

TEXTILE STAGE PROGRAMME

An exciting FREE programme of talks and presentations on a variety of textile topics – no need to pre-book, just turn up and take a seat.



11.00 THURS ONLY

YOUR PERFECT FIT: GETTING YOUR MEASUREMENTS RIGHT IN DRESSMAKING

with Sarah Laws,
My Handmade Wardrobe

Empower your sewing journey with confidence, precision, and the skills to create clothes that fit your body beautifully. This talk covers essential measuring techniques, common pitfalls, and tips for translating your body measurements into perfectly tailored garments.



12.00 THURS
13.00 SUN

AMAZING WAYS WITH MATERIAL

with Jennie Rayment

From origami to tactile and textured surfaces – uncover a wealth of different ways to fiddle away with fabric. In addition, enjoy a few tales of unexpected happenings in the life a fabric fiddler!



13.00 THURS
11.00 SUN

INDIAN TREASURES

with Wendy Dolan

In this illustrated talk, Wendy explores the colours and patterns of Indian textiles inspired by her travels, and how they have been used to develop ideas in her own stitched textiles. Wendy has led textile tours to India, visiting Jaipur, Himachal, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Kerala. These travels have given her endless sources of inspiration for her own stitched textile designs.

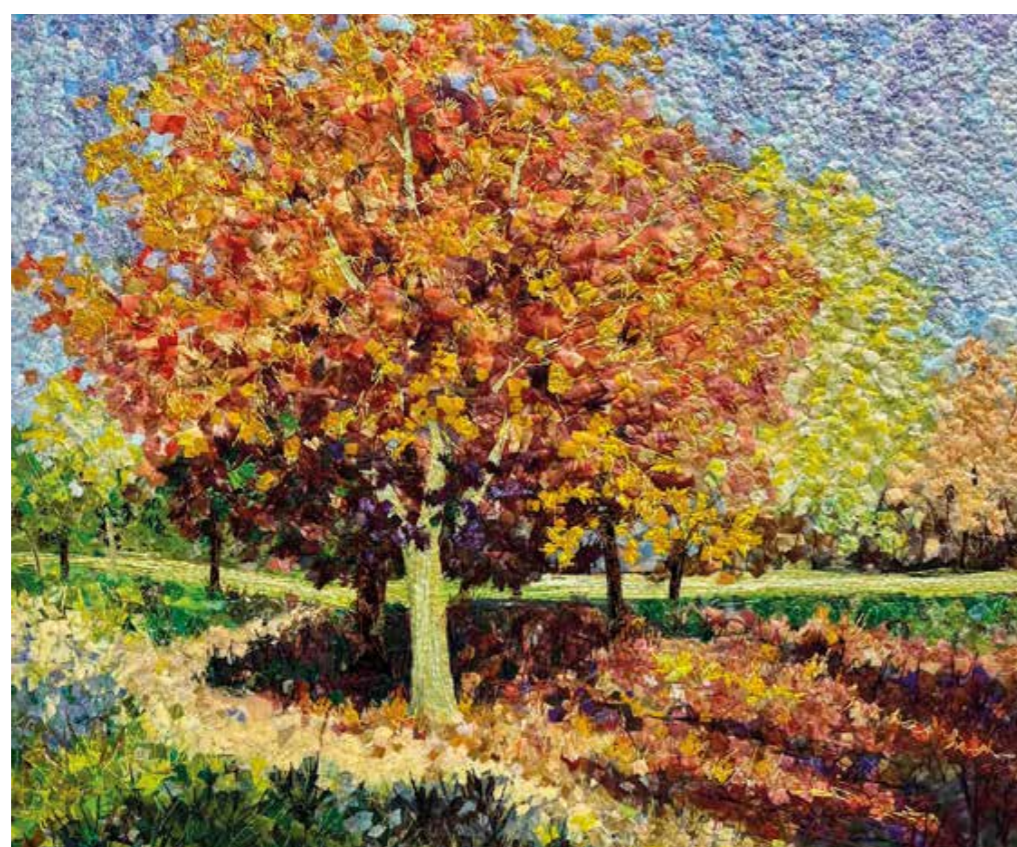


14.00 THURS ONLY

THE RED DRESS PROJECT 2009 – 2023

with Kirstie Macleod, **The Red Dress Project**

In this talk creator and UK artist Kirstie Macleod, will give an overview of the remarkable and unique 14-year embroidery project. The Red Dress is a global collaboration with the voices and stitches of 380 embroiderers (many of them vulnerable women) from 51 countries around the world.

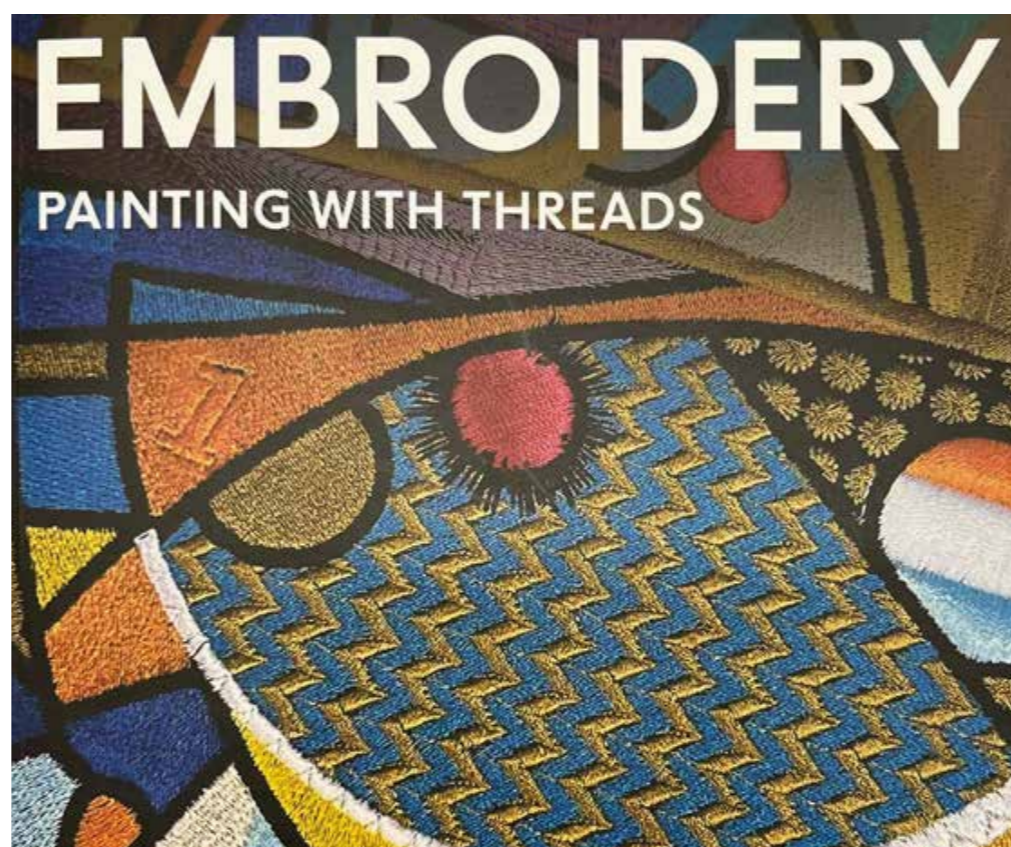


15.00 THURS
14.00 SUN

NATURE IN TEXTILES

with Kate Findlay

Learn about Kate's inspirations and techniques in this talk. Short videos will show you how her work is made, combining hand dyed fabrics, collage and stitch. See how she creates and uses "confetti" in her signature style in many layers to create vibrant textured landscapes.



12.00 SUN ONLY

INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL EMBROIDERY: TOOLS, TECHNIQUES & CREATIVE PROJECTS

with David Morrish, **Kingfly**

Discover the world of digital embroidery with insights from David's book, *Digital Embroidery: Painting with Threads*. Learn what it is, what you need, and how to get started, including digitising basics, essential tools, and project ideas to bring your designs to life – perfect for beginners and creative explorers alike!



THE NATIONAL EMBROIDERY AWARDS 2025

15.00 SUN ONLY

Don't miss out on the award ceremony for the inaugural National Embroidery Awards, which got off to a fantastic start with nearly 100 entries from all corners of the community, celebrating the incredible artistry and diversity of embroidery. Come and see this incredible work and find out who will be crowned the **BEST IN SHOW!**

