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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

I know it is early for a Spring newsletter, but there are a lot of things happening in March and April and I would like all of you to have the opportunity to be involved in them. First--remember that your \$15.00 annual dues should have been paid by now.

We have two demonstration opportunities coming up. A one-day event with the Embroiderer's Guild and a three-day event for the Knit and Crochet Festival. I have to turn in names for the latter event on March 10th so you need to check your calendar and let me know as soon as possible.

Because of the dates for the Knit and Crochet Festival, we are moving our Annual Meeting to April 14th at the Churchill Borough building; the offices up for reelection are President and Treasurer. Anyone willing to serve should talk to one of the officers; that would be Joan Trimble, Suzanne Potter, Theresa Troyan or me. To be elected, the person must be willing to serve, so you cannot just nominate someone as revenge.

Less than a month after that is the Louise Colgan Hungarian Tape Lace Workshop May 4th through the 7th. Then Summer Camp from August 21 through 24, then the Fall workshop. And so it goes. I feel like I am juggling poorly as I try to remember to schedule everything at the Borough Building, contact teachers and vendors, and organize demonstrators.

The reward is that the newer members of the group are progressing in their lace making and the laughter on Thursday nights is increasing. I am so glad that Gretchen and Esther have returned to us. I can't wait for the weather to improve so that Thursdays are more certain. I have to give a special thank you to Barb Lis for hosting us on the Third Thursdays. It is nice to see the lace group thriving!

Amy Gibbons

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UPCOMING EVENTS: DEMONSTRATIONS

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD – THREE RIVERS E.G.A.

March 24, 2018 – 1:00 PM

Northland Public Library

300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

On March 24, we will be demonstrating at the Northland Public Library, off Mount Royal Boulevard, for The Embroiderer's Guild. They will have a brief meeting, starting at 1:00, followed by our presentation. Amy will give a presentation on lace history and then ask everyone to describe any pieces of lace, books or tools that they have brought to share. That means that you are asked to bring those things for them to see. Let me know if you are planning on coming, please. I am thinking we should get there by 12:45 at the latest, because we don't want to interrupt their meeting while we lay out our things.

KNIT & CROCHET and CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

April 6, 7, 8, 2018

David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Our hours to demonstrate at The Knit and Crochet and Creative Arts Festival are Friday April 6th from noon to 7:00, Saturday, April 7th from 10:00 to 6:00, and Sunday, April 8th from 9:30 to 3:30. We will have a booth similar to last year. Please try to arrive at least 15 minutes early so that you can set up your things. Also, understand that we are scheduled to demonstrate until the latest times listed, so clean up happens after that. There is a great deal of interest and so you may find yourself doing more talking than lace-making. There is plenty to see and buy so come and enjoy yourself. I need to tell the organizers which of our members will be demonstrating and the times you will be demonstrating by March 10. Please respond as soon as possible so we can assure that you receive a badge which will allow you free admission to the festival. It is a wonderful venue, and you will have a great time talking about the craft we love so much.

UPCOMING EVENTS: ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING – April 14, 2018

Churchill Borough Building -- 10:00 AM

The Annual Meeting will be April 14, from 10:00 to 2:00 at the latest. We need to elect a President and Treasurer and finalize our plans for Louise's workshop weekend. We also need to confirm plans for the August Summer Camp, and who knows what else. Sandy Faulk has generously agreed to tell us about her trip to Portugal last year and we will share lunch, so bring something we will all enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS: WORKSHOP!

HUNGARIAN TAPE LACE WORKSHOP WITH LOUISE COLGAN May 4 – 7, 2018 -- Churchill Borough Building

Louise Colgan's Hungarian Tape Lace Workshop is May 4 through 7. We will be able to get into the Borough Building at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, so we ought to be able to start the workshop by 2:00. There is no evening program planned, but we could go out to dinner at a Hungarian Restaurant either Friday or Saturday night. Saturday and Sunday's hours will be the same as usual. On Monday we can start at 9:00 or 10:00 and finish by noon or 1:00.

Provo Enterprises will be sending a shop-in-a-box, so we will have supplies. The exact schedule is something we will talk about at the Annual Meeting on April 14. Because Louise is such an excellent teacher, spots in the workshop will go quickly. Also, Louise likes to know who is taking the workshop so that she can send pattern packets to them. I would think you should get your check for the workshop to Theresa as soon as possible. There are currently only 9 spots open.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM – HUNGARIAN TAPE LACE -- MAY 4-7, 2018

Return this form with a check payable to Pittsburgh Lace Group to: Theresa Troyan, 1507 Wolf Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Workshop \$150.00 members, \$160.00 non-members \$ _____

Workshop commemorative Midlands bobbins _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



"Windmill," worked by PLG member Sandy Faulk

RECENT P.L.G. HAPPENINGS
CHRISTMAS PARTY – January 6, 2018

What a blast! After a postponement of a week, the PLG met at Esther Loprieno's house for a wonderful celebration of the holidays. There was fun, food, laughter, and the ever-popular white elephant game. The elephants were more populous than usual, and everyone seemed to have a good-sized stash of treasures to take home with them. Esther was the usual hostess-with-the-mostess, who treated us with her delicious culinary treats, as well as some excellent chocolate-covered strawberries. We were happy to visit with our Maryland and Virginia friends Kathy Timmons and Nancy Razzino, who made the trip to Pittsburgh to celebrate with us. It was a lovely party. Thanks again to Esther for hosting us!



OTHER P.L.G. MEMBER NEWS

Our Minnesota member, Nancy Wellington, has whiled away time during this exceptionally tough winter doing some interesting lacemaking. Check out the St. Paul Cozy Project at <https://saintpaulcozy.com> and read more on the IOLI Facebook page, under Posts: <https://www.facebook.com/iolilace/> Awesome work, Nancy!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: P.L.G. MEMBERSHIP FORM

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