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FALL NEWSLETTER 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Lacemakers,

Is it late August already? You would do much better with a president who was not so good at procrastination! I should have sent this to Joanie, our editor, weeks ago. I used to say that being president only meant you had to run a meeting and write a president's letter. I forgot you had to remember to write the letter!

I heard that everyone at summer camp enjoyed the project and had a good time. Once again, I was sidelined. I can't wait to see all the baskets with bunnies from camp!

We have a fun fall to look forward to with Dagmar's workshop, planning for the Christmas Party, as well as demonstrating at the Cathedral of Learning. Dagmar's workshop should be wonderful. When she came last time, everyone had a good time and thought that the Spania Dolina was exceptionally pretty. I am really looking forward to the workshop.

Thursday afternoon classes at the church seem to be gaining in attendance. After looking at the quality and quantity of books in our Library, the officers think that our next project should be finding and making a pattern from one of them. I am sure we can figure out a good way to do that. So, there are lots of things in our future.

If anyone knows of any place where we can demonstrate, please let us know. If you have a friend who would like to learn how to make lace, bring them along. There are pillows and bobbins available for loan at the church. It is time to grow our membership list!

One more thing: we are looking for someone to volunteer to pick Dagmar up from the airport on Friday. Please let Amy or Sandy know if you are able to do this!

Amy Gibbons

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~~~~~UPCOMING EVENTS~~~~~

September 9 to 11 -- Spania Dolina Workshop with Dagmar Beckel-Machyckova

Monthly meetings at the Churchill Borough Building: September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1

Thursday afternoon (1:00—3:00) meetings at the Pittsburgh Chinese Church, 398 Hochberg Road, Monroeville 15146: August 25; September 15, 22, 29; October 13, 20, 27; November 10, 17, 24; December 8, 15

Zoom meetings: 7:00 – 9:00 PM -- September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

University of Pittsburgh Nationality Rooms Holiday Open House: December 4, 2022 (tentative)

PLG Annual Christmas Party: TBA

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP WITH DAGMAR BECKEL-MACHYCKOVA

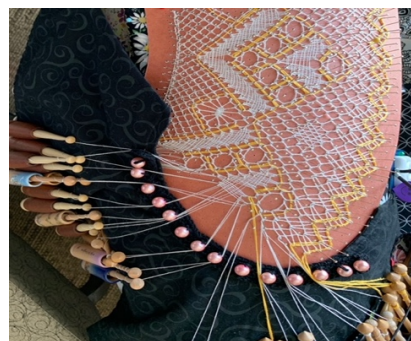
Spania Dolina Lace

September 9-11, 2022

Churchill Borough Building

Registration is now open for Dagmar's class in Spania Dolina Lace. The class will be held at the Yagel Room in the Churchill Borough Building, September 9-11. Friday's 3-hour class will be in the afternoon, tentatively from 2:00-5:00. There will also be a short meet-and-greet until 6:00 on Friday. Saturday is a 6-hour class from 10:00 – 5:00 (with an hour break for lunch). Sunday's class will be 11:00am - 2:00pm.

Here are some examples of Spania Dolina lace:



This will be Dagmar's second time teaching a class at PLG: in the fall of 2019, she taught a class in contemporary lace where we all made dolphins. Spania Dolina lace is a traditional Czech tape-style lace that includes the addition of colored gimps. Class will be taught using a cookie pillow.

Dagmar grew up in Prague, Czech Republic and received her degrees in lacemaking. She now lives in the US. Dagmar has taught at IOLI and is currently one of four

teachers in the online group The Adventurous Lacemakers (TAL). Nancy Wellington describes her as “a wonderful teacher, as well as a delightful, creative and energetic person.” She is experienced in the whole range of Czech and Slovak laces, from traditional to modern. Her work has been featured in the IOLI Bulletin several times.

The cost for this 12-hour workshop is \$175 for members and \$190 for non-members. Please return the registration form along with your check made payable to Pittsburgh Lace Group to: Sandy Faulk, 414 Hampton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE DURATION OF THE WORKSHOP!
And workshop spots are still available!

COMMEMORATIVE BOBBINS AVAILABLE (SPANIA DOLINA WORKSHOP)

Commemorative bobbins for the Spania Dolina workshop are \$15.00 each. Please order them from Sandy Faulk. Checks made payable to PLG should be sent to her at the above address.

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SUMMER CAMP 2022: Attack of the Killer Rabbits!

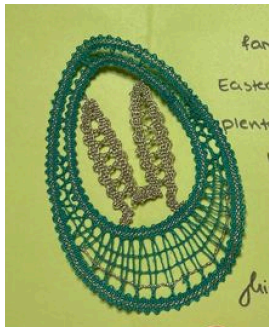
By Joan Trimble

Summer Camp this year was a basket of fun. The group decided to work some Easter Egg ornaments. Although she was unable to participate, Amy produced a cute, very adaptable pattern of a bunny peeking out of a basket—easy and quickly worked. The original pattern was adapted by Amy from several sources; it contains elements from Jana Novak’s *Paskekniplinger* book, a free pattern from <https://www.kloeppeishop.de/>, and ornaments from Facebook’s The Lace Exchange (particularly a lacemaker named Nives). [Note: free monthly patterns are available at <https://www.kloeppeishop.de/>]

Six of us campers trekked to the Churchill Borough Building, crossing and twisting brightly colored threads, chatting and making jokes the entire time (as is our custom). Dewi brought several eggs she had done previously, Amy sent one that she worked from leftover Gutermann silk, and Sandy showed some great adaptations that she created using other Spring/Easter motifs.

Dewi and Sandy came up with the idea of modifying the original pattern to include a more complete bunny profile, with a chin and beaded eyes. Many of the campers ran with that idea and created their own version of the bunny basket. Some even continued with the new trend and created even more lace Easter eggs after the conclusion of the four-day camp.

As always, we had a great time visiting, especially with one of our long-distance members, Nancy Wellington. Below are some pictures of the projects, as well as a poorly-taken selfie of our intrepid campers.



The original pattern



Sandy's sweet bunny



Sandy's Basket o' Chicken



Sandy's Easter Eggs in an Egg



Easter eggs worked by Dewi



My bunny egg basket



Easter eggs worked by Amy



Nancy working hard



Sandy at her pillow



Suzanne intent on her work



The happy campers! We are all smiling—I promise!

**A FEW MORE PHOTOS OF COMPLETED PROJECTS
FROM MAY'S MILANESE WORKSHOP**



Pansy worked by Amy Gibbons



Phoenix worked by Sandy Faulk

DON'T FORGET TO GIVE THE GROUP ITS DUE(S)!

Why not pay your PLG dues for 2023? Or, for that matter, 2022....
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, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.
If you are uncertain as to whether you have paid already, please check with her.

Call for Contributions! Call for Contributions!

As always, any contributions to this newsletter are most welcome. Any news about members, other lacemakers, bobbins, threads, patterns, books, ideas, pictures -- please send!