

Welcome to this newsletter from the Loving Earth Project.

After a slow start, lots has been happening since April. While a number of events were cancelled due to Coronavirus, our first events by Zoom have been very successful and we have developed a number of new online resources.

ONLINE EVENTS

It was lovely to meet sixteen or so Loving Earth Project enthusiasts from lockdown - at our first online event. We ended up talking about a wide range of things - not just making panels - and we're delighted that Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre will now be organising a series of longer 'Sew and Chat workshops' with textile artist and teacher Lottie Percival, who usually runs workshops there. All are welcome - these events are free- but advance booking is essential. Details below.

Other developments have included a successful online workshop for Quakers across Europe, where Maud Grainger led an paper-based exploration. (Here is one of the creative responses, from a Norwegian Quaker). Online events for other community groups are also in the pipeline, as well as those open to everyone.



Is everything we do damaging the world? Because of the Covid19 pandemic, we've been reminded of how interdependent we are, and that an economy based on perpetual growth might not be sustainable.
— Tommy vad Funderud Flaaten

Stitch and Chat workshops by Zoom

Wednesdays at 5pm starting on 27th May.

Details at <https://lovingearth-project.uk/events/>

All welcome - free

Advance booking essential <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/riverhouse/event/view/122627> .

You will then be sent a link to the Zoom meeting; please arrive a little before the event.

NEW VIDEO RESOURCES

A new video to introduce the Loving Earth Project will be on the <https://lovingearth-project.uk> website from next Saturday, 23rd May. We hope it will help to introduce the project to a wider audience, alongside the guided meditation from Woodbrooke <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/lovingearth> .

We're delighted that Lottie Percival has also made a series of 'how to' video tutorials for people wanting to make Loving Earth textile panels. Lottie is an artist working with interactive sculpture and textiles of multiple mediums. She works as an Artist in Residence and technician within a school environment and leads a range of creative workshops using stitch, clay and drawing at the Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre, Walton on Thames.

The first of Lottie's videos are designed for beginners, and they show that textile panels don't necessarily involve complicated needlework. Some of our simplest panels have been very effective. The first few videos are (or shortly will be) available via the <https://lovingearth-project.uk>. and via Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_h7KwVcXDwxtTBn7754TSA/videos . Future videos will include a range of hand embroidery and appliqué skills.

Lottie's first Loving Earth Tutorials will be:

1 - Fabric: Taking you through the first steps in getting started, with fabric introductions, material properties and what objects you can find them in at home.

2 - Preparing to embroider - Hooping: How to prepare your fabric into an embroidery hoop, to keep it taut and stretched for stitching

3 - Draw Paint Print: Experimental 'At Home' drawing, painting and printing techniques to playfully add colour and pattern to plain fabric

4- Basic Stitching Intro: Running Stitch & Back Stitch: An introduction of basic stitching, thread types, needle types, attaching one fabric to another.

New creations



Ancient Woodlands



Fields



Australian Camel

Here are some of the panels that have been added to the Loving Earth Project collection recently. You can see them and accompanying texts at <https://lovingearth-project.uk/gallery/> . We welcome textile panels in any style, provided that they are 30x 30cm in size, robust enough to be put in the post, and are accompanied by an explanatory text.

Until further notice, due to the lockdown, please just email us photos of your panels and a short text to accompany each panel, with your name and contact details, . We can then display your work on our website and will let you know where to send them. If you have difficulty photographing the panel, just send us an email and we will be intouch. More information about making panels is on our website.



These panels were made by Ruth Kelly, and her children Oonagh, Robin and Theo, homeschooling during lockdown. Unfortunately the photos are not good enough for the website but we hope to receive the panels in the post, to include them in our display.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We hope soon to bring you news of a six weeks online course by Woodbrooke, based around the Loving Earth Project, to run over the summer. Keep an eye on our website .

We are also creating an international page on our website. Offers to translate Loving Earth documents or texts into other languages would be welcome.

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