

CETG ARCHIVE

Meeting Report

12th March 2018

Speaker: Deborah Sanders

Talk: A Walk Through South Africa's textiles

Deborah gave us a wonderful talk about her visit to South Africa.

When Deborah and her husband arrived in Cape Town they were delighted to find it was 'Heritage day'. They received a very warm and physical welcome, which Deborah's husband particularly enjoyed! They were encouraged to join in all the singing and dancing and a great time was had by all.

In Jo'Burg the travellers were shown some wonderful embroidery pieces at the Mapula Embroidery Co-operative. All the work there had a political theme. Mr Mandela had a very prominent place in the work.

They also visited a Zulu Basket Museum, where they admired some beautiful baskets designed by local Zulu women. Deborah wanted to buy one but it would have been a bit big to fit in her suitcase.

However, the bead work done by the Zulus was intricate and beautiful, and some of it was small enough for Deborah to take home! And her husband bought her a wonderful basket weaved out of recycled plastic at another local market.



Liz Smith's announcements at the meeting

Thank you to Deborah for standing in at such short notice when Nancy Nicholson's gearbox decided to stop working yesterday!

Pat Fleming Award

We are running The Pat Fleming Award Competition again this year. The theme this year is "G is for ...". We feel this gives you lots of scope for inventive ideas as it covers all sorts of topics e.g. garden, goldwork, garland etc. As in previous years, the work should be no more than eight inches (20cm) in any direction and can be any format you wish. Members have until September to complete their piece - it's a chance to try something new and get creative!

Group outings

1. We are going to go and see the Royal School of Needlework's Animals in Embroidery Exhibition at Hampton Court. Details to be decided at the next committee meeting.
2. We will be visiting the Bucks Museum to see some highlights of the Embroiderers Guild Collection. Again details will be finalised at the next committee meeting.
3. We will also be running our annual trip to the knit and stitch show at Birmingham.

New Committee Members

Liz Wilmott will be retiring as the communications officer, I will be leaving as Chair and Viki will be standing down as Programme Secretary. Please come forward if you can help take on any of these roles.

Library books for sale

We have a lot of reference books for sale - there are no set prices so please give a generous donation. All the funds raised will go towards purchasing new books for the library.