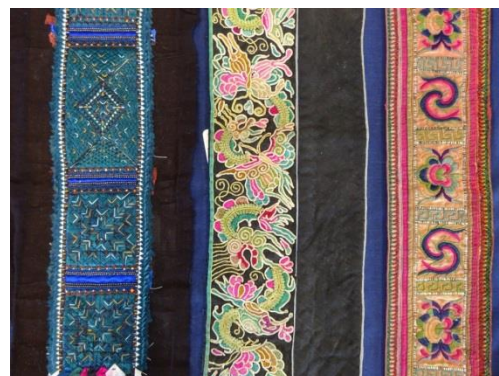


North Kent Embroiderers' Guild



What a treat we had at our meeting today! Our speaker was a lady called Ruth Smith who gave us a most interesting and inspiring talk on the "Fabulous Festival Costumes and Embroidery Techniques of SW Asia".



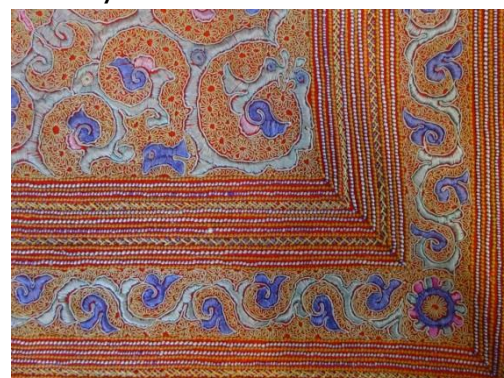
She showed us some of the many traditional styles of clothing, such as this one worn by a young Geijia girl.

Most of the designs are drawn freehand onto strips of cloth and then worked with the tiniest of stitches to form the beautiful patterns you can see here.

Of course times are changing, girls in China now go to school and these beautiful and skilful



techniques are not handed down in the same way so we felt very privileged to share a glimpse into these ancient crafts. There is all the more reason for us to continue with our own skills and to learn more so that we may keep our traditions alive and enjoy sharing our love of stitching together.



If you are interested in joining us to hear from other inspiring speakers and tutors or you would just like to stitch with us, you are welcome to come to our meetings as a visitor to start with to see for yourself. We meet at Gravesend Library on the third Saturday of every month except August. There are more details on the 'Meetings' page of our website.

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Happy stitching,

Karen

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