



THE SIXTY TWO GROUP OF TEXTILE ARTISTS

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear members,

I hope that you are well.

In this difficult and strange new world, I have been troubled to know how and what to write to you all. It seems unbelievable that it was only two weeks ago the committee was sitting in the foyer of the Festival Hall and discussing the 62 Group events that were to be happening later in the year. We were mindful of the unfolding crisis but had no idea that measures would escalate so quickly and change all our plans. In these extraordinary times this is a much-shortened newsletter that serves solely to update date you as to what is happening.

The two main events of this year - the 3rd annual lecture at the Fashion and Textile Museum, London, and the Conversations exhibition at St. Barbe Museum and Art Gallery, Lymington - have been postponed. Both venues are very keen to rearrange, and dates will be scheduled when everything is more certain. I will let you know as soon as I have any information.

Occasionally updates from Arts organisations drop into my 62 Group inbox and I have listed below those that may be of interest to some of you. If any of you have other websites with useful or interesting information that you think would be of interest to other members during this period of time, please let me know and I will pass them on to the group.

Take care everyone.

Very best wishes

USEFUL INFORMATION

[Arts Council](#) – Corvid 19: Government and non-governmental support

[Crafts Council](#): Supporting the community at this time

[AN](#): Coronavirus Covid-19: Information and guidance for artists and arts organisers

[Crafts](#): View every issue of Crafts magazine online

[National Theatre](#): Free full-length plays every Thursday

[BBC Arts](#): Culture in quarantine (what a terrible name!)

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS FROM THE 62 GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING 14 MARCH 2020

Attending members:

Debbie Lyddon (Chair), Elizabeth Tarr, Emily Jo Gibbs, Hannah Lamb, Jane McKeeting, Daisy Collingridge, Isobel Currie

1. Apologies for absence:

Imogen Aust, Richard McVetis, Catherine Dormer, Nigel Cheney, Louise Baldwin, Lucy Brown, Sue Stone

2. Minutes of last meeting.

Approved.

Cevkqp: DL to ask David to add minutes to the website.

3. Committee jobs and changes

Emily Jo Gibbs and Jane McKeeting agreed to continue as senior members and the vote to approve was carried.

4. Finance- Elizabeth Tarr

ET is keen to use online banking in future and asked approval to set this up with the bank- Committee approved this. Note: this would be in addition to, not instead of, the option to use cheques.

Cevkqp- ET to apply for online banking.

2 members have not renewed their subs within the allowed time.

Cevkqp: ET to confirm with DL, DL to write to those members to terminate membership if necessary and inform IC to update membership list.

5. Social Media- Nigel Cheney

Cevkqu.

JM to send photos from workshops to Nigel and ask when members are proposing workshops that they include images to promote them.
EJG to contact Nigel about linking Instagram posts to Twitter automatically, and using resources on the 'if this, then that' website.
DL to arrange with HL the Facebook administration level that she currently has.

6. Public Newsletter- Emily Jo Gibbs

Latest edition has been sent out.

Cevqpu: DL to remind members to send newsletter content direct to EJG

7. Exhibitions and events update

Ctrl/Shift

Cevqpu- DL to sort out gift voucher for Sue Stone as thanks for her work with Ctrl/shift

British Textile Biennale 2021: HL has made contact with Jenny Rutter, who saw the Sunny Bank Mills Show and is interested in including 62 Group in this event. The BTB theme will be about international connections/ interconnected textile trade and culture. A relevant brief for a 62 Group exhibition is needed by May for mid June announcement.

Cevqpu- HL to ask Jenny Rutter for a firm theme to write 62 Group brief.

Anniversary show 2022:

The Fashion and Textile Museum have a very small gallery available to the Group, in conjunction with the proposed installation. DL and RM sent them a written proposal for a larger exhibition in their bigger gallery but have not heard back and believe this will not be accepted.

DL suggested we use the small space in FTM to show a small work by each member, plus a larger exhibition elsewhere.

HL suggested approaching Salts Mill in Bradford, who may be amenable and have a lot of space.

CD has approached Jessica Hemings who is willing to curate the anniversary exhibition and write a catalogue article. She wants to use the theme 'the Future of Textile Art'.

Cevqpu:

DL to send the F&T museum exhibition proposal to HL

HL to approach Salts Mill about possible exhibition as outlined in this proposal.

8. AOB

Sabbatical requests:

Sian Martin- requested on medical grounds. Request approved by Committee.

Marilyn Rathbone- requested on medical grounds. Request approved by Committee.

Cevqpu:

DL to write and confirm sabbatical requests granted.

IC to add sabbatical dates to membership information.

Master Calendar- Google calendar

HL has created a calendar for the website to show forthcoming event dates.

Cevqpu: HL will send link

Cevap: JM to add schools/college workshops to future exhibition workshop call outs

9. Date of next Meeting: 20th June 2020

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