

Spiders and Sparrow Hawks

Exhibition inspired by Epping Forest

by East London Textile Arts

Working in partnership with *The Friends of Epping Forest & Epping Forest Centenary Trust*

Thursdays to Sundays from October 21st to November 19th

Epping Forest Visitor Centre, Paul's Nursery Road, High Beach, Essex IG10 4AF

Open: 10 – 4 pm until end October and then 10 – 3 pm until 19 Nov

This exhibition features work created by over 50 makers and embroiderers working with East London Textile Arts in different part of Newham. It is the culmination of eight months' work and shows original embroideries of birds, insects, butterflies, fungi and other flora and fauna from the Forest.

Some of the embroideries have been photographed and made into cards, decorated papers, and printed textiles, including our first chiffon scarves, and will be on sale at the Visitor Centre from October 21st to November 19th.

Part of the work has been done by The McGrath Makers, a learning- disabled group, that has worked with East London Textile Arts for over 7 years.

East London Textile Arts (ELTA) has been providing free textile classes in Newham for over 10 years, working with different community groups on a long term developmental basis, making communal works of great skill, while at the same time always welcoming newcomers and beginners. We also work occasionally with primary schools.

ELTA specialises in educating through craft making and has produced exhibitions, films and booklets about Hellenic Art, Alphabets of the World, Diabetes, Oral Health amongst other themes. This is our first environmental project. Our work has been exhibited at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, The Hellenic Centre, The Art Workers Guild, Prick your finger, Bethnal Green, and internationally at MAG3 Projektaum, Vienna.

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The Friends of Epping Forest has been providing educational activities in the Forest for over 40 years and with its many volunteers, runs the Epping Forest Visitor Centre at High Beach. It is soon to merge with Epping Forest Centenary Trust to become Epping Forest Heritage Trust. This is the first project in a partnership with East London Textile Arts that both groups hope will be ongoing. For more information, email judith.adams21@btinternet.com