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Spring 2007

President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. My holiday was great, but hectic. Right now, with a month of winter left, I can't wait for spring to arrive. I am tired of shoveling the snow and ice. We should have beautiful weather for our annual meeting in April. The meeting this year is not the first Saturday in April, so check the calendar of events at the bottom of this page for the exact date and time. This year, we will be electing a new vice-president and secretary. Amy has been our vice-president for two years and newsletter editor for many years. She has done a terrific job scheduling demonstrations and workshops for our group. Suzanne has been our secretary and librarian for many years. Our library is growing with every workshop we have. At each workshop Amy and Suzanne spend a lot of time looking through the entire collection of books the vendors bring. They purchase nothing but the best books for our group. Help Amy and Suzanne out by running for vice-president and secretary. They would appreciate a break. Please let Joan Trimble know if you are interested in running for either office.

Last year many of us made lace ornaments for our group's Easter tree. The tree is wonderful! If you would like to join us on Thursday night, we could help you pick out a beautiful ornament pattern to make for yourself or for the tree. The tree is in the lobby of Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church. Stop by the church in April to see the group's ornaments. Everyone had a wonderful time making the egg shaped decorations and of course no two are alike. We have so many talented and creative people in our group. I am proud of all of you.

Theresa Troyan

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Nominations & Dues are Due Again

It is hard to believe that a year has passed, but it is that time again. If there is a red dot on your mailing label your dues have not been paid for 2006. Please send your checks for

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\$15.00 made out to Pittsburgh Lace Group to Gretchen Baudoux, 3822 4704 Bert Drive, Monroeville, Pa 15146. To be included on the membership list dues must be paid by April 7th. Membership Lists will be available at the Annual Meeting April 14th, or by sending a request to Gretchen

It is also time to elect a Vice President and Secretary. If you are willing to serve, or wish to nominate someone, please contact Joan Trimble – (412) 731-2095 E-mail joaniespumoni@comcast.net

Calendar of Future Events

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 A.M. – Annual Meeting at Churchill Boro Building See article on page 3

Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15 - Learning About Lace at Churchill Borough Bldg - article on page 3

Thursday, May 3, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Saturday and Sunday May 5 and 6, - Demonstrate at Phipps Conservatory

May, 25-27, Friday thru Sunday - Demonstrate at Folk Festival, contact Esther Loprieno for Information

Newsletter Deadline is May 31 so newsletter will be available at the June meeting on the seventh

Recent Events

Christmas Party

by Suzanne Potter

During the lull between Christmas and New Year's Day, PLG held its annual Christmas party at the GRP Church. It started with a "now-you-see-it-now-you-don't" gift exchange taught to us by Amy. Soon we were all in the spirit of the game and many white elephants as well as treasures traded hands. Gretchen led us in singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Mr. Gibbons and Dr Wong sang "five golden rings" with gusto! To round off the evening, Louise read us a story about the adventures that result when wrapping a package with feline help. Those of us with cats could really relate. Thanks go out to all who brought a pot luck dish. As usual, everything was delicious and we all went home happy and full.

McGinley House

by Amy Gibbons

As they say, man plans and God laughs. My planned trip to Michigan was cancelled so I was available for both the Nationality Rooms and the McGinley House. Everyone else who had planned to be able to demonstrate at the McGinley House, found that life prevented them. So after picking up the tree at Theresa's I proceeded to the McGinley House. The people there are quite nice and didn't seem to mind that there was only me. Christmas time is always such a full time. The people who visited were interested in the lace.

I rushed around to set the tree up, and realized that I had made an error about the heat there. It is always difficult to remember how warm, or cold a site may be. Since I was in the upstairs room, and the sun was shining, I really didn't need my heavy sweater. In fact my legs in my dark pants, felt like they were burning until I moved out of the sun. Unfortunately, I hadn't put a lighter shirt underneath. Well, next year, I'll know better. I had a few good questions and almost completed one of the icicles like those Betsy made for our tree last year. It was a lovely afternoon.

When it was time, I removed the ornaments and trundled them with the tree and out to my car to wait for the following Thursday when they went to the Church and Suzanne and I set them back up.



Nationality Rooms

by Amy

Gibbons

Once again, early December 2006 found members of PLG decorating and demonstrating at Pitt's Nationality Room Celebration. It always seems to signal the beginning of the Holiday Season for me. Christmas shopping and wrapping and mailing need to be completed, as well as any lace projects being made for gifts. Life just seems to kick into high gear right after that day of relaxation. The shopping with the vendors, can always provide a special gift for the person who has everything, but needs to be remembered. . It was nice to be able to make lace in such a beautiful place. Esther looked especially festive in her red blouse and it is always good to make lace with Joanie and Dewi. For the first time in years there was no Suzanne along for fun. If you didn't go this time, you might want to join us next December, to celebrate the

beginning of the Christmas season.

A special thank you should go to Barb Lis and Theresa Troyan for providing transportation for the tree and ornaments. I know it is an awkward job.

April 14 & 15

Annual Meeting April 14th

The Annual meeting will be held April 14th at **10:30 a.m.** at the Churchill Boro Building. This special date will allow us to combine the meeting with a viewing of the Lace Study Box and Slide Show from IOLI. The meeting will start *promptly* so you might want to arrive about 10:00. Please bring a pot luck item to share and some lace to work on during the weekend. After the business meeting you will be able to get an early peek at the lace and when Mr. Wenzel is ready you can shop with Lacy Susan.

At the meeting we will elect a new secretary and vice president. If you are willing to serve in either of these positions, please contact Joan Trimble. We will also discuss what kind of lace we want to study and when we would like to have Lace Summer Camp.

It is important that you come to the meeting so that the programs we have are the programs you would like to participate in. We need to be able to complete all of our business before it is time to welcome the public at noon. It would be better if we ate any lunch that we are having before people arrived to view the lace. If we start the meeting

promptly, we should be ready to be gracious hosts for our guests who come to learn about lace.

Learning About Lace

April 14th from noon until 8:00 p.m. and April 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. we have organized a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet other members of the textile community and to educate people about lace. While we often get to hear about or see pictures of lace this will be a chance to actually experience actual examples of different kinds of lace. In 2002 when this box was here it spread over 8 large tables. The Churchill Boro building will provide us with, excellent lighting, even more tables to spread out on and lots of chairs to pull up so we can look comfortably at everything. We will bring our own Lace identification books as well as the two that travel with the collection written by Lia Baumeister. The collection comes with 11 pair of gloves, and 4 magnifiers. Some of the pieces of lace are now encased in mylex, a clear archival safe plastic with one side open for air circulation.

“Analyzing Lace” a slide show with 75 color slides of lace and white work embroidery will be shown at various times both Saturday and Sunday. This should improve our understanding of the lace and we can then go look at the real thing on the tables. The combination of the lace and the slide show will provide an even better opportunity for us to remember what we have learned.

Susan Wenzel has kindly agreed to send her husband Kenny with wonderful items from her shop. If you have not experienced their traveling shop, you have missed a treat. If you would like them to bring anything special along, please feel free to e-mail them with your request at LacySusan5@aol.com. He will be there Sunday only until 1:00p.m.

I would like to encourage you to invite your friends along. This is a unique opportunity in the Pittsburgh area. If you would like to publicize this in any way, please do so. There is a flyer at the back of the newsletter with all the pertinent information about the weekend. The slides and lace pieces come to us courtesy of The International Old Lacers Inc. Cost of Admission is \$5.00 payable at the door.

Please join us for a fun weekend. Bring along your pillow so that people who are unaware of bobbin lace can see exactly what it is.

Feel free to copy the enclosed flyer and pass it out to anyone who might like to come.

Future Events

News from The Lacemaker

One of the things that you may plan to do in the future is to travel to Cortland, Ohio to visit Tracy Jackson's store. Before you go please call her or check her web site to be sure that the store will be open. Tracy travels far and wide to many shows sharing her lace experience as well as her store.

On June 22 Tracy will be hosting a special program with slide shows - “Braids of the World” and “Body

Adornment & More” by Roderick Owen at 7:00p.m.at her store. On June 23 & 24 she will also be having a workshop on Japanese Braiding with Roderick Owen. For more information on the workshop please visit her web site Tracy@Lacemakerusa.com or call her store at 1-800- 747-2220. Many of us met this exciting fiber artist when he visited Pittsburgh a few years ago with the Pittsburgh Fiber Arts Guild.

Kent State Opportunities

Kent State University Museum of Fashion, has several upcoming programs that might be of interest to the lace making community. An exhibit of historic lace spanning the 17th to the 20th centuries will be on display in the Higbee Gallery at the Kent State University Museum beginning February 8th 2007.

Lace: the Art of Needle and Bobbin an exhibition that will feature more than 50 examples from the museum’s extensive collection will include rare and unusual pieces. Various styles of bobbin and needle laces, gowns, shawls, flounces, and other costume accessories will be on display. March 1, 2007 – January 6, 2008.

A program available *either* June 2 or September 15th is **Lace Exploration Days**, an opportunity to view the collection privately. It will allow the direct study of laces by participants who should bring their own magnifying loops. Photographs will be allowed without flash.

Registration will be limited to 20 people each day. A boxed lunch will be included in the registration fee of \$65.00. Hours are from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call (330) 672-3450 or go to <http://www.kent.edu/museum/>, Registration Forms are being sent if you are interesting in attending

Other exhibits that might be of interest include: Crazy Quilts and Early Coverlets. Stager Gallery. May 26, 2006, to August 12, 2007; Sleuthing at the Seams: A 1750s Blue and Silver Dress. Alumni Gallery. October 11, 2006 – May 13, 2007; and Oscar de la Renta. Broadbent Gallery through May 27, 2007.

Knit One News

Knit One in Squirrel Hill is hosting a Yarn Tasting on Friday March 2 from 5:50 to 7:00p.m. It is a chance try all the yarns and provide input on which ones you would like her to carry in the shop. There is a limited number of spots so call first. You can call the shop at 412-421-6666. There will also be a Dying Workshop March 24 at 2:00 p.m. with Louet Dyes. For more information or to see what else is going on at the store, please call or check the web site. There are a number of groups that meet at the store to knit.

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!

Future Events

Phipps Conservatory

Once again we will be demonstrating at Phipps. If you haven't had the opportunity of seeing the new Thai Gardens, you could join us in demonstrating on May 5th or 6th. When you take a break you can walk through this beautiful addition to the conservatory. It is not to be missed. If you are able to demonstrate please sign up to demonstrate there at the Annual meeting.

Easter Recipe

This is the recipe that cooked in the crock pot while we worked at the spring workshop last year. Serves 4

Mix 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

1 jar (8 ounces) process cheese sauce

1 cup milk

1 cup uncooked instant rice

1 celery rib, chopped

1 small onion, chopped

In the crock pot, mix 3 cups cubed cooked ham and 1 thawed, drained 16 oz. package frozen broccoli cuts

Pour first mixture over ingredients in the crock pot and cook for about 4 to 5 hours, until the rice is tender.

Dues are due. If there is a red dot on your mailing label, your dues have not been paid for 2007.

Dues are \$15.00. Checks made payable to Pittsburgh Lace Group should be sent to Gretchen Baudoux, 3822 4704 Bert Drive, Monroeville, Pa 15146.



Easter Tree

It is time to admire our ornaments and to add to the tree

at the Grace Church. You too can add an ornament.

Patterns are available from our library.



Thanks to Barb Lis who made the ornaments included here.

Bylaws of the Pittsburgh Lace Group

Article 1. NAME.

Section 1. The name of the group shall be the Pittsburgh Lace Group, hereafter referred to as “the Group”.

Article 2. PURPOSE.

Section 1. The Group shall be a not-for-profit educational organization whose purpose is to foster and promote interest in lace and lace-making by providing a means for members to meet and exchange ideas and information, by offering demonstrations of lace-making and exhibits of lace to the general public, and by providing programs and workshops on all aspects of lace, lace-making and related topics of interest to the members.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all individuals interested in lace, lace-making, collecting any type of lace, or the history of lace.

Section 2. Dues will be collected annually for the calendar year. Dues paid at any time from January 1 through October 31 shall be applied to membership for that calendar year and will not be prorated. Dues paid after October 31 shall be applied to membership in the following calendar year. Renewals not paid by March 15 will cause a member to be dropped from the roster for that year. The amount of dues shall be established for each year by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. A roster of all paid members shall be distributed to members who have paid the current year’s dues.

Article 4. DIRECTORS.

Section 1. The business and affairs of the Group shall be managed by a Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, comprised of the officers and standing committee chairpersons.

Section 2. A majority number of the directors present, having constituted a quorum, shall be regarded as an act of the Board.

Section 3. Vacancies of the Board may be filled by a majority voting of the remaining directors. Each director so elected shall hold office for the remaining term of the vacancy being then filled.

Article 5. OFFICERS.

Section 1. The elected officers of the Group shall be President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President.

Section 2. President. Subject to supervisory powers of the Board, the President shall be the chief executive officer of the Group and shall preside at all meetings, both of the Board and of the members of the

Group, and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as shall be determined from time to time by the Board.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a book of Minutes of all meetings of directors and members, shall compose and distribute notices of meetings of the members, and handle other correspondence as directed by the Board.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of all assets and business transactions of the Group, and present a written annual report to the members at the Annual Business Meeting. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President shall be authorized to transact the Group's financial business. Two of the four officers' signatures shall be required for such transactions.

Section 5. Vice President. The Vice President shall chair meetings of the Board and of the members in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also be responsible for scheduling and arranging meetings for the year. This shall include making arrangements for speakers, locations and refreshments, and providing the Secretary with the information necessary for announcements of these meetings to be mailed to the membership. The Vice President shall select members as desired, to form a committee to perform the functions above.

Article 6. ELECTIONS.

Section 1. The election of officers and directors shall be held each year at the Annual Business Meeting. The Membership Committee shall present a slate of candidates chosen from the membership. Additional nominations may be received from the floor. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the member.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected for a term of 2 years. Two (2) offices will be eligible for election per year, the President and Treasurer in even numbered years, and the Secretary and Vice President in odd numbered years. The Chairpersons of the committees shall be appointed by the Board.

Section 3. A separate vote shall be conducted for each office being filled. Voting will be by ballot, tallied immediately. The office shall be filled by the member obtaining plurality of attending members in good standing.

Article 7. MEETINGS.

Section 1. There will be at least eight (8) meetings a year and one (1) workshop. The April meeting shall be known as the Annual Business Meeting. One (1) other meeting will be known as a Lace Day. At least three (3) other meetings will feature a program: a speaker, a demonstration, a study group, etc. Other meetings may be informal gatherings where members make lace and exchange information.

Section 2. The Annual Business Meeting shall be conducted in April to elect officers and review the business of the Group. In addition, there shall be reports from the Treasurer and the Workshop Committee Chairperson.

Section 3. Notices of meetings shall be given to each member, either personally or by mail or other means of communication addressed to such member at the address appearing on the roster of the Group. All such notices shall be conveyed to each member not less than three (3) business days before a meeting.

Section 4. A quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the members attending a meeting of the Group after notice is given as provided in accordance herein.

Article 8. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Committees shall be established by the Board to help conduct the business of the Group. These shall consist of the standing committees: the Membership Committee, the Workshop Committee, and any committee or committees deemed by the Board to be necessary to perform the functions of the Group.

Section 2. The Chairpersons of the standing committees shall be appointed from the general membership by the Board.

Article 9. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Section 1. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the membership rosters and selecting a slate of candidates for the annual election of officers.

Section 2. The Chairperson of the Membership Committee may select one or more persons from the general membership to assist in the performance of the duties of the Committee as outlined in Article 9, Section 1.

Section 3. In addition to the responsibilities set forth in Article 9, Section 1, the Membership Committee shall be responsible for soliciting and receiving applications for new membership and renewals of memberships. Dues collected in the course of performing this function shall be forwarded in a timely manner to the Treasurer.

Section 4. The Membership Committee Chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the membership roster, which shall be distributed annually each spring to the members. The Chairperson shall also notify the

Secretary monthly of any additional members in order that these new members will receive all forthcoming notices of meetings.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall propose candidates for the offices to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting. The committee shall contact the candidates to secure their willingness to serve. All nominations or suggestions for candidacy by members shall be presented to the membership by the Membership Committee.

Article 10. WORKSHOP COMMITTEE.

Section 1. The Workshop Committee is responsible for making arrangements for workshops. This shall include making arrangements for the speaker, location and refreshments, and providing the Secretary and Treasurer with information necessary for announcement of workshops to be mailed to the membership, and monies collected. Section 2. The Workshop Committee Chairperson shall select members, as desired, to form a committee to perform the functions as set forth in Article 10, Section 1.

Article 11. DISSOLUTION.

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of the Group while a charter chapter of International Old Lacers, Inc. (hereafter, IOLI), the IOLI charter shall be returned to the IOLI President accompanied by a letter of fact, and with records showing that all funds and property have been distributed to a non-profit organization under the IRS Code 501(c)3. Books, supplies and other assets of the group will be donated to another lace making group or sold and the proceeds donated to a lace making group, or non-profit organization, to be chosen by the membership.

Article 12. EFFECTIVE DATES AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. These Bylaws will become effective, subject to approval of the membership, retroactive to January 1, 1991.

Section 2. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any time by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board or by the majority vote of the members at any regular meeting.

Dues were due January 1st 2007, If there is a red dot on your label, this will be the last newsletter you receive until they are paid.

Please copy the flyer below and pass it out to everyone. Send it at the bottom of your e-mails. If you need a copy e-mailed to you, please send a request to the address on the flyer. If you omit the directions to the Boro Building, two copies will fit on one 8 ½" by 11" page. It was printed with nothing on the back so that it would copy nicely.



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The Lace Study Box with over 80 pieces of various types of lace, gloves and magnifiers as well as books on lace identification

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