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A Stitch in Time at Hampton Court Palace Saturday 29 April to Monday 1 May 2006



The Embroiderers' Guild will be in stitches over the first May bank holiday this year, as the UK's leading crafts association celebrates its centenary with a special stitching event in Fountain Court at Hampton Court Palace. Stitchers, demonstrating a variety of styles and techniques, will be making history and making the Guild and embroidery (the UK's most popular craft form) highly visible in this special year for the organisation.



Based at the Palace itself (since 1979), the Embroiderers' Guild was established in 1906 by 16 graduates of the Royal School of Art Needlework to "deal entirely with embroidery, and with the first object of keeping up a high standard of work and design". Also a leading educational charity, the Guild is a registered museum that boasts a unique collection of over 11,000 items, and offers a vibrant exhibitions and events programme, a specialist bookshop and library, and much more.

Visitors to the Palace over the weekend will also be treated to the chance to see some of the Guild's historical embroideries from its museum collection, on display in the Guild's centre at the Palace. These embroideries will relate to objects identified at various points in the Palace, and the Guild's specialist bookshop will also be open over the course of the weekend.



For further information about the Guild please contact 020 8943 1229 or visit www.embroiderersguild.com. The Guild is based at Apartment 41 (a former Grace and Favour apartment), opposite the entrance to the Tudor Kitchens at the Palace.

For further information about this event and the Embroiderers' Guild, including images, please contact Lucy Mayfield on 020 8943 1229 ext 26 or lmayfield@embroiderersguild.com. Press are invited to cover the event between 12 and 1 on Saturday 29 April, please contact Lucy to make an appointment.

For further information about Hampton Court Palace, including admission prices, opening times and other events and exhibitions please visit www.hrp.org.uk or contact Vikki Wood at vikki.wood@hrp.org.uk