

Lace Threads

News of the Pittsburgh

Lace Group

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Fall/Winter

2008

President's Message

Hello Friends,

I am not a fan of hot summer days-Ooo, that was a terrible unintentional pun!-so I don't have much to complain about so far this summer. The calendar says it will soon be over, but I don't think Mother Nature pays much attention to the calendar these days. Anyway, I hope you're all still making lace at home, even if you don't always get to our meetings. Speaking of meetings, if you weren't there this summer, you missed a really good time at "Lace Camp." We did a variety of things which you will read about later in this news letter; one of which involved the opportunity to buy some great stuff. Read on.

As always, we have plans for some neat workshops

and there are opportunities for demonstrations coming up.

You don't have to have a lot of experience to take part in lace demonstrations. There are always other people with you, so you won't have to talk very much, and if you get stuck, there will be someone to unstick you.

Join us on the first Thursday of each month for our official meetings, or on the remaining Thursdays just to get together and make lace.

Happy lace making!

Louise
Chuha

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"Dues are due" Margot Barbour

Calendar of Future Events

Wednesday, October 1. **National Lace Making Day**

Saturday, October 18, 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Monroeville Heritage Fall Festival -demonstrate at the McGinly House

Thursday, October 30 NO CLASS

Friday, October 31, 6:00 – 9:30 P.M. Passementerie class with Debby Beaver at Churchill Borough Building

Saturday & Sunday, November 1 & 2 10:00 A.M. –5:00 P.M. **Fan Workshop** at Churchill Borough Building

Thursday, November 27 NO CLASS scheduled *Happy Thanksgiving*

Thursday, December 4, 7:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Demonstrate at The Nationality Rooms

Thursday, December 25 and January 1 NO CLASS on Thursday night *Merry Christmas, Happy New Year*
Dues for 2009 are due January 1st

Thursday, January 8 **6:00** P.M. Lace Christmas Party and mini meeting (article on page 2)

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Friday, February 27. Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Summer Camp

Moonrise Beads by Gretchen Baudoux

The Monday evening event was a trip to MOONRISE BEADS on Monroeville Blvd. The store held a treasure trove of many kinds of beads. "Did you see these?" and "Aren't these beautiful?" were frequently heard remarks from the members of our group. We always enjoy being together and

sharing a new experience. There were examples of projects and jewelry that could be made, and workshop schedules to learn to make them. Joanie and Suzanne both have since taken a beaded bracelet workshop and so have added another skill to their repertoire.

Lace without Looking by Amy Gibbons

On Tuesday Louise Chuha graciously gave us a chance to enter into her world. We came with bobbins wound and blindfolds to try to do what she makes seem so easy. I took this class with her once before and came home with a small snarl, so was glad to allow Theresa the use of my pillow. The class began with the sighted participants standing around Louise's pillow while she showed us how to make "Head and Foot Insertion."

blindfolds. The concentration was intense and there was a lot of "Where is that hole?" I am ashamed to say that there was also some cheating. It is amazingly easy to miss a pin hole or even two when you can't see. We all had a good time, and appreciate Louise's patience with us and her ability to remember a pattern. Even the easiest pattern is really a challenge when you can't see. Thank you Louise. You keep us humble.



Then we sat at our pillows and adjusted our



Hemstitching by Suzanne Potter

On Wednesday and Thursday, Gretchen Baudoux taught us to hemstitch- a very useful skill, indeed. It gives a pretty and neat edging to a piece of cloth being used to mount the finished lace. Gretchen showed us how to carefully pull threads from the cloth to form the line to be hemmed. She was especially patient with me as my threads kept breaking. It took me the entire evening to prepare the cloth for hemming! Fortunately for Gretchen, the rest of the class was quicker. The stitching is

simple as long as you keep track of the number of threads you are gathering for the decorative edge. Her hand outs were more than worth the price of admission. Thanks, Gretchen, for the instructive and useful class.



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Demonstration Opportunities

Monroeville Heritage Days ~ October 18

The McGinley House in Monroeville has invited us to join them for their celebration of Monroeville Heritage Days from 1:00 to 5:00p.m. It is a nice chance to learn about a local homestead, to meet nice people and to share your craft. Last year Esther and Gretchen had a wonderful time. If you are able to join us please contact Gretchen Baudoux..

Nationality Rooms ~ December 7

Once again we have been invited to demonstrate at the Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning on Sunday, December 7th from noon until 4:00 P.M. This has been the traditional kick off for the Christmas Season for members of the Pittsburgh Lace Group for many years. There is good food, wonderful craft items from around the world available to give as Christmas gifts. We

will again be in the Croghan Schenley Room. Come and help us put up our Christmas tree and see our nativity, It is a fun Sunday afternoon. (Please remember no food is allowed in the room.) If you are able to join us, please contact Dewi Wong. Volunteers to transport the tree and ornaments are more than welcome.

Christmas Party ~ January 8th

We will be having our Annual Christmas Party at The Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church on Hochburg Road at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening January 8th. The snow date will be the following Thursday. Last year we had a wonderful time singing, eating and playing the re-gifting/white elephant game. We hope to repeat the good fun and feelings again this year. Things to bring: your

family, some food to share, and a white elephant or two for the game. (Here is a chance to get rid of that Christmas gift that you just can't use, or stand) Wrapped or unwrapped. If you have questions ask anyone who was there last year. Once again if we are lucky Louise Chuha will read us a story and Gretchen will help us stumble through The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Dues Are Due

Dues for 2009 will be due January 1st. The cost of membership is \$15.00. Please complete and mail the form on the last page of the newsletter, with your check, made payable to Pittsburgh Lace Group to.

Gretchen Baudoux, 4704 Bert Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. There is a form for you to complete on the next to the last page of the newsletter. Please complete the form and return it.

Pillows Available

Pittsburgh lace group has a supply of "One and Only" lace pillows from Snowgoose. It is a 20" round polyethelene pillow with a cardboard base, There is a roller as well as two 5" square blocks and two half blocks. It comes with instructions for covering. The pillows are currently residing at Amy Gibbon's house. If you are interested in purchasing one, please let her know by the day before class. She will bring it to any Thursday night class. Payment of \$34.00 should be made to the Pittsburgh Lace Group.

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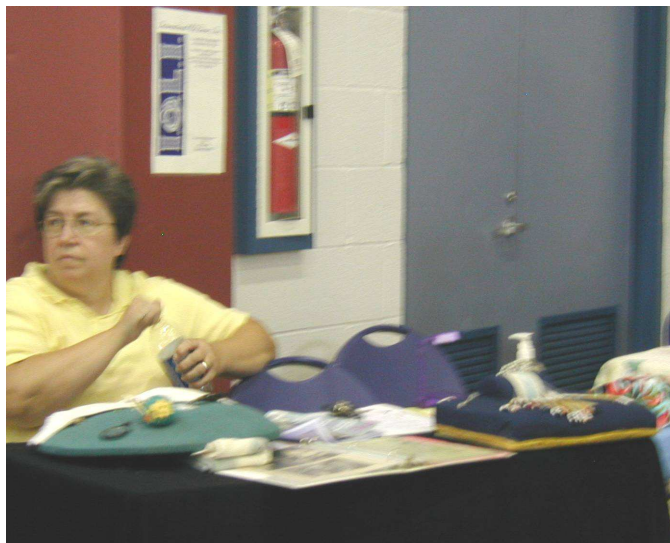
Recent Events

Trip to the Lacemakers by Joanne Frey

On June 14, 2008, Amy, Louise, Dylan and I traveled to the Lacemaker shop in Cortland, Ohio. We scoured the three rooms of very tempting, books and lace making supplies. Tracy demonstrated a very easy technique to make leaves that works so much better then weaving the second bobbin method. I found a fascinating Chinese tape loom and the book, Chinese Braid Embroidery by Jacqui Carey. Of course, it came home with me. The way home was one continuous lace conversation. Great day.

Quilt Show by Joanne Frey & Amy Gibbons

The biannual Quilt Company East quilt show on August 1,2 and 3rd was another chance for our group to demonstrate lace making. We met many people who were interested in quilts and needlework. Making lace was part of the show. While Joanne demonstrated single handedly for most of the show, Suzanne Potter and I were there on Friday afternoon while Joanne took a quilting class. It was nice to see the IOLI sign up and to see the try it pillow get a good work out. The quilts were spectacular. Joanne had entered two Baltimore Quilts as well as a Beatrix Potter quilt that were tremendous. There were vendors too. If we are invited back in two years, you really should make an effort to attend. You will be in awe.



News From PLG South by Betsy Sykes

Hi Y'All,
We know summer is waning here in the South because the temperature has dropped into the upper 80s! We got a lot of rain from Hannah, but no

damage was done in the Raleigh area. I.O.L.I. Convention is just a (very good) memory now and I'd like to share with you my experiences: Convention was great and I wish you all could have

been there. My Beds class with Jean Leader was so much fun and I worked on her round thistle pattern, learned a lot, and sat with some wonderful lacemakers from Florida. We were in the corner, as we were all working on similar pieces. Also had a truly great needlepoint class with Nancy Buhl of "Nancy's Needle". I've loved her designs for a long

time and it was a treat to meet her as both a teacher and designer.

Saw Robin Panza and some other acquaintances from my past. It was nice to reminisce about good times with folks I had met in other classes.

I miss you all and hope to see you soon!

Call for Contributions! Call for Contributions!

As always, any and all articles about lace, lace making or our members is gratefully accepted.

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Workshop Weekend Information

Passementerie

On Friday night, Halloween, at the Churchill Borough Building, the salesroom will open at 6:00p.m. At 7:00 p.m Debby Beaver will present a program on "Passementerie" - a French word for trimming that is made from cords, gimps, beads or tinsel. This program will include a short lecture and work shop. The passementerie will be completed

Please remember to bring some cookies or finger foods to share.

that night. Kits may be purchased that night or
The project the supply list is:

1/2 yard of 1/4 inch velvet ribbon

6 pair of bobbins filled with #12 or #16 perle cotton
lace making pillow

scissors

1 empty pair of bobbins

Fans

On Saturday and Sunday, November 1 & 2, Debby Beaver will teach a quick easy method of making a fan that will fit John Aebi's fan sticks. She will have the fan sticks available for purchase. She promises that it is a quick easy method that uses few pairs and is suitable for all levels of lace making ability, and tatters too. She will also go over a variety of methods to assemble fans and to discuss fitting patterns to fan sticks that you already have. Debby says that people have said that they, "learned about more than just making fans" in this class. Hopefully Debby will provide us with information about threads etc. before the workshop. She will be bringing her store along so the shopping should be lots of fun.

Class begins at 10:00a.m. both days at the Churchill Borough Building. *Please remember to bring along*

a dish to share for lunch. We will be taking Debby to dinner Saturday night if you want to join us please let Gretchen know. Suzanne will be making commemorative bobbins (these came from John Aebi too) and those may be ordered on the registration form, which should be sent to Gretchen Baudoux by the 15th of October. The form is on the last page of this newsletter. The cost of the workshop is \$110.00 for members and \$ 120.00 for non members.

The next page is a flyer that you may duplicate and share with friends to publicize the weekend. Please note the time correction from the original flyer we received on Thursday night.

Directions to the Churchill Borough Building

From Monroeville: Parkway East (I-376) to the Churchill Exit (Exit 10-A). Exit from left lane. Turn left at first intersection and immediate right into Borough Bldg. parking lot.

From Pittsburgh: Parkway East (I-376) to Churchill Exit (Exit 10-A); right at bottom of ramp to “Y” intersection with Beulah Rd. (Rt. 130-W); take the right branch and immediately get into left lane. Turn left at the light (left turn signal) onto Old Wm. Penn Highway.

Borough Bldg. is on the left, entrance to parking lot is just beyond the building.

You may use either parking lot, but if you use the lower lot, please park away from the building so the police can park close to the building. Enter through the center front door.

**Workshop Registration and Dues Renewal Forms
are on the final page of the newsletter.**

The Pittsburgh Lace Group

Lace Workshop • Chapter of IOLI

"Lace Fans" with Debby Beaver

October 31, November 1,2

Admission \$5.00 • Non-members \$7.00

Churchill Borough Municipal Building
2300 William Penn Highway • Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Friday, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. • Salesroom Opens 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday night will be a special program by Debby Beaver, *"Passementerie"*. That is the French word for trimming that is made from cord, gimps, beads or tinsel. This program will include a short lecture and a workshop. Kits for the workshop can be purchased that night, it will be a bobbin lace technique.

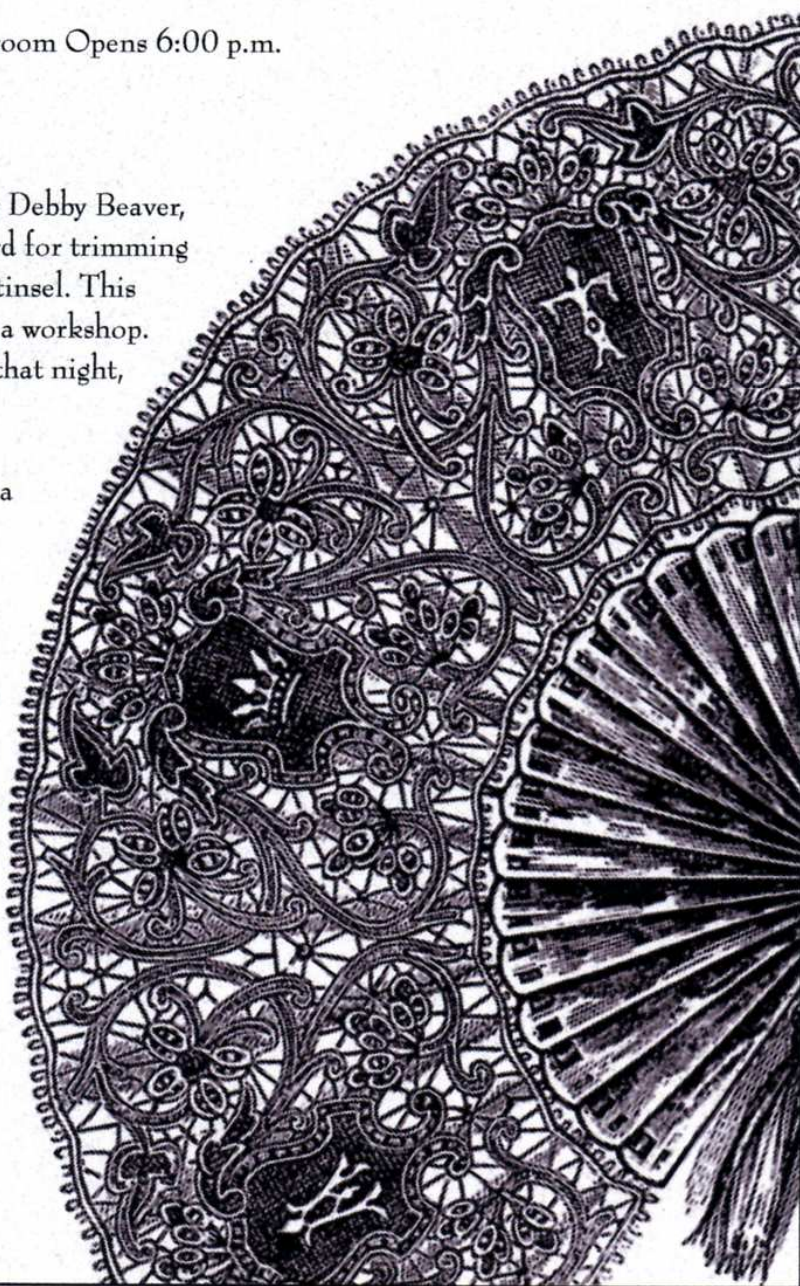
Saturday and Sunday's workshop will be a bobbin lace fan by Debbie Beaver:

"A unique approach to making a lace fan, uses few pairs and is quick and easy, made to fit Aebi's fansticks which I bring, suitable for bobbin lacers (all levels) and tatters. I teach how to assemble in a variety of ways, also ideas for different types of fans."

Merchants! Door prizes! Classes!

For more information and class list supplies contact:

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Pittsburgh Lace Group Dues are due by January 1, 2009.

\$15.00 checks made out to **Pittsburgh Lace Group**

Name _____

Address _____

e-mail address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

I am available and willing to teach _____ at an afternoon workshop.

I would like to take part in a workshop on _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by e-mail _____ by U.S. Postal Service _____

Please complete and send to Gretchen Baudoux
4704 Bert Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

Workshop Registration Form

Return this form with check payable to Pittsburgh Lace Group to:
Gretchen Baudoux, 4704 Bert Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146 (phone 412-372-8956)

Name & Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Workshop \$110.00 members, \$120.00 non-members
(payment must be included to guarantee a spot) \$ _____

Workshop Commemorative bobbins @ \$8.00 No. _____ \$ _____

Number of dinner reservations for Saturday (not included in cost) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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