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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2022: part 2

PLEASE NOTE: No Lace Class on Thursday, April 14, 2022!

President’s Message

News, news, news!

The Annual meeting was jam-packed with decisions. For a change, I was organized and we worked through everything quickly. In this newsletter, you will find what we decided. Be sure to check out the new meeting schedule and the workshop details. Thankfully Sandy Faulk will continue as Treasurer, and sadly I must continue as President.

In an effort to spread out the work of the lace group and the knowledge of how to handle things, there are going to be some changes. Suzanne Potter will be organizing the workshop vendors. She already is our Librarian and Secretary. Sandy Faulk will be organizing the scheduling of workshops as well as being Treasurer. I hope you will support them any way you can. It is a lot to ask. I have been doing those two jobs for over 20 years. Someone else needs to know how to do it and should not start off as clumsily as I did.

Joan Trimble is once again taking over the newsletter. There should be four: one before the Annual Meeting; one before the Spring workshop; one before the Fall workshop; and one to provide details about the Christmas Party and to remind you to pay dues. Other information such as Summer Camp details will probably come via email. If you have anything to contribute to the newsletter, please see that it is in Joan’s hands two to six weeks before those events. I have always tried to make it a professional-looking publication out of respect for Margot Barbour, the previous editor who passed in January of 2003, when I took it over. She made us really look good.

I would still like to find someone to take over the teaching of beginning lace makers so that I can actually come and make lace. I am not going away, but think it is time to share. I have many projects that I would like to begin and complete. Thank you for your support.

Amy Gibbons

Upcoming Events

April 28th and every Thursday, we will meet at the Church from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (see article).
April 21st and every third Thursday: Zoom will continue from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in your home.
May 13th to the 17th will be the Louise Colgan workshop (see article). No class on May 12th.
Summer camp dates and project to be determined.
September 9, 10 and 11: Spania Dolina workshop with Dagmar Beckel-Machyckova (details will be announced later).

Change in Meeting/Class Hours

At the Annual Meeting, it was decided that our weekly meeting/class times should be moved from evening to afternoon. This will allow those of us who are having difficulty driving at night to come. Also, the driving, especially in the winter, should be much better. We have received permission from both the Chinese Church and the Borough to meet from 1:00 to 3:00. The monthly meetings the first Thursday of the month will continue to be at the Churchill Borough Building at the new time. You should get an email if there is any change.

For all those who are unable to get to the meetings, we will continue our **Zoom** sessions on the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00. You should get an email invitation with the link each time. If not, please send me an email.

In reference to summer meetings at Emmerling Park: when the weather warms up sometime in May, anyone who wants to make lace in the fresh air may come to Emmerling Park on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00. It was wonderful last year-- but of course watch the weather. Remember that because of the location, thunderstorms happening at your house may not be there, and visa versa.

Louise Colgan Workshop May 13 – 17, 2022

At the Annual Meeting, we decided that everyone will be wearing masks throughout the workshop. If you need a break from the mask, you may step outside.

HOURS: Class hours are to be as follows: Friday from 2:00 to 6:00; Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10:00 to 5:00 with an hour for lunch; and Tuesday from 10:00 to noon with two hours of clean-up afterwards.

LUNCHESES: We will need to have three regular lunches for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We would like to have only three people bringing lunches each day and take the leftover food home with them. By May 1st please send Amy your first and second choice of days and if you want to provide a main course, salad, fruit or dessert. Only one person will be serving the food each day. I

know it is hard to tell right now whether we will be wanting cold food or hot food, so don't specify, but remember you will be feeding 11 people. Friday between 5:00 and 6:00 and Tuesday for after class is done you might want to bring a sandwich or snack. Bottled water will be provided, or bring whatever you want to drink.

DINNERS: Since many of us have not been inside a restaurant in two years, we decided that it is a bit overwhelming to go to dinner with Louise every night. We are going to try to spread that out between the ten participants in the workshop. If you want to go one or two nights, please let me know which ones, and feel free to suggest any place in particular you think it would be nice to go.

Shopping Evening of May 13th

Maria Provencher of Provo Enterprises will be sending several 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 things are available. Admission will be \$5.00, which includes one raffle ticket. As usual, there will be a raffle. Tickets will also be available to purchase. The hours will be from 7:00 to 9:00. At this point, there will be no food or drinks provided, and masks will be required. Louise Colgan will be there to say hello and answer very brief questions.

PLG Facebook Page

Our original Facebook Page was set up as a business page. We will no longer be using it, but are in the process of setting up a new page that will be visible to everyone and capable of receiving comments and postings. It will be a place where you can share pictures of your finished lace projects and lace-related questions. We will of course not allow rude comments or requests. The page will remain as The Pittsburgh Lace Group. We are trying to be at least a little bit current. If you would like to manage this for us, I would be grateful.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of David Springett. Many of us have bobbins expertly crafted by him. He is survived by his two children and his wife, Christine, whose lace books many of us have used.

Call for Contributions! Call for Contributions!

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

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SPRING PHOTO GALLERY:



Egg ornaments based on a bookmark designed by Josee Poupart.
IOLI 2021 Uncon "Deciphering Leaves and Tallies" class.
Worked by Amy Gibbons



Irises designed by Barbara Brooks of Mainly Lace
<https://mainlylace.co.uk>
Worked by Amy Gibbons



Assistant Lacemaker Flagg Gibbons: co-star of many PLG Zoom meetings

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