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News of the Pittsburgh Lace Group –

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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022

President's Message

Hello Lacemakers,

I know it has been a long time since the last newsletter, but I think we have made it through the worst of things. Other than an exhibit announcement from Dewi, this is essentially going to be an “e-mail with columns.” I am trying to get this out the day after we found out the information about the Annual Meeting and the Louise Colgan workshop. My hope is that many of you will have room on your calendar to do both. I only got confirmation from the Borough manager that we can use the Yagel Room for both events.

While we could have used the church for the Annual Meeting, it would not have been available to us for the Sunday of the workshop. Nor would it have been either handicap accessible or as roomy. I have to thank Gretchen Baudoux for the offer of her large airy kitchen as a back up when I was really juggling hard. Since I don't want to spend all day typing, I am going to give you the bare bones of what your officers have planned for you. Thank you to Sandy Theresa and Suzanne for holding my hand through this.

Amy Gibbons

Upcoming Events

March 17, April 14th, June 16th and every third Thursday for some time will be a zoom meeting
April 2nd will be the Annual meeting at the Borough Building from 10:00 to 2:00

May 5th and every first Thursday until further notice –

we will have regular meetings at the Borough Building from 7:00 to 9:00

May 13th to the 17th will be the Louise Colgan workshop. See information on the next page .

Dues

If you haven't done so already please mail your check for \$15.00 made out to Pittsburgh Lace Group to:

Sandy Faulk, 414 Hampton Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

If you don't know if you paid already you may check with her.

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The Annual Meeting,

After waiting for a long time we will again be back at the Borough Building. It will be "the first Saturday in April." (Which is when it supposed to be according to the Constitution). This year we need to elect a President and Treasurer. Sandy has said she is willing to run for treasurer and I unenthusiastically will continue as President. The meeting will begin at 10:00 with a social hour period from 9:30 to 10:00. After the meeting we will indulge in the

game that we usually play at our Christmas Party. Bring your white elephants and your sense of humor. There are lots of tables to spread things out.

Vaccinations or masks are requested. We will not be providing coffee or tea, but feel free to bring your own as well as any food you might want. I promised that we would be out by 2:00 since there is a group meeting there in the evening.

Louise Colgan Workshop May 13 to 17th

We are again fortunate to gain access to the Yagel Room. After people signed up for the workshop, we all decided to add a fourth day so that people could work more complex patterns, like The Phoenix.

Between the added hours and the increase in airline ticket prices, those who are already registered will have to pay an additional \$55.00. The fare Louise got was almost double what it was two years ago, and is probably more than that today. Gas prices keep rising.

Please send your checks made out to the Pittsburgh Lace Group to the treasurer, Sandy Faulk. The address is on the front

page of this newsletter. Louise will be sending patterns for you to choose from. She will teach Bucks point as well as Milanese.

Decisions about masks/vaccinations and food will be made at the Annual Meeting, but we think that instead of pot luck, boxed or take-out lunches can be ordered. Mike has volunteered to pick up the food and join us for lunch. Of course people may bring their own sandwiches. But the group will not be providing food or drinks. Class hours will also be adjusted at the Annual Meeting since we may want to start the half days earlier or run them later.

Shopping Evening of May 13th

Maria Provencher of Provo Enterprises will be sending a number of books and goodies for sale. It will be a chance for you to buy any odds and ends you might need and to see what new books are available. Admission will be \$5.00 and there will be a raffle. I think the hours might be from 6:30 to 9:00. At this point there will be no food or drinks provided, but Louise will be there to say hello and answer very brief questions.

Commemorative Bobbins

As always commemorative midlands bobbins for the workshop may be ordered from Sandy for \$15.00. If you want to pick them up at the time of the workshop they need to be paid in advance.

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!

In Passing

Former member and long time Bobbin Lace Instructor Susie Johnson, passed away in her sleep on February 6th. Her obituary is available at

<https://hillandkunselman.com/obituary/Susan-Johnson>.

Alexander Jozsa Bodnar passed away on February 26th. He was the gentleman who provided our wonderful dinner at the Hungarian restaurant. We had hoped to go there with Louise again

Upcoming show at the Pittsburgh International Airport

Dewi wanted to share this with the PLG members. The Fiber Arts Guild has selected artwork from their last four, juried member shows to display at Pittsburgh International Airport from March 17th to May 27th. Twenty four fiber artists are featured, and hers will be in glass display case #6, at the airside.

The work selected was based on the following criteria:

- best use of each display area
- eye-catching ability from a distance
- variety of styles and techniques
- balance of subject matter

There was a rigorous two step screening by the Airport Board for approval.

We have seen her works, or pictures of them, from a show a few years back.

Thanks,

Dewi

