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RSN
ROYAL SCHOOL
OF NEEDLEWORK

150 YEARS

Founded 1872

Become a Friend

of the Royal School of Needlework

Support the Art of Hand Embroidery



The International Centre of Excellence
for the Art of Hand Embroidery

Why support us?

The Royal School of Needlework (RSN) has a unique mission: training students in the art of hand embroidery to the highest technical level. Founded in 1872, the RSN was originally conceived as a way to provide employment to women who, without a suitable livelihood, would have been compelled to live in poverty. Today, the RSN upholds its founding principles through a diverse educational programme, exhibitions and a commercial Embroidery Studio.

Although many know of the RSN as the international centre of excellence in hand embroidery, fewer are aware that we are also a registered charity. We receive no government funding, so we rely on the generous support of individuals and trusts to ensure hand embroidery is both preserved and developed for future generations.



“I love the sense of inclusion that I gain from receiving the newsletters and updates – you get to hear about what goes on behind the scenes!”

Sue

- 1 Nellie Wichelo worked at the RSN from 1879 to 1939
- 2 Nicola Fairhurst, Future Tutor
- 3 Erum Waseem, Degree Student
- 4 Laura Baverstock, Degree Student
- 5 Livia Papiernik-Berkhauer, Degree Student
- 6 Alex Standing, Degree Student
- 7 Sarah Smith, Future Tutor
- 8 Chrissie Juno Mann, Future Tutor
- 9 Lizzie Lowe, Degree Student

With your support we can:

- **Continue to teach technical hand embroidery** to the highest level.

Graduates of our programmes go on to work across a variety of industries, including ecclesiastical and historical conservation, film, theatre, and fashion.

- **Provide support for our Future Tutors.** This programme trains the next generation of RSN Tutors and Studio stitchers and is not eligible for government grants. Future Tutors are therefore dependent on bursaries and awards to complete their three-year course.



- **Offer bursaries and awards to Degree students.** Our BA (Hons) in Hand Embroidery for Fashion, Interiors, Textile Art, is the only specialist degree in hand embroidery. Friends have helped support individual students.



- **Digitise and catalogue the RSN Collection and Archive** containing over 4,000 embroidered objects and many thousand designs that are mostly in storage. By making them searchable online these amazing resources will be open to a new generation of artists and makers.



Friends' Membership costs:

UK Friend (per annum)	£41
International Friend (per annum)	£58
Life Friend Under 65 (one-off payment)	£700
Life Friend Over 65 (one-off payment)	£550

**I would like to join Friends of the
Royal School of Needlework by Direct Debit
Direct Debit Instruction (UK Only)**



Please also complete the adjacent form

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Name and full address of your Bank or Building Society

The Manager:	Bank/Building Society:
Address:	
Postcode:	
Name(s) of account holder(s):	

Branch Sort Code

Bank/Building Society account no.

Originator's ID No: 404796	Reference (Internal use only):
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☐ Annual ☐ Ten instalments (Special Supporters only)

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Friends of the Royal School of Needlework Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with Friends of the Royal School of Needlework and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature:	Date:
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Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account.

This guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit Friends of the Royal School of Needlework will notify you at least ten working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Friends of the Royal School of Needlework to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by Friends of the Royal School of Needlework or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Friends of the Royal School of Needlework asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by writing to your bank or building society. Please also send a copy of your letter to us.

RSN Friends & Special Supporters Application Form

Please complete in block capitals and place a tick in the appropriate box

Title:	Surname:	First Name:
Address:		
		Postcode:
Tel:	Email:	
Date of Birth:		
How did you hear about the RSN?: <i>(e.g. event, exhibition, class, tour, social media, press, RSN Shop)</i>		

RSN Friends

<input type="checkbox"/>	UK Friend (£41 per annum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Friend (£58 per annum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life Friend Under 65 (£700, one-off payment)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life Friend Over 65 (£550, one-off payment)

RSN Special Supporters

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ribbon Circle (£250 per annum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wool Circle (£500 per annum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cotton Circle (£1,500 per annum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Silk Circle (£2,500 per annum)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Circle (£5,000 per annum)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to receive the monthly eNewsletter
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to pay by cheque (payable to Friends of the Royal School of Needlework)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to pay by Direct Debit once per annum (complete adjacent form; Friends taken annually, Special Supporters indicate whether annually or over 10 months)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to pay by debit/credit card

Card Number

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Gift Aid

I consent to Friends of the Royal School of Needlework claiming Gift Aid on all qualifying gifts of money made in the last four years and in the future from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. (Please see Gift Aid notes on reverse)*

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Signature:	Date:
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We will keep your information secure. For full details of our privacy policy, please visit www.royal-needlework.org.uk/privacy-policy. You can change how we contact you at any time.

“Being an RSN Friend makes me feel part of the wonderful community keeping this important art alive and prospering.”

Louise

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***Gift Aid notes:**

1. The charity will reclaim 25p on every £1 that I give.
2. Gift Aid is reclaimed by Friends of the Royal School of Needlework from the tax you pay for the current tax year.
3. Please notify Friends of the Royal School of Needlework if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient Income Tax and/or Capital Gains. You can cancel this declaration at any time by writing to: Royal School of Needlework, Finance Department, Apartment 12a, Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 9AU.
4. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

What are the benefits of becoming a Friend of the RSN?

- 10% discount on selected RSN courses and events
- 10% discount in the RSN Shop at Hampton Court and online
- Two annual newsletters and a monthly eNewsletter (when you subscribe)
- Advance information about courses, events and exhibitions organised by the RSN
- Advance notice of all public exhibitions of the RSN's Collection
- Supporting the RSN in keeping the art of hand embroidery alive and thriving



In addition, Life Friends receive:

- An invitation to an exclusive RSN event in the first year of joining
- An additional annual letter informing you of RSN developments
- Additional invitations to events from time to time

How to become a Friend of the RSN

You can become a Friend online, simply head to the Friends' section of our website **www.royal-needlework.org.uk**. Alternatively, complete the application form overleaf and send it to the address on the back of this leaflet.

For annual membership, payment by Direct Debit is the most cost-effective method, as this saves administrative

time and costs. Simply complete the Direct Debit form.

As a charity the RSN can claim Gift Aid on membership subscriptions and donations. This really helps us to increase the value of your gift. Please complete the Gift Aid form if you are a UK taxpayer.

Other ways to support the RSN:

- **Make a one-off donation.** Suggested amounts: £10, £25, £50, £100.
- **Leave a legacy.** A gift from your Will can help the RSN continue teaching hand embroidery into the future.
- **Become a Special Supporter.** Your extra contribution makes a big difference to the RSN. In return we offer a small token of thanks in the form of additional opportunities to visit the RSN.

Special Supporter levels (per annum):

Ribbon Circle	£250
Wool Circle	£500
Cotton Circle	£1,500
Silk Circle	£2,500
Gold Circle	£5,000

Payment for Special Supporter membership may be made in ten instalments.



A collection of students' work from our Future Tutors programme and Degree Course, supported by RSN Friends.

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