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“Page 17” - Imagination, Interpretation, Inspiration

Dear Guild member,

2016 saw the Embroiderers' Guild co-ordinate and display innovative and exciting work and introduce textiles to record audience numbers both as visitors to over 46 high footfall venues and on social media. In particular we were involved in two high-profile exhibitions – across the country our contributions to the Capability Brown Festival with the National Trust and The Landscape Institute; and the spectacular 8m x 3m Hardhome Embroidery commissioned by HBO and depicting a scene from 'A Game of Thrones'.

We want to build on these successes and hope you will want to join us in creating another unique exhibition showcasing the very best in textile art.

This signature exhibition will be hosted by the Embroiderers' Guild at the Knitting and Stitching Shows (Alexandra Palace, Harrogate and Edinburgh) and then travel to other major exhibition venues around the country.

The title of the exhibition will be “Page 17” and the piece of work should bear a strong relationship to a book that you choose as inspiration. It can be from any part of the book, it does not have to be of the actual page 17 itself. You can choose any sort of book – fiction, poetry, recipes, maps, catalogue, instruction manual – but the piece must closely relate to the book. The piece can be done in any technique you wish and portray any image of the book – the cover, the spine, contents or index page, a page (or pages) within the book, a paragraph, or even a page ripped out. It can be done in any format – simple panel, scroll, open pages, concertina but it must be mounted on, or in, an artist canvas which will hang on the wall.

Ideally, we would like you to create a new piece of work. However, if you feel you have a piece done within the past two years and which will fit the guidelines (including matching closely to a book title and mounting as detailed on the attached guidelines), please email us a jpeg image, the dimensions and book title by 30 April 2017. We will then let you know by the end of May if it can be accepted.

Attached are the guidelines for participating in this exhibition. We hope you will be interested in this opportunity to show your work and want to join us in creating this unique exhibition. Please let us know by email to Page17@embroiderersguild.com if you wish to take part (or not) by 31 May 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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