



## Embroiderers' Guild

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# Annual Members Competition 2010

Open to all Members of the Embroiderers' Guild

## Shelter

The theme for 2010 is Shelter

When exploring ideas you might think about shelter as a shielding structure. In gardens a variety of screens and structures are built to protect plants from the wind, rain, frost or sun. Pagodas, follies and sheds provide perfect places of retreat, and creatures great and small find shelter in the nooks and crannies of gardens and buildings.

Walls and enclosures are built to offer protection from the elements and are very much a feature of our local, national and international landscapes. On farmland, trees and hedgerows are planted to protect crops and wild life; on the coast, boats sail into the shelter of inlets and harbours; in the desert heat a wall of mud bricks create shade from the burning sun.

Bus shelters, covered arches and doorways provide shelter for urban dwellers. Shelter can also mean "a place of refuge, retreat or temporary lodging" - think of the makeshift structures built by people displaced by earthquake, famine and wars.

To shelter someone is to protect, defend and provide them with a hiding place or safe haven - especially in times of danger or distress. People sometimes leave marks and messages in the locations where they have found shelter.

The theme can be interpreted in any way you wish. You can include mixed media, machine embroidery and a combination of any techniques but hand stitch should predominate. The completed work including the mount should not exceed 30cms x 35cms. 3D pieces should not exceed 15cms deep.



*Tree of Life: Variation on a theme (detail)*  
Created by Christine Poole for Trees,  
the Annual Members Competition 2009

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 2010. 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 7 February 2010.

Please turn over for entry details



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## 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 30cms x 35cms. The entry should be finished and mounted within these measurements but NOT framed or glazed. 3D work should not exceed 15cms deep. Ensure that appropriate hanging devices are fixed to the back of the work, for example, a-rings, small mirror plates, strings, loops or pins, so that the work is ready and easy to hang.

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
- Estimated Insurance value of the work
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- This information should also be provided on a separate sheet of paper.

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 7 February 2010

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