

## North Kent Embroiderers' Guild

Hello everyone,

It is so lovely to be able to think ahead to times when our group might be able to meet together in person, but at present that is still not the case, although we hope it will be from September. In the meantime we are meeting and seeing each other via Zoom- where would we be without it? It has been great to be able to see each other and to catch up on a regular basis. Our 97 Group has continued to meet in the same way and they have enjoyed working on various pieces. Wendy has spent many hours working on a piece for our current branch challenge which is entitled 'NKEG in spite of Covid-19 we continue to stitch'. The closing date for this was set at April 21<sup>st</sup> so hopefully we will work out a way of sharing the results before September!

Our forthcoming programme is taking place via Zoom. You would be welcome to join as a visitor to any of the meetings shown below.

**17th April 2021** Meeting via Zoom/demonstration via Zoom 'It is never too late to be who you might have been' **Speaker – Zara Day** from 'Rosemaryrose' ([www.rosemary-rose.co.uk](http://www.rosemary-rose.co.uk))

**16th May 2021** Meeting via Zoom **Group business plus sit, stitch and chat**

**19th June 2021** Meeting via Zoom **Emily Tull** ([www.emilytull.co.uk](http://www.emilytull.co.uk))

**17th July 2021** Meeting via Zoom **Sara Cook** 'Bojagi: Korean Textiles' ([www.bojagiuk.com](http://www.bojagiuk.com))



One of our Zoom speakers, Zara Day is also running online stitching courses which several of our members have taken part in.

I have just started one of the latest, called 'Mending Matters'. This is based on the Japanese methods of stitching such as 'Boro' (meaning ragged or tattered) and 'Sashiko'. Sashiko is a running stitch, traditionally using cream thread on indigo dyed fabric which was one of the colours that poor people were allowed to wear. The course includes some interesting philosophical terms such as 'Wabi-Sabi' which in modern day means the beauty of the imperfect and/ or incomplete. You can see some of my first experimental pieces in the picture.

If you are interested in joining us, then please look at our website

<https://northkentembroiders.co.uk/> or email us at:

[info@northkentembroiders.co.uk](mailto:info@northkentembroiders.co.uk) or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen