



# LACE THREADS

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## FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER 2020

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I am still here,

and I hope you are too. It seems like forever since we had the last newsletter in the Spring when we thought things would be back to normal by now. I want to update you all about what is still possible for the lace group even though we are forced to quarantine. Nor do we know what may happen when we no longer have to quarantine. I also wanted to provide some contact with the lace group members so that they know we haven’t disappeared.

I wish I could say that I have been making lace while I have not been able to go out, but I am stuck on a project and may take the pins out and toss it. The time before the time we last demonstrated at the Knit and Crochet Festival (so this has been sitting a long time), I started a large heart. I glanced at the pattern and thought this would be easy. After I started working, I realized I had bitten off more than I could chew. Now I look at it and think the work is too sloppy to even finish. So no matter how experienced a lacemaker is, she may fail if she tries to work to far above her knowledge or ability. I will be consulting with some or you before I pull the pins, but I doubt it can be fixed.

If anyone has any thoughts about where we can get together I am open to them. The borough is not allowing anyone to meet for now. When we are able to meet again, I will be in contact.

“As god is my witness I swear” we will meet again. I am sure we will eat so I don’t think we have to worry about being hungry, but Scarlet Ohara’s line is classic.

**Amy Gibbons**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ha, ha, ha,....

But Seriously there are some. We will continue to zoom every other Thursday which means October 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. I don’t know if we want to get together via zoom on New Years Eve or not. Perhaps we could have a prayer vigil.

Louise is still hopeful that we can have a Spring workshop with her, which would probably be in May the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>. That depends on how things go. She joins us for the zoom meetings so we can discuss it there when things start to open up.

There is also the possibility of meeting at Emmerling Park when the weather allows. See the information on the last page of the newsletter.

## **Cancelled or postponed**

**The trip to the Smithsonian** – May or may not be rescheduled, when it is a possibility.

**The Annual Meeting**, was held virtually. I was again elected president and Sandy was elected Treasurer. Who knows what we will do next year on **April 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. Not the first Saturday in April which is Easter.** That date should be voted on if we ever have a meeting, but just in case I am warning you.

Tammy is still 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 of next year.

**I.O.L.I. Convention** was cancelled, but there were some programs virtually which were quite interesting. You do need to be a member to view the videos on the IOLI web site as well as to attend next year's convention which will be July 24 to August 1 in Sparks/Reno, Nevada. The list of teachers seems good. Information about joining can be obtained by asking one of our officers. Past issues of "The Bulletin"- I.O.L.I.s publication - are available in our library.

## **The Nationality Rooms at the Cathedral of Learning**

Sandy is going to film and I am going to "demonstrate" for a video that they will use to represent us since this year's programs have to be held virtually. We will do our best to explain about Lace and lace making from my front porch. It is amazing how much lace related stuff you can collect in 39 years of lacemaking. I have more tools and lace than you can imagine. The film should be available with other programs from the different Nationality Rooms on line. When I know where,, I can let you know if you ask, but it really is stuff you already know.

## **Christmas**

Well no I am not the Grinch, but I doubt we will be putting up the tree at the church or having a party unless we can find a place that we are all comfortable with. Since most of us are in one high risk group or another, or have family members who are, I think it will have to wait until next year. I am saving up things for the game.

### ***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!

I put this newsletter quickly so that the information on the next page would be available soon. If you had something to contribute, I apologize.

## EMMERLING PARK

While the weather holds we can meet at Emmerling Park . It is a lovely little park with clean bathrooms! It is not quite 4 miles west of route. 28 on 910. Coming from 28 you should make a right turn onto Cove Run Road. If you miss Cove Run you will pass Pizza Roma and an ice cream stand. You can then turn right onto



Cove Run Extension which runs into Cove Run. The park is down a hill on the right side There is a large stone sign.

The pavilion we will be using is about right in front of you as you turn into the parking lot. There are two handicapped spots right by the pavilion. If that pavilion has other people in it, there are others we can use. In this one there are 8 large picnic tables with attached metal seats. Enough space for everyone to be socially distanced. You might want to bring a blanket to put on the attached picnic benches which are metal and can get hard. There is room for your own chair and pillow stand if you prefer.

As long as it stays warm the colors should be beautiful. If we need to we can resume in the Spring. In general we will start at noon and stay until we are tired, but probably not a lot more than two or three hours, which should get us home before any school bus traffic.

Because Theresa still works she is handling the decision of what day we meet. She generally has a week day off. Be sure to email her if you want to be notified when we are meeting. [ttroyan56@gmail.com](mailto:ttroyan56@gmail.com) If it is too cold or rainy we can skip it until the weather suits us. Some of us tried it out and the reaction was enthusiastic. There is a large playground at the other end of the parking lot (so well away from us) for any children to play. It is really a lovely little park.

**New Commemorative Bobbins** were ordered from John Aebi. It crossed our minds that he is not getting younger so we decided to order more blank bobbins for Suzanne to write on. Mr. Aebi does make beautiful fan sticks in four different sizes. If you are interested contact Carol and John. Their Address is 18 Stayman Ct. Lafayette, IN 47905. The phone number is (766) 412-2619. The email is [johncarolaebi@gmail.com](mailto:johncarolaebi@gmail.com) They are easy to deal with but are particular that you get exactly what you want. He makes a kit for a fan pin, as well as beautiful bobbins that don't have to be commemoratives.

We also need to think about commemoratives for next year since the group will be 40.

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