

Become an RSN Friend or Life Friend

The RSN Friends make a vital contribution in supporting our on-going development. We would not be able to continue our work in keeping the tradition of hand embroidery alive without this regular support.

What support from the Friends could help us to do:

- Ensure we continue to train students to the highest standards
- Plan and develop the future of the RSN
- Enable RSN Collection items to be researched, restored and recorded
- Support the preparation of RSN Collection items prior to display at exhibitions

Friends' Membership offers the following benefits:

- Two newsletters annually
- An annual tour/invitation to view part of the RSN's Collection at Hampton Court Palace (a small cost is charged)
- Advance notification of any public exhibitions of parts of the RSN Collection
- 10% discount on selected RSN courses and events
- Advance information about courses, events and exhibitions organised by the RSN
- 10% discount on items purchased from the online or RSN shop
- The opportunity to attend special Friends-only visits to textile events or collections
- Monthly e-Newsletter if an email address supplied

In addition Life Friends will receive

- An invitation to an RSN event in the year of joining

Friends' Membership costs:

UK Friend (per annum)	£30
International Friends (per annum)	£45
Life Friends (one-off payment)	£600
Concessionary Life Friend (over 60, one-off payment)	£450

How to join the Friends

To join the Friends please complete the attached application form and send it together with a sterling cheque or debit/credit card details. Friends' annual subscriptions are renewable on 1 January each year.

For annual membership payment by Direct Debit is the most effective method, as this saves administrative time and costs. Simply complete the Direct Debit form.

As a charity the RSN can claim back 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.

“ Without the support of the Friends and Special Supporters it would not have been possible for me to train as an RSN Apprentice, learning the skills that I am now putting into practise in the Studio. Each day I get to play an important part in the on-going history of each commission by contributing my specialist skills and knowledge. ”

Rebecca Ray
RSN Graduate Apprentice 2005–2008

“ News of the RSN is always received with pleasure... and the new Foundation Degree in Hand Embroidery is a true step forward. Now I can, in my 80th year, help a little... and I wish the very best for the RSN now and in the future. ”

RSN Friend

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President: HRH The Duchess of Gloucester



Support the art of hand embroidery

Become a Friend, Special Supporter or Donor of the Royal School of Needlework

About the RSN

Founded in 1872, the Royal School of Needlework has a unique role: to train students to the highest technical standard of hand embroidery. No other organisation teaches these techniques of hand embroidery to this level.

Keeping hand embroidery skills alive is vital and RSN-taught embroiderers are at the forefront of creating heirlooms of tomorrow - from altar frontals for Britain's cathedrals and banners for historic houses to dynamic private commissions for interior designers.

Our Graduates use their RSN-learnt skills in a wide variety of areas from stitching in our commercial Studio and teaching on our education programme, to working freelance as embroidery tutors, designer/makers in fashion and costume or specialising in conservation and restoration of antique embroideries for museums, heritage organisations and religious buildings.

The RSN is a charity. We rely on the support of Trusts and individuals who believe in the importance of our work, to help us continue. Friends and Special Supporters are people like you, who actively want to ensure the RSN can continue its vital and unique work.

How you can help support the RSN

There are several ways to help us

Become a Friend or Special Supporter

See adjacent page.

Make a donation

Whether or not you choose to become a Friend, donations to our work are always welcome. Please complete the donation line on the form.

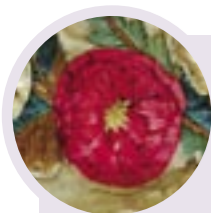
Leave a legacy to the RSN

Embroidery has been at the heart of the decorative arts for thousands of years. A legacy to the RSN will help us to keep alive the skills of hand embroidery to the highest level and maintain our textile Collection and unique archive.

If you would like to discuss leaving a legacy to the RSN and how a monetary gift might be made or used, please contact Dr Susan Kay-Williams, RSN Chief Executive, who will be happy to discuss the matter with you on +44 (0)20 3166 6936.

Special Supporters

There are five categories of RSN Special Supporters which are identified by some of the most recognisable tools of the embroiderer's art: ribbon, wool, cotton, silk and gold. All of them can be used as thread, the heart of embroidery.



Ribbon Circle

Ribbon embroidery dates back to the mid 17th century and can give a three-dimensional finished piece. RSN ribbon embroidery classes are indicating a resurgence of interest in this technique.



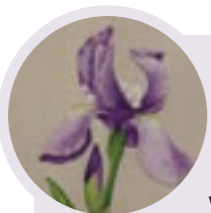
Wool Circle

Wool has been used for centuries, eg for the world famous Bayeux Tapestry. William Morris and Walter Crane created designs to be produced in wool by the RSN, some of which were displayed in Philadelphia in 1876 taking art needlework to the USA. In 2009 the RSN created hangings for the Great Tower at Dover Castle in Kent using wool to embroider in the 12th century style.



Cotton Circle

Now the most common natural fibre in the world, cotton is used for everything from jeans to christening robes. In embroidery, cotton thread offers an alternative to silk for fine work, especially whitework.



Silk Circle

Silk has been used in embroidery for even longer than wool, making its way across the Silk Route from China. It is used in embroidery not only because it takes colour well, but also for its sheen and its ability to be worked very finely. It is particularly beautiful when used in silk shading. The RSN was recently asked to produce a contemporary Tudor Rose in silk shading which was displayed at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



Gold Circle

Goldwork has always been reserved for the most exceptional pieces. Gold thread comes in a variety of weights and thicknesses and learning the names of all the checks, purls and twists is like learning a new language. The RSN has been responsible for the design and embroidery of coronation regalia for every British monarch from Edward VII to our current Queen, our Patron. Her Majesty's coronation train was worked in 18 varieties of gold thread by a team of 12 embroiderers around the clock for three months. On a smaller scale we embroider the gloves for each Lord Chancellor.

Special Supporter's Benefits

Ribbon Circle £250 (per annum)

- Two newsletters annually
- 10% discount on selected RSN courses and events
- Advance information about courses, events and exhibitions organised by the RSN
- 10% discount on items purchased from the online or RSN shop
- Advance notification of any public exhibitions featuring parts of the RSN Collection
- The opportunity to attend special Friends-only visits to textile events or collections
- Monthly e-Newsletter if an email address supplied
- Invitation to a tour of part of the RSN Collection by the Curator or Archivist
- Annual invitation to a reception in relation to an event or exhibition

Wool Circle £500 (per annum)

All of the Ribbon Circle benefits with an additional:

- Opportunity to meet one of our students and see and hear first-hand what they are doing

Cotton Circle £1,500 (per annum)

All of the Wool Circle benefits with additional benefits of:

- An invitation to the Annual Student Showcase and Awards
- An invitation to an annual dinner or lunch hosted by the Chairman

Silk Circle £2,500 (per annum)

All of the Cotton Circle benefits with additional benefits of:

- Invitations to receptions in relation to events or exhibitions in the year
- Invitation to a private tour of another textile collection

Gold Circle £5,000 (per annum)

All of the Silk Circle benefits with additional benefits of:

- Invitation to a private viewing of part of the Collection or a lecture by the Curator or Archivist (eg looking at a specific part of the Collection of particular interest to the Supporter)
- Invitation to a private tour of another textile collection not normally open to the public
- Receives personal updates on exhibitions and events that may be of particular interest to the Supporter

By becoming one of our Special Supporters you will be helping the RSN to continue its important roles of maintaining the techniques and history of hand embroidery and enabling us to spread these skills more widely through education and promotion.

All Special Supporter subscriptions are renewable on the anniversary of the first payment. Payment for Special Supporters may be made monthly in instalments.

RSN Friends and Special Supporters

Application Form Please complete in block capitals and place a ✓ in the appropriate box

Title	Surname	First Name
Address		
Postcode		Telephone
Email		Date of Birth
Where did you obtain this leaflet? (e.g. RSN, event, exhibition, class etc)		

RSN Friends		RSN Special Supporters			
UK Friend	£30 per annum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ribbon Circle	£250 per annum	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Friend	£45 per annum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wool Circle	£500 per annum	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Friend	£600 per annum	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cotton Circle	£1,500 per annum	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Friend (over 60)	£450 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
- I wish to pay by cheque (payable to Royal School of Needlework)
- I wish to pay by direct debit (complete adjacent form, Friends taken annually, Special Supporters indicate whether annually or over 10 months)
- I wish to pay by debit/credit card (NB a debit card costs us less to process)
- Card no.....
- Expiry date...../..... 3 digit security code.....
- I wish to make a donation of £..... towards RSN's work (payment may be by cheque, debit or credit card) If debit or credit card please write your details in the space above.

Signed..... Date.....

- I would like to give this membership as a gift

Recipient's Name.....

Recipient's Address.....

Postcode.....

Message (if applicable).....

Please send your completed form and payment to:

Friends of the Royal School of Needlework, Apartment 12a, Hampton Court Palace, Surrey KT8 9AU, UK

giftaid it Are you a UK tax payer? If you are, we could claim back the tax you have already paid on your donation, at no extra cost to you. All you need to do is confirm the following by ticking the box:

- As a UK taxpayer, I request that this donation and all qualifying payments since April 2003 be recorded under the Gift Aid scheme until otherwise notified.

Direct Debit Instruction (UK Only)

Please also fill in name and address on the form to the left

I would like to join the Friends of the Royal School of Needlework by Direct Debit.



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The Direct Debit Guarantee

• This guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own bank or building society.

• If the amounts to be paid or the payment date changes, the 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 an error is made by the Friends of the Royal School of Needlework or your bank or building society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid.

• 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.