

# LACE THREADS

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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

### 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 at the Churchill Borough Building. We will be electing new officers at the April meeting. This year it is President and Treasurer. Sandy Faulk is willing to continue as Treasurer - thank you. If anyone would like to run for president please contact one of the current officers. I am not married to the job. Your dues should already be paid if not send \$15.00 to Sandy Faulk 414 Hampton Avenue, Wilkesburg, PA 15221. Checks should be made out to Pittsburgh Lace Group (not anyone’s trip to the Bahamas)

There are so many things happening that deserve their own place in the newsletter that I am keeping this brief. I want to thank everyone for being so active in the group and for being so helpful. I couldn’t do it without you.

**Amy Gibbons**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9, June 11 7:00p.m. Meetings at the Churchill Borough Building

Mar.22 11:30 to 5:00 demonstrate at Festival of the Eggs.

Mar. 24 Trip to Washington D.C. to visit Smithsonian with Karen Thompson.

Apr. 4 10:00a.m. Annual Meeting Churchill Borough Building (Saturday)

May . 14 no class

May 15 to 18 Louise Colgan Workshop Churchill Borough Building (Friday -Monday)

Jul. 7 -10 7:00p.m. Summer Camp (Tuesday through Friday)

Jul.19-25 I.O.L.I. Convention in Mesa, AZ

Oct.16-18 Karen Thompson Workshop Churchill Borough Building (Fri.-Sun.)

All Thursdays not listed we will be meeting at the church, weather permitting.

### **Thursday Class location has moved to the house attached to the church!!**

Yeah, Hooray and Yippee! We now have a meeting place which does not require anyone to go up and down stairs. Enter at the usual door and turn left going through the cry room just behind the sanctuary. If you have difficulty with stairs please make arrangements to call someone’s cell phone so that the light will be turned on and the door opened on the other side of the church from where we usually park. Our books and files remain in the basement. There is a bathroom available in the house. We need to respect the privacy of anyone else using the house at the same time. The usual bad driving rules apply. Rev. Lange will let us know if the parking lot is bad. Many thanks to the people who helped make this happen.

## PAST EVENTS

### Italian Heritage Day by Sandy Faulk

Sunday, October 6, members from PLG attended Italian Heritage Day at the Heinz History Center to demonstrate lace making. Attending this annual event were Dewi Wong, Jodie Stevenson and Sandy Faulk. Jodie and Sandy were making Milanese lace (from Louise Colgan's DVD) and Dewi was working on some Russian tape lace. It was a well attended event and we had a nice opportunity to show off our enthusiasm for lace making.



### Chesapeake Fall Lace Day

by Kathy Timmons

I was able to attend the Chesapeake Lace Day, on October 26. Devon Thein was the guest speaker, and gave a talk about her experience curating the "Lace, Not Lace: Contemporary Fiber Art from Lacemaking Techniques." She covered the exhibit from concept to the show itself and was absolutely wonderful in describing the ups and downs of curating the exhibit. The exhibit was at the Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, NJ from September 2018 through January 2019. (I was

fortunate enough to have traveled to see the exhibit, along with Nancy Razzino last September.)

### Milanese with Louise Colgan by Kathy Timmons

The MarvaLacers, if we may borrow that name Joanie, were fortunate enough to have Louise Colgan for a workshop south of the Mason Dixon Line. Louise, and her classes, always leave me speechless, so I will say it with pictures.



Nancy P: Angel



Becky: Hedgehog. She also finished the seahorse and moon.



Nancy R: Celtic Hearts Fan

### Dues are due!!!

Dues are \$15.00. Checks made payable to Pittsburgh Lace Group should be sent to Sandy Faulk, 414 Hampton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **FESTIVAL OF THE EGGS**

**SUNDAY, Mach 22nd**

**Alumni Hall. Oakland, PA**

Dewi is making arrangements for us to demonstrate at the Festival of the Eggs. We may take our Easter tree and the eggs that have been made by members of the group. She has said that we can join her for church and park in her Church's lot. We will discuss this more at the next two meetings.

Tammy is making arrangements for us to **demonstrate at the New Castle Public Library** for her embroiders group. They were most impressed by what they heard about our visit to another group two years ago. They did not want to contact the lace groups that are located closer to them. The date might be April or June.

### **Trip to D.C.**

Karen Thompson will be showing us the lace in the Smithsonian's Collection. Arrangements are still being made. The chosen date is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Dewi has organized a van for us that will be approximately \$75-80.00 plus a tip for the driver. If you want to go, please let us know at the next meeting when details will be finalized. The van will pick us up at the church and we have permission to park in the back lot near their shed. We will be leaving very early in the morning and coming home late that night.

**Lacers of the Lake** have invited us to a program May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p.m. at the Trumbull Art Gallery in Warren, Ohio. Allie Marguccio will be presenting a talk – "Idrija Lace: Preserving a Family Tradition". The exhibit being shown in conjunction with her talk is called "Legacy of Lace" and runs May 9<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>. Also anyone wanting to may attend their meetings either at the Cortland Public Library in July and August or the Howland Public Library, April - June & Sept- Nov. Their meetings start at 10:00.

### **Annual Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The agenda of the Annual Meeting grows longer and longer. The easy part is that the program after lunch (or during lunch) will be a repeat of the readings that Amy did about Mary Schenley after a previous Annual Meeting. Those who heard it will remember that it contains interesting information about the lady whose ballroom we use to demonstrate every December. Lunch is bring a dish to share.

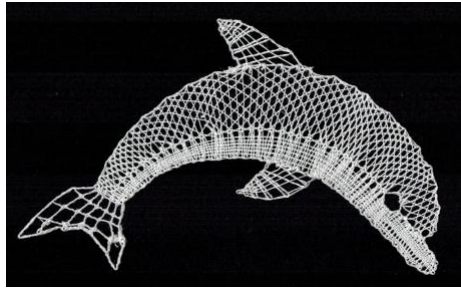
Among the topics to be discussed are the topics for future workshops; what project we want to do at Summer Camp; how we want to celebrate our 40 year anniversary next year; and many more that I will forget so please bring your ideas along. This is a meeting that people who don't drive at night can attend. The agenda continues to grow. Feel free to add something. Also this is your chance to overthrow the president. ~All this could be yours.~

### *Call for Contributions! Call for Contributions!*

As always, any and all contributions to this newsletter are most welcome. Any news about members, other lacemakers, bobbins, threads, patterns, books, ideas pictures send 'em and keep 'em coming!

## more...PAST EVENTS

### Fall workshop with Dagmar by Amy Gibbons



What a fun and challenging workshop. Dagmar Beckel Machyckova is such a delight. Some of us (not me) were brave enough to try her pricking without pinholes. They have said that they were continually trying to make their threads run straight across. I personally was surprised at how easy it was for me to think I

understood the technique she used in the fins and how difficult it was for me to actually get my fingers to do it. That little dolphin was trickier than you might think. Everyone at the workshop decided that having Dagmar come again would be a great idea. She was such a generous teacher. If you didn't sign up for it, you missed a good one.



### Our Adventures at the Cathedral of Learning. by Amy Gibbons

Joan Trimble, Suzanne Potter, Jodie Stevenson, Sandy Faulk and I demonstrated on the second Sunday in December in the usual place. The usual things happened. If you want to know, check out previous newsletters please. The only exceptional thing is that Jodie, who must be trying for sainthood, took the tree to the Church and set it up. I am extremely grateful. Thank you.

### What is an "Active Member"?

By Amy Gibbons (reprinted from "Pittsburgh Lace Group Newsletter" Fall 1998)

In the fliers for workshops we have said that priority would be given to "active" members who register before a certain date. So that there is no misunderstanding, an active member is not someone who only pays their dues and/or comes to workshops. If there is space in the workshop after "the date" – great. But I believe that the person who demonstrates or speaks in public for the Pittsburgh Lace Group has first claim to the seats in a workshop. Since I keep track of the hours of demonstration, I know exactly who that is. I believe that people who attend meetings have priority over those who don't. Their names are listed in the minutes of

every meeting. A lower priority is given to those who attend classes on Thursday nights. To be an active member you need to fall into one or more of the above three groups. Please don't say that you are never asked to demonstrate. We have asked for volunteers in the newsletter and in person. If you have a problem with this policy, you have the option of attending a meeting to change it. We are delighted to offer workshop space to everyone, but those who have worked for the betterment of the group that sponsors the workshop should receive some benefits for their efforts.

An abbreviated version of this appeared in the Summer 2004 copy of "Lace Threads."

The logic behind this is that Pittsburgh Lace Group pays for the teacher, her transportation, meals and lodging. We organize the space for class. People who support the group should receive some priority. If they register by the date listed which is about a month before the workshop. After that it is on a first come basis. As newsletter editor I should add that I believe anyone who writes an article for the newsletter could be considered active. The last time that this phrase was included in a flyer was in 2007.(I looked) After that it was inadvertently omitted. It is included again. I think it will not make any difference.

**IOLI News**

July 19 to 25 IOLI Convention will be held in Mesa Arizona. 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 t

Friday the 15th to Monday the 18th.

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.

Louise teaches Bedfordshire, Bucks Point, Chantilly, Cluny, Honiton, Hungarian, Milanese Russian Tape, or Torchon. The classes we want to take and the number of different projects we want to include will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

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Please send your registration to Sandy Faulk 414 Hampton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

(priority will be given to active members who register before April 18th)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop \$150.00 members, \$170.00 non-members \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop commemorative bobbins @ \$15.00 number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday or Sunday we will again go to Jozsa's Corner.

Please help us to make a guesstimate about the Pizza Party numbers and Jozsa's Corner.

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**PLG dues \$15.00 Annually**

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