



LACE THREADS

News of the Pittsburgh Lace Group -

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again

It is a new year and certain things remain the same - The Annual meeting is the first Saturday in April; Lace group dues should already be paid; and we are looking for two officers. In odd years it is Vice President and Secretary. Suzanne Potter is willing to continue as Secretary - thank you. We also want to thank Joan Trimble who is retiring from the position of Vice President, but will continue to manage our web site. I am especially grateful to Sandy Faulk for volunteering to take the position of Treasurer so that Theresa Troyan can move to the position of Vice President.

When I worked at a church, one older man took care of the furnace, but didn't teach anyone how to do what he did. They just let him go ahead. When he died, no one did his jobs and the furnace broke, costing the church thousands of dollars. We don't have thousands of dollars, but more of you need to know what is involved in keeping the group going. We need members to not only serve as officers, but to organize new places to demonstrate or to teach new people. We do not want to become a closed group, but one that encourages new lace makers to join in our adventure.

Amy Gibbons

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 6 10:00a.m. Annual Meeting Churchill Borough Building (Saturday)

Apr. 18 no class

May 17-20 Louise Colgan Workshop Churchill Borough Building (Friday -Monday)

Jul.4 no class

Jul. 9 -12 7:00p.m. Summer Camp (Tuesday through Friday)

Jul.21-27 I.O.L.I. Convention in Spokane, WA

Aug 3 Yarns By Design demonstrate (Saturday)

Nov, 1-3 Dagmar Beckel Machyckova Workshop Churchill Borough Building (Fri.-Sun.)

DON'T FORGET -MEETINGS MOVED TO CHURCHILL BOROUGH BUILDING

In an effort to make our meetings more accessible to everyone we are moving them to the Borough Building. They have also been moved to the second Thursday of the month. The library is not going to be available, but if you want to return a book, you may give it to Suzanne or Amy and they will take it to the Church the following Thursday. The usual bad driving rules apply. On most other Thursdays we will continue to meet at the Church.

FUTURE DEMONSTRATIONS

YARNS BY DESIGN SUMMER SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

622 ALLEGHENY BLVE. OAKMONT, PA

Sandy, the owner appreciates our help in keeping an eye on things while we demonstrate during Oakmont's Annual Sale Weekend. We need to bring our pillow stands, because the tables are put away. Parking is scarce because the street is full of vendors but there are lots of good things available to buy. Let Amy know if you plan to be there.

DEMONSTRATION SITES YOU MAY WONDER ABOUT

PITTSBURGH KNIT AND CROCHET

With the change of venue there is a considerable loss of space and there was not room for us to have a table for free. Perhaps there will be space another time as they search for a site that works for them.

PITTSBURGH FOLK FESTIVAL

Whenever they decide to hold another event, we will be contacted. Things seem to be getting a bit better for the future.

OUR TRAVELING TREE

Every year since forever, the Lace Group has put up our Christmas tree when we demonstrate in the Nationality rooms on the First Sunday in December. Then it is quickly taken down and moved to the Church where we meet. It is usually set up and taken down in conjunction with a regular Thursday class. This year it got set up shortly before we had our meeting at the Borough Building and taken down in the afternoon before a snow storm which cancelled a regular meeting. The ornaments have been made throughout the years by various members and there is a Nativity which accompanies it.

In the Spring we put up an Easter Egg tree at the church. Both of these trees welcome new ornaments. If you enjoyed the Schneeberger workshop an egg for the tree is a good second project. Check out books by Bellon and Kirst plus others in our library.



ESTHER'S CHRISTMAS FETE

Once again our hostess with the mostess, Esther Loprieno invited us to enjoy her charming home for a sparkling afternoon and evening of fine dining and amusement.



Everyone dressed in their party antlers and best clothes as you can see from the pictures. Gifts were exchanged and there was much laughter. Thank you to everyone who made it such fun.





Learning Schneeburger Lace

By Dewi Wong

Schneeburger Lace is a beautiful German tape lace using only a few pairs of bobbins. The characteristics of this lace are whole stitch (ctct), linen or cloth stitch (ctc), twists, false plaits, picots, leaves and tallies. The outlining plaits and the passive pairs throughout the pattern enhance the design.



The Pittsburgh Lace Group has hosted workshops on this type of lace several times in the past years. At the workshop with Maria Provencher last Fall, we received many patterns including a Santa pattern by Lia Baumeister-Jonker which inspired me to create a companion for him. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are nice additions to my collection of the Schneeburger laces that I made from the past workshops.



Joan Trimble's completed Butterfly

LIBRARY NEWS

The Following is a list of 8 books which were duplicates that we found when we revised the library list. I have found prices for as many as I could from various sources which are listed. They will be available for review at the Annual Meeting and will hopefully leave my house for a new home. We have yet to decide how they will be divided, but the money will go back into "the can", where it came from originally.

1. Circles and Squares, a Lace Guild Publication we paid \$14.95. This is a small booklet with several small circular or square patterns. It has pictures of the finished lace as well as prickings, but no diagrams. The lace is Torchon, Bucks and Beds. All in English

2. Fun with Corners, by Claire Burkhard We have two copies for which we paid \$29.50 and \$34.00. I found it at Abe Books for \$69.43 and Holly has it for 38.95.

This is a useful book with prickings and pictures written in three languages. Fortunately English is one of them. It has lots of basic patterns.

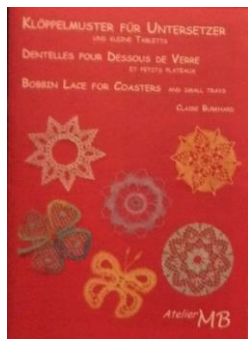
3. 450 Years of Lace, We received 2 copies as donations so we are parting with one. Amazon had it for \$15.50 and Abe books had it for \$1.84. This book is full of pictures of the Lace in the Allhallows Museum collections.

4. Paskekniplinger, by Jana Novak We paid \$38.00, I could not find it listed in the usual places. It is in Danish, but the diagrams are excellent. It has all kinds of Spring patterns along with my favorite Easter egg pattern. The group has it in English.

5. La dentelle de Cholet – Perfectionnement 2, by Mick Fouriscot Amazon had this listed between \$199.00 and \$277.25. Abe books had it for \$96.28 and we paid \$36.00. Written in French with lovely pictures, this book has plentiful technique diagrams and beautiful patterns for edgings, bookmarks and mats.

6. Dentelle aux fuseaux perlee Bijoux et accessories, by Mick Fouriscot Amazon had it listed for \$35.94 new and between \$31.59 and \$52.91 used Abe books had it for \$18.63 and we paid \$45.00. It is written in French and contains diagrams and patterns for purses, jewelry and other beautiful things.

7. Bijoux et accessories de mode en dentelle, by Mick Fouriscot Amazon lists it used for \$43.99 to \$92.00 new, while Abe books has it for \$37.95. We paid 52.00. Another book written in French, with good diagrams for technique and patterns. It has bracelets earrings and all kinds of delightful items to create.



New Books Added, by Sandy Faulk

The PLG library purchased a couple of new booklets. The first is Kloppelmuster für Untersetzer (Bobbin Lace for Coasters) by Clair Burkhard. The majority of these prickings use Goldschild Nel 80/3 linen. Included is a photo of the finished lace plus pricking. Many of these patterns would be suitable for a beginner lacemaker with an understanding of Torchon. Quite a few instructions include bobbin placement for starting. If you're looking for a nice little pattern or two to finish in a couple of evenings, there are some nice projects in this booklet. Prickings range from 6 to 30 pairs. There was a striking 4-leaf clover pattern that caught my eye. Also the butterfly pricking looked like an attractive and very quick project for a coaster -- just in time for spring, The second booklet is Winter mit Klöpelspitzen (Winter in Bobbin Lace). These patterns are a little more complex, but again with a basic understanding of Torchon style lace, they look to be pretty straight forward. There is one very simple and quick "Silver Bell" pricking with 6 pairs. I think could be done in an evening.. It would make an impressive Christmas gift attachment! What caught my eye was a pricking for 11 pairs to be used in a glass candle holder. These prickings are more adventurous than the first booklet but would be fun to do. I think the one I am drawn to is "Star" pricking for 12 pairs with 2 stars sewn together making a 3D star.



ANNUAL MEETING – April 6, 2019

Churchill Borough Building -- 10:00 AM

The Annual Meeting will be April 6th, from 10:00 to 5:00 at the latest. We need to elect a Vice President and Secretary and finalize our plans for Louise’s workshop weekend. We also need to confirm plans for the July Summer Camp.

There will be books and pillows as well as bobbins available so you might want to bring some money. See the information on the previous pages.

Bring a dish to pass for lunch. I will lead a discussion about knitting lace, especially shawls. I would ask that you bring some scrap yarn and suitable needles so that you can understand some techniques better. Nothing hard I promise.

Also available will be a few pillows and bobbins that were given to the group by people who no longer make lace. We will make decisions on them and they too can leave my house. What will I do with all the room?

IOLI News

July 21 to 27 IOLI Convention will be held in Spokane, Washington. Please consider becoming a member of IOLI and check out the classes that are available on their website. Every year they ask for lace patterns from their members. The patterns go on a CD which is given to the Charter Chapters. We have several in our library. If you contribute a pattern you will receive your own CD. If you want to contribute a pattern or join IOLI, Amy has the information or you can check their web site.

Louise Colgan Workshop

Louise will be coming in May to teach either **Bucks or Milanese**

Friday the 17th to Monday the 20th.

Class Schedule will be as follows - Friday from 2:00 to 5:00;

Saturday and Sunday begin at 10:00 and end at 5:00 with an hour for lunch

Monday begin at 9:00 and end at noon

(these times may be altered by the participants according to need)

Friday night after 5:30 we will have a pizza party plus shopping and socializing

There will be an admission charge which has yet to be determined.

Maria Provencher is sending a shop in a box.

Please send your registration to Theresa Troyan at 1507 Wolf Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Workshop \$130.00 members, \$150.00 non-members	\$ _____
Workshop commemorative bobbins @ \$15.00 number _____	\$ _____
Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Number of dinner reservations for Hungarian Restaurant (not included in cost)

Please help us to make a guesstimate about the Pizza Party numbers