

Fiber Forum Retreat 2025

New Ways with Metal Threads

Embroidery Artist: Hanny Newton

April 27-May 3, 2025

Houston Marriott Sugar Land (greater Houston area)

16090 City Walk, Sugar Land, Texas 77479



Discover a creative approach to goldwork embroidery! Open a world of possibilities to experiment with and explore within this centuries-old art form. This workshop gives embroiderers of all levels of experience the opportunity to get creative and explore the possibilities of metal thread techniques such as:

- couching with metal threads
- chipping / cut work with metal purls

Hanny will help participants see these beautiful techniques from a fresh perspective and move beyond the rules of goldwork - from 'Can I..' to 'HOW Can I'. Her classes are full of technique demonstrations (using a close-up camera where possible), idea-gathering class discussions, slides of modern and historical stitch inspirations, and space for individual feedback.

Throughout the workshop participants will build up their own unique series of hand embroidery samples and drawings which can become a tool kit of techniques. These will be a basis from which each participant will be able to explore and further individual creativity and enhance each person's existing practice. The workshop will also explore approaches to creative design development and idea generation that can be useful in other areas of our fiber arts practice.

Hanny's goldwork embroidery workshops are a balance of technique and experimentation, leaving plenty of 'breathing space' for artists to find their own response to the historical techniques of goldwork.

Biography:

Hanny Newton is a British hand embroidery artist with a passion for exploring contemporary ways with metal threads, celebrating and questioning the centuries old materials and techniques of goldwork with 21st century eyes. Since studying in the degree program at the Royal School of Needlework (2014), she has been fascinated by the possibilities of metal threads, and combines this with an explorative, intuitive approach to making and teaching.



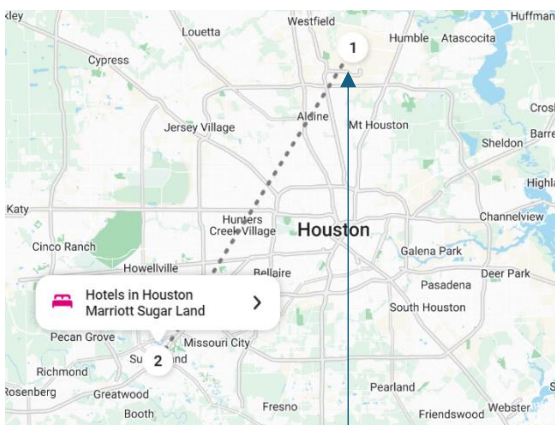
She works from her rural studio in Shropshire, UK, and has worked internationally with art consultants and interior designers, as well as teaching in the UK and worldwide, including at Hand & Lock London, West Dean College and The British Museum. In 2023 she was awarded a prestigious Broderers Company QEST Scholarship. For her website, <https://www.hannynewton.co.uk/>.

Hotel Information:

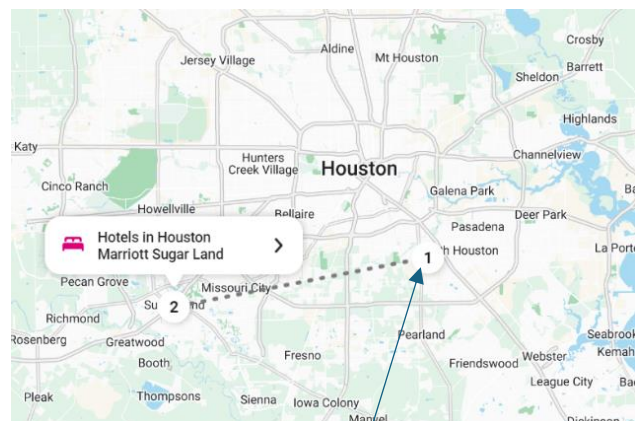
The Houston Marriott Sugar Land is located 29 miles from Houston Hobby Airport (HOU) and 41 miles from George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). All other meals, travel between airport and hotel, gratuities, sightseeing, and other such items are at the participant's expense.

The hotel is in the Sugar Land Town Square and has restaurants and shopping opportunities within easy walking distance of the hotel. Complimentary parking is adjacent, and valet parking available for a fee.

The maps below are to show general airport locations only.



Bush Intercontinental Airport



Hobby Airport

Costs:

The retreat costs include retreat fees, materials fee, hotel room for 6 nights, welcome dinner, 6 breakfasts, and 5 lunches. Arrival is April 27. Classes are April 28 through May 2. Check out is 11:00 a.m. on May 3.

Fiber Forum Members	\$1,450
Fiber Forum Friends	\$1,500
Other EGA Members	\$1,550

Single Supplement	\$ 577
Spouse/Guest Room and Meals	\$1,000
Deposit:	\$ 450

Registration opens:

Members	June 17, 2024
Friends	August 1, 2024
Other EGA Members	September 1, 2024

Registration closes: December 31, 2024

Final Payment is due: January 15, 2025

To reserve your space, you may either scan or photograph your completed registration form and attach to an email to [Karen Waddell, kjswaddell@gmail.com](mailto:kjswaddell@gmail.com).

- EGA will invoice you for the deposit amount of \$450. If your deposit is not received before the next registration period opens, your registration will be handled with the next group of registrants.
- Participants will receive a second invoice from EGA when the balance is due.

Confirmation of your registration will be sent. Registrants will also be notified immediately if no spaces are available, and registrants will be placed on a waiting list. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

In March, 2025, registrants will receive additional retreat details and a list of participants.

For additional information or questions, please contact Karen Waddell at kjswaddell@gmail.com or 713-299-8671.