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FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Lacemakers,

HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!

The leaves are beginning to turn colors and fall. The days are getting shorter. And even though we expect another visit from the "heat dome" this week, Summer is on its way out. Our summer was full of demonstrations, get-togethers, and planning for upcoming workshops and beginner classes. Our Bruges and Beds Workshop with Elizabeth Peterson is just a few weeks away. Our yearly demonstration during the Holiday Open House at the University of Pittsburgh's Nationality Rooms, which is being held earlier this year, is just around the corner on November 17th.

I hope this newsletter will help to fill you in on what has happened and what exciting events will be taking place soon. Please read on!

Joan Trimble, Editor

*****WEEKLY CLASSES, MEETINGS, AND EVENTS*****

All classes/meetings will be held at the Yagel Room in the **Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15235**. Monthly business meetings are on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings and classes take place from 1:00-3:00.

The monthly business meeting is designated by an asterisk (*)

September: 5*, 12, 19, 26

October: 3*, 10, 17, 24, 31

November: 7*, 14, 21, 28

December: 5*, 12, 19

January 2025: 2*, 9, 16, 23, 30

February: 6*, 13, 20, 27

Workshop with Elizabeth Peterson: Fri.-Sun. Oct. 18-20, 2024-- Yagel Room, Churchill Borough Bldg.

Beginning Bobbin Lace Classes – Oct, 1, 8, 15, 22, 7-9PM; Yagel Room, Churchill Borough Bldg.

Holiday Open House at Nationality Rooms: Sunday, November 17, 2024, noon-4:00 PM

Workshop with Louise Colgan – circa May 9 - 12th, 2025. More details TBA

Romanian Point Lace Workshop with Karen Bouvard-Sayre - Fall 2025 – date TBA

******UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS******

BRUGES & BEDS WORKSHOP WITH ELIZABETH PETERSON

October 18-20, 2024 – Yagel Room

Churchill Borough Building - 2300 William Penn Hwy., Pittsburgh, PA 15235

This fall, the PLG will host lace teacher Elizabeth Peterson for a three-day workshop on October 18-20, 2024. Elizabeth has been teaching since 1995; some of the laces she teaches include Torchon, Beds, Bucks, Bruges, Russian, Flanders and Binche. She has studied Bedfordshire extensively with Christine Springett for several years. In addition, she has won several awards for her lace at the local, state, and international levels.

The two types of lace chosen for this workshop are Beds and Bruges.. Some pictures of Beds and Bruges patterns that she has taught at her workshops are below.

The workshop will, as always, be held in the Yagel Room at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. It will consist of three 6-hour sessions, starting promptly at 10AM each day – Friday through Sunday-- and ending at 5PM, with an hour for lunch. Please bring your own lunch and drink.

Cost for the workshop is \$150 for members and \$170 for non-members.

You may use the form at the end of this newsletter to register for the workshop and to order commemorative bobbins. Please also indicate which kind of lace you would like to learn.

BRUGES LACE SAMPLES:



BEDFORDSHIRE LACE SAMPLES:



INTRODUCTION TO BOBBIN LACE CLASS

October 1,8,15,22, 2025 7-9PM

Yagel Room – Churchill Borough Building

For the first time ever, the PLG is offering classes teaching the basics of bobbin lacemaking, taught by our own Sandy Faulk. Students will learn how to set up the lace pillow and will complete three to four projects. The class is for adults. Equipment will be provided; a \$40 refundable deposit will cover the use of lace equipment. We hope to have a good turnout for the class. Students are asked to register by emailing us at pittsburghlacegroup@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE – CROGHAN-SCHENLEY BALLROOM

NATIONALITY ROOMS – UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

November 17, 2024 – Noon to 4PM

If the Holiday Open House at the Nationality Rooms is being held, you can be sure that the PLG will be present in the Croghan-Schenley Room. We look forward to this event each year, and even though it is earlier this year, we can't wait to share our love of lacemaking with the Open House attendees. This year, we have a special treat, since the local Calico Dress created by the members of the Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, as well as PLG members, will be on display in the Croghan-Schenley Room. It will be a pleasure to see this stunning masterpiece again and to share it with the public. We hope to see all of you at the Holiday Open House!

********RECENT HAPPENINGS********

STARRY, STARRY SUMMER CAMP

JULY 15-18,2024

I wasn't able to attend Summer Camp this year, but from the looks of things in these pictures, everyone worked hard on their stars and shared a lot of laughs!

It was obviously a stellar experience!



Suzanne & Barb working hard



Jodie smiles for the camera



Margaret's star in progress



Amy & Dewi hard at work



Sandy's Completed Star



Dewi & Barb being stellar!

CHURCHILL COMMUNITY DAY
August 10, 2024 -- Pace School Campus
BY: Dewi Wong

The Pittsburgh Lace Group once again demonstrated bobbin lacemaking at the 2024 Churchill Community Day on August 10. It was a beautiful summer day with lots of action, such as the Woodland Hills HS marching band, musicians performing different genres of music, games, a balloon artist, a face painter, a caricature sketcher and "make it, take it" activity tables for children and adults, plus the vintage cars display.

Our table had many visitors who are interested in the new bobbin lace classes which will be offered in October, as advertised in the Churchill's newsletter.

There were craft vendors tents, food trucks and raffle baskets tables. My favorite vendor "Treasures in Glass" was there. I bought two leaded glass pins with real stamps in them. Both have lace themes. Of course, these

are meaningful to me because the Lace Group is blessed to be able to meet in the Yagel Room at the Churchill Borough Building, which was built for the stamp collectors by its benefactor.

It was a fun day indeed, and I am grateful.



Jodie worked on her magnificent multicolored star



Joanie, Dewi, and Sandy demonstrated bobbin lace

FINGER LAKES LACE GUILD RETREAT

By: Lee Uptegraff and Dewi Wong

On a crisp autumn morning Lee Uptegraff and Dewi Wong had a nice drive to a lace retreat at the Casowasco Retreat Center at Moravia, New York, sponsored by the Finger Lakes Lace Guild.

The wooded area by the lake has several buildings, connected by a short walk among the trees, gardens and a creek. A cozy room in the Galilee Lodge was our room for a few days from September 5-8. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were provided at the right time as we broke from the morning and afternoon classes.

Lee took the Binche lace class from Kumiko Nakazaki, at the Bethany Conference Room, and Dewi took the Point de Gaze needle lace from Loretta Holzberger, at the Board Room in the

Emmaus Commons, where the dining hall is located. A friend from Pittsburgh, Joyce Gascoine, took Flanders from Kathy Kauffmann. Her class was in the library at the Galilee Lodge.

Participants were busy in the classes, meeting new and longtime friends, and shopping for lacemaking tools and books.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a slide presentation about French costume, comedy and a raffle. Lee won a bobbin winder and Dewi won a book, DVD and magazines. Thanks to Joyce for sharing these photos. It was a really nice experience of lace immersion.

The history of the Center can be found here <https://casowasco.org/about/site-history/>



Some pictures of Joyce, Dewi, and Lee from the Lace Retreat

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MARGARET DUGGER

The Pittsburgh Lace Group welcomes Margaret Dugger, the newest member of our Group. She came to Pittsburgh from Chicago, IL, as a National Artist-in-Residence at Contemporary Craft in Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh. Margaret is a weaver and a bobbin lacemaker. She participated in our Summer Camp at the Churchill Borough Building. At Contemporary Craft, she will work in her studio and offer classes, as well as perform other duties, until December 2024.



The Pittsburgh Lace Group has demonstrated bobbin lacemaking at Contemporary Craft's community events in the past. We wish Margaret our best and our Group is planning to visit her studio when our schedule permits.

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM –
BOBBIN LACE WITH ELIZABETH PETERSON
BEDFORDSHIRE AND BRUGES LACE
October 18-20,2024**

Please send your checks made payable to “Pittsburgh Lace Group” to our Treasurer Sandy Faulk, at 414 Hampton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate the type of lace you will be making: _____

Members \$150.00 \$ _____

Non-members \$170.00 \$ _____

Workshop commemorative bobbins _____ @ \$15.00 \$ _____

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**

BY THE WAY: DUES ARE DUE!

Please send your \$20 checks, payable to *Pittsburgh Lace Group*, to our Treasurer, Sandy Faulk, at 414 Hampton Avenue, Wilksburg, PA 15221. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE:

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