Summer Stitching

Aims:
Come along and learn how to design and stitch a small embroidered picture inspired by some of the Botanic Garden plants.
The focus will be on looking at shape and colour within the garden, with specific reference to the wisteria and acers.
This workshop is aimed at those just starting out in embroidery and at those people with a little stitching experience.

Method:
An introduction to the basic design elements will be given.
Looking at photographs, stitched samples and other images, we will aim to identify some plant shapes and colours and by doing some simple sketches come up with a pleasing design.
As a starting point we will look at the twisted stems and flowers of wisteria and the trunks, branches and leaves of the acers.
If you have any images of your own from the garden that inspire you, please feel free to bring them along.

Demonstration and Practical session:
I will demonstrate some basic embroidery stitches you may choose to use in creating the picture and provide handouts and books of stitches to refer to.
Time will be taken practicing the stitches and I will go around giving as much help as required to help the stitchers with their design and techniques.
Also by using watercolour paints, light pencil or small fabric scraps, I will show how the chosen design can be built up on the textile background and the stitches added.
We will continue to build up the stitches to complete the pictures.

Development:
We will discuss how the pictures can be added to either by incorporating found elements, beads, buttons or other stitches.

Date: Saturday 10th August 2019
Time: 10am – 4pm

Location: University of Leicester Botanic Garden (Lab). Entrance via Hastings House, Stoughton Drive South, Oadby LE2 2NE

Cost: £50, discounted to £45 for members of Friends of the Garden.

Please bring a packed lunch and suitable clothing and footwear for a short walk around the gardens.

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