

The Knitting and Stitching Show in Birmingham 14-16 September

GALA EVENT WITH *STITCH* MAGAZINE to celebrate the Centenary of the Embroiderers' Guild Only £189 (Single room Supplement £50)

Just when you thought the Knitting and Stitching Shows couldn't get any better, this year they've added a NEW venue to their calendar. Taking place at the NEC in Birmingham, it's a great location that's easy to get to by train, plane or car.

If you've ever attended a Knitting and Stitching Show, you'll know that one day simply isn't enough time to take in all that the show has to offer. And this year, to make it even more unmissable, for the new show at the NEC, they've also organised a Gala Dinner to celebrate the Centenary of the Embroiderers' Guild. So, we've organised a very special break to allow you to make the most of all that the show has to offer.

Itinerary

- Your Gala Break begins on Thursday September 14 when you arrive at the luxurious 4* Hilton Birmingham Metropole hotel at the NEC. The hotel is adjacent to the NEC and offers a courtesy bus service to and from Birmingham International Airport and Birmingham International Railway Station.
- The Gala Dinner takes place in the hotel. At the Dinner, the guest speaker will be **Barbara Lee Smith** – one of the leading embroiderers in the United States of America. The new awards for Textile Artist of the Year, Textile Teacher of the Year, Textile Book of the Year and Textile Retailer of the Year will be presented to the category winners at the Gala Dinner – and there'll be lots of fun for everyone!
- On Friday, you can spend the whole day at the Knitting and Stitching show (entry ticket included). There will be time to see all of the exhibitions, attend classes and workshops at the Learning Curve (pre-bookable, the cost is not included) and shop till you drop. (The hotel is so close you can easily take your shopping back to your room and head back to the show).
Dinner at the hotel's Boulevard Restaurant, which offers a buffet style carvery with a wide variety of seafoods, salads, entrees and roasts, is included.
- On Saturday morning after breakfast, you can visit the Show again (entry ticket is included). You have to check out of your hotel, but luggage may safely be left there until later in the day.
- Use of the Hilton Hotel Living Well Health Club

The Price Includes

- 2 nights Bed and Breakfast at the 4* Hilton Hotel (price per person sharing a twin room). Use of the hotel's facilities, including the Living Well Health Club with gymnasium, sauna, spa pool, solarium and swimming pool
- Gala Dinner on the first night
- 3 course Dinner in the Boulevard restaurant on the second night
- Tickets for 2 days admission to the Knitting and Stitching Show at the NEC

Not included

- Travel to the show is not included

At the Knitting & Stitching Show...

Apart from the opportunity to shop, shop and shop some more, the Knitting & Stitching Show brings together a host fantastic textile artists whose work is quite simply stunning. This year's shows will include exhibitions by:

Barbara Lee Smith – This will be Barbara's largest exhibition outside the United States and will feature around 30 major pieces.

Paddy Killer – A large retrospective with major pieces returned from museums.

Jae Maries – Latest body of work, full scale painted textile pieces.

Hilary Hollingworth – Renowned textile artist and tutor, Hilary's work has featured in STITCH.

Margaret Hall-Townley – green embroidery

Group Exhibitions include the work of:

Julia and Alex Caprara

Gwen Hedley, with Janet Edmonds and Pat Clayton

Owen Davis and the Royal School of Needlework

In Our Time – Embroiderers' Guild. Organised in conjunction with the Embroiderers' Guild and part of their Centenary celebrations. An exhibition which will feature specific pieces of embroidery created since the start of the 20th century.

The Batik Guild – celebrate their 20th anniversary with an exhibition entitled 'Batik Transitions – from classic to contemporary'

Historical Costumes from Film

The Knitting & Stitching Shows have the greatest choice of suppliers with the greatest range of specialist products, plus *The Learning Curve* offers concise, one hour long sessions (over 100 workshops to choose from!) to give you the chance to learn a new technique or improve a technique with the guidance of some of the foremost teachers in the country. (There is a small charge for Learning Curve classes)

Disappointment is not an option!

The remaining Knitting and Stitching Shows in 2006 take place at:

Alexandra Palace – 12–15 October

Dublin – 2–5 November

Harrogate – 23–26 November

For more information about the Gala Dinner and a booking form, contact:

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Or download the booking form and send it to:

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