

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 THURSDAY ONLY

TWIDDLE AWAY – FABRIC PLAY

with Jennie Rayment

Hilarious happenings, textile twiddles and fabric shenanigans from the fiddly fingers of a demented peripatetic patchwork teacher!



12.00 THURSDAY ONLY

IN CONVERSATION

with Clive of @wesewtoo & Lou of @luinluland

Clive and Lou share what it truly takes to motivate and nurture their growing communities. Reflecting on how authentic storytelling, consistency, and leading with purpose transforms simple ideas into meaningful movements. Together, they explore the power of creating spaces where people feel seen, valued and inspired to take action.



13.00 THURSDAY ONLY

IGNITING A PASSION FOR PRESERVING NEEDLE ART

with Lucy Barter

Join Lucy Barter, newly appointed Embroiderers' Guild Trustee, as she talks about her passion for needlework and how it has shaped her career. As co-founder of the former San Francisco School of Needlework & Design, and former US Course Coordinator & Instructor for the Royal School of Needlework, Lucy enjoys guiding and inspiring people as well as preserving embroidery for all.



14.00 THURSDAY ONLY

THREADING THE COSMOS: FROM SOLDIER TO SEWER

with Nuestro Namamoli

An intimate journey into the making of the Nuestro Tapestry. Zach shares how embroidery became a path of healing, freedom, and devotion. Through story, images, and live insight, audiences are invited to release judgment, trust intuition, and feel empowered to create more boldly.



15.00 THURSDAY ONLY

DIGITAL EMBROIDERY IN FILM

with Twan Lentjes

Learn how digital embroidery is used to create historical embroideries and custom fabrics you see in film and TV. Often combined with hand embroidery for extra dimension. Twan will share some in-depth looks at the work for The Little Mermaid, Queen Charlotte (A Bridgerton Story) and Wicked.



11.00 SUNDAY ONLY

DESIGN INSPIRATION FROM INDIA: A TAPESTRY OF COLOURS, CULTURES AND CRAFTS

with Pat Archibald

This talk will take you on a visual journey through India, showcasing the vibrant colours, intricate patterns, and diverse cultures that inspired Pat's latest quilt designs. Expect to see images of traditional dancers, majestic elephants, exotic birds of paradise, and serene lotus flowers, all woven into the rich tapestry of Indian art and design.



12.00 SUNDAY ONLY

FLAT PAPER, ROUND BODIES: WHY SEWING PATTERNS ARE STUCK IN THE PAST – AND WHAT COMES NEXT

with Becky Cole, All Access Sewing

Sewing patterns haven't kept up with real bodies or real lives. Becky Cole, of All Access Sewing, unpicks why traditional patterns are so hard to use – and explores a more inclusive future built on adaptability, accessibility, and confidence, so makers spend less time decoding instructions and more time enjoying sewing.



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MEASURE TWICE, SEW ONCE: THE SECRET TO CLOTHES YOU'LL LOVE TO WEAR

with Sarah Laws,
My Handmade Wardrobe

Preparation is the Key to Sewing Success! Discover why spontaneous sewing can lead to frustration and unfinished projects. Learn how spending a little time practicing skills, taking accurate measurements and pattern prepping can save hours of unpicking – and transform sewing into an enjoyable experience that creates clothes you'll love to wear.



14.00 SUNDAY ONLY

SEWING FOR WELLBEING with Rachel D'Ambrosio, The Sew Happy Quilters' Association

Be inspired by the CEO of The Sew Happy Quilters' Association as she shares how sewing supports wellbeing and the heartfelt story behind SHQA's creation, connecting creativity, community, and mental health through the power of stitching together.



THE NATIONAL EMBROIDERY AWARDS 2026

15.00 SUN ONLY

Don't miss out on the award ceremony for the National Embroidery Awards 2026. After a pre-selection process, 60 finalists were selected to go forward for the exhibition and judging at the Fashion & Embroidery show, celebrating the incredible artistry and diversity of embroidery. Come and see this astonishing work and find out who will be crowned the **BEST IN SHOW!**

