hand stitch should predominate. The completed work including the mount should not exceed 30 x 35cms. 3D pieces should not exceed 15cms deep.

Encourage all your Guild Member friends to join in.

The work will be judged on the way in which hand stitching has been used to interpret the idea and to create the embroidery. You are also invited to send in any preparatory work simply to show the selectors how your ideas and work have developed.

The selection of entries will be displayed and the winners will be announced at the AGM in 2008. The winners will receive a certificate and a silver cup engraved with their names. These are perpetual trophies i.e. they are returned to the Guild for the next competition, not won out right. All entries should arrive at the Guild no later than Wednesday 20 February 2008.



EG 1983.9 Tent hanging made by nomadic Turkmen from Central Asia. Early 20th Century. 103 x99 cm
Photographed by Dudley Moss

Please turn over for entry details



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Annual Members Competition 2008 Entry Details

One entry per Member

Although a multi-media approach and machine embroidery can be included, the entry should be based on an original design and hand stitching should predominate.

Members are invited to include in their preparatory work: trial samples, research notes and drawings.

The completed work including the mount, should not exceed 30x35cms. The entry should be finished and mounted within these measurements but NOT framed or glazed. 3D work should not exceed 15cms deep.

The completed work should be sent in a bubble wrap bag with stamps enclosed to cover the return postage, together with completed return address labels.

Firmly attached to all the enclosures, the entry should carry:

- A title for the work
- The Member's name and address, telephone and email
- A Guild Membership number
- The name of the Branch and the Region to which the Member belongs.

If confirmation of the arrival of the work is required, please enclose a stamped self addressed envelop or postcard.

It is a condition of entry that the Guild is given permission to photograph entries and to publish these images to promote the Competition and the Embroiderers Guild.

All entries should be addressed to THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' COMPETITION and sent to the address below to arrive no later than **Wednesday 20 February 2008**.

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