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Education

1972 - 75 Loughborough College of Art and Design
BA (Hons) Embroidery

Teaching

1975-76 Part time teaching in colleges in England and Wales

1976- 2010 the Manchester Metropolitan University (formerly Manchester Polytechnic)

Senior Lecturer in Embroidery, teaching on undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the School of Art & Design and part time teaching/specialist visiting lecturer in the UK and abroad

2011- Part time teaching and visiting lecturer

Public and Private Collections

Work in public and private collections in the UK and international includes:

Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council
Embroiderers' Guild collection, Hampton Court Palace
Leicestershire Education Committee
Trinity College, Carmarthen, Dyfed

Commissions

Numerous commissions for quilts, textile wall pieces, etc. for public spaces, places of worship, companies and private individuals.

Selected commissions:

1981 & 1983 Lord Rhodes of Saddleworth
1985 J.C. Bamford (Excavators) Ltd.
1990 St. James Church, New Mills, Derbyshire
1998 & 1999 Leicester Royal Infirmary
2006 Sheffield Children's Hospital

Selected Exhibitions

1982 - 83 **BRITISH NEEDLEWORK** National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto and Tokyo, Japan

1985 **TWELVE BRITISH EMBROIDERERS** Osaka and Tokyo, Japan

1985, 1986 & 1989 **ART IN ACTION** Waterperry House, Oxfordshire

1987 **INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL** Houston, Texas

1988 **QUILTS TRADITIONAL AND MODERN** Aberystwyth Arts Centre

1988 **SWISS QUILT** Bern, Switzerland

1988 – 89 **QUILT ART** touring exhibition: Nottingham Castle Museum; Gardener Arts Centre, Brighton; Barbican Art Gallery, London; Cirencester Workshops, Glos.; D.L.I. Museum, Durham; Norwich Castle Museum

1989 **CONTEMPORARY QUILTMAKERS** Ruthin Craft Centre, Ruthin

1989 – 90 **QUILT ART** Deutsches Textilmuseum, Krefeld, Germany

1990 **62 GROUP AND NEW FIBRE ART** Textile Art Festival, Salts Mill, Bradford

1990 - 91 **QUILT ART** touring exhibition; Bankfield Museum, Halifax; Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead; Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley, W. Yorks.; Inverness Museum; Crafts Council of Ireland, Dublin

1993 **THE GREAT BRITISH QUILT FESTIVAL** Harrogate

1994 **WHAT IS EMBROIDERY** Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester

1995 & 1996 **ART IN ACTION** Waterperry House, Oxfordshire

1996 **SWISS QUILT** Bern, Switzerland

1997 **MANCHESTER** The Arts Centre, Bermuda

2002 **ART IN ACTION** Waterperry House, Oxfordshire

2004 **NEW INTERNATIONAL QUILTS** Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead

2005 & 2007 **ART IN ACTION** Waterperry House, Oxfordshire

2007-2008 **MECHANICAL DRAWING – the Schiffli Project** touring (including The Hub, Sleaford; Ruthin Craft Gallery; Macclesfield Silk Museum; Farfield Mill, Sedburgh)

2009 **GREAT NORTHERN CRAFT FAIR** Manchester

2010 **ARTEFACT** Platform Gallery, Clitheroe

2010 **MACHINE STITCH PERSPECTIVES** Knitting & Stitching Show,
London, Harrogate & Dublin

2013 **CHESTER PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP Anniversary
exhibition** Chester Cathedral

Selected Publications

Making your own patchwork and quilting (author), published by New
Holland, 1994.

Work featured and reviewed in books, videos, articles and catalogues
including:

British needlework The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo & Kyoto,
Japan, 1982

Springall, Diana ***Twelve British Embroiderers*** Gakken, Tokyo, Japan, 1984

Howard, Constance ***Twentieth century embroidery in Great Britain*** Vol. 4
Batsford, 1985

Von Gwinner, Schnuppe ***Patchwork quilt*** Textilwerkstatt - Verlag,
Hannover, Germany, 1986

Nelson, Christine ***Contemporary British quilt art*** Dryad Press, 1989

Lawther, Gail ***The Complete Quilting Course*** Ebury Press, 1992

Wilkinson, Rosemary ***The Quilter's Handbook*** New Holland 1999

Kettle, Alice & Mckeating, Jane ***Machine Stitch Perspectives*** A.C.Black
2010

Twinn, Janet ***Colour in Art Quilts*** Batsford 2011

Memberships

1975 - 1991 **62 Group of Textile Artists**

International exhibiting textile art group

Vice Chairman 1982 - 85

Chairman 1985 - 87

1985 – 1991 **Quilt Art**

International exhibiting group of professional quiltmakers

1998- Member of the **British Quilt Study Group**

2013- Chair of the research panel

Judging

Judge/selector for embroidery and quilt exhibitions

1993 Judge for Quilts UK, major national quilt exhibition

2000 Judge for Quilt 2000, European quilt exhibition

Reviewing

1998-2000 Specialist reviewer in Art & Design for the Quality Assurance Agency for HE

External examining

1991-95 External examiner for the BA (Hons) Design course, Department of Embroidered and Woven Textiles, Glasgow School of Art

2002- 2005 External examiner for the BA (Hons) Textile Design course, University of Central England, Birmingham

2002- 2006 External examiner for the BA (Hons) Embroidered Textiles course (dissertation element) Opus School of Textile Arts (collaborative programme with Middlesex University)

Indexes

The Quilters Guild selected slide index of contemporary quiltmakers

Crafts Council non-selected index of makers

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