

Lace Threads

News of the Pittsburgh Lace

Group

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Spring

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President's Message

Apparently Louise has no message for us at this time, nor did anyone else have any comments about the Workshop with Debby Beaver, Demonstrating

at the McGinley House or The Christmas Party. Therefore you are stuck with a newsletter produced by your cranky editor.

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Editor's Message

So here we are again. The newsletter deadline has come and gone. In spite of promises to the contrary, I have received only one article. Thank you so much Susan Hottle. The newsletter deadline was set up to remind you all that

The Pittsburgh Lace Group Annual Meeting is on Saturday, April 2nd at 11:00 a.m. at the usual place.

That is your reminder. I do not guarantee the truth of any information in this newsletter, although most of it does have an element of truth. If you want to take over the position of newsletter editor or vice president, I would gladly relinquish either one or both. I am sorry that this is not my best work, but I too forgot until it was quite late and so have very little room to criticize. We are after all grown ups.

Amy Gibbons

Nominations & Dues are Due Again

If you have not paid your dues for 2011 I will not be sending you any more newsletters and that may be a relief. Look at your check book or other records to see if you paid them, or ask Gretchen. Checks for \$15.00 made out to Pittsburgh Lace Group may be sent to Gretchen Baudoux, 3822 4704 Bert Drive, Monroeville, Pa 15146. To be included on the membership list dues must be received by March 15th. According to the constitution Membership Lists will be available at the Annual Meeting April 2nd, or by sending a request to Gretchen.

It is also time to elect a Vice President and a Secretary. If you are willing to serve, or wish to nominate someone, please contact Joan Trimble - (412) 731-2095 or E-mail joaniespumoni@comcast.net You may also nominate someone from the floor so long as that person is present and willing to serve.

Calendar of Future Events

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 A.M. - Annual Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

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

Friday thru Sunday, May 13-15, - Pittsburgh Folk Festival

Thursday, June 2, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church
Newsletter Deadline is July 1 – the Friday before the July Meeting
Thursday, July 7th, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Recent Events

McGinley House by Earnestine Hemingway

It was Fall, 2010. The weather was nice. Gretchen and Amy made lace. People watched. People asked questions. Summer was over.

In Memorium Betty Geist

Betty's son Dale, e-mailed me that Betty passed away February 17th after a short stay in the hospital. She was a member from Ohio, before she moved to Florida several years ago. She continued to make lace in Florida. She had a bright and funny personality.

Nationality Rooms by Jean Austen

Christmas was coming and the ladies were eager to join together in the annual celebration of the holidays. Suzanne arrived breathless in a beautiful blue watered silk, trimmed lavishly with lace and ribbon. Joanie was detained by an unforeseen stomach upset. Her wan face haunted the event like a specter. Barbara carried on bravely in the wake of Amy's outburst at Mr. Darcy about the unfortunate color of his cravat. They were all a twitter at Dewi's possible entanglement with Mr Wickham who had left for Europe. They gaily showed off their gowns and lace to the visiting gentry. Christmas would be here soon and they had many happy parties to look forward to in the small village of Cathe Dralof Lea Rning.

Mystery Question by Agatha Sayers

The e-mail arrived asking us to teach tatting. Who could have expected us to do that? The e-mail came from the southern counties, but why? Why had our friend, who knew us well, expected us to do something like that? We were shocked. They of course were shocked to receive the inquiry in the first place. No one knew who had directed this query to our innocent friend. Perhaps the web site had been the source of the question. But how could that have happened? We had our man review the site carefully. Page by page our Timothy went through the documents, without success. The mystery remains - Who would have asked someone so far away, where she could find tatting instruction in Pittsburgh. We searched high and low and could find not a clue. Nor could we really find a tatting instructor, although there were a few possibilities. This will involve further investigation on our part. Perhaps we could have the distinguished Belgian man with the mustache investigate this issue for us. If not him than our professional funny man who does things for the Foreign Office might be available, if he doesn't have to attend High Tea with the Dean.

I.O.L.I

The 58th Annual I.O.L.I. Convention will be in Bethesda, Maryland this year July 31 to August 6th. To see a schedule of classes check out The Bulletin in our Library. This might be a trip that we would like to make. An alternative would be to obtain transport to Alfalfa Metraxis or Raxacoricofallapatorius For information about that trip google "wheresthetardis.com" There are some very interesting videos advertising these trips.

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!

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Future Events – mostly true

Annual Meeting April 2nd!!!^h

The Annual Meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. at The Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church on Hochburg Road. I am sure that you have all saved that date. We all know that the Annual meeting is always the first Saturday in April.

We will be electing a vice president and secretary. Our thanks go out to our current secretary, Suzanne Potter for her service as both Librarian and Secretary. We aren't so pleased with the performance of our vice president – Amy Gibbons, who has been a real failure at scheduling classes on dates when everyone could attend, or in discovering classes and topics which our membership would find even mildly interesting. If you are willing to serve in either position, please contact Joan Trimble. Contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

At the Annual Meeting we will be discussing demonstration possibilities, Summer Camp and any other future activities. Please bring along your calendars so we can see what dates work best for most folks. Then you can forget them and pretend that you don't know when the workshop or summer camp will be.

For lunch please bring along a dish to share. As always the group will provide coffee, paper plates, and utensils. This time please omit the poison mushrooms and ground glass.

We look forward to a pleasant morning and a brief afternoon. No class has been suggested for after the meeting so Amy has tried to schedule a Pole Dancing class. If however that doesn't inspire the membership, Amy is looking into Stripping Classes.

Folk Festival May 13–15

The details have not been firmed up, but I had an e-mail from Connie that said they want us. We probably will be there at least some of the time. It is important to notice that once again the Folk Festival will NOT be held on Memorial Day Weekend NOR will it be held downtown. It will be held at the Convention Center in Monroeville. Hopefully we will have more information at the

Annual meeting or the meeting in May. Try to save some time over these dates. It should be an interesting event. Last year was exceptionally interesting when our demonstration pillow frivolously threw away its extra thread and bobbin holder. Perhaps we can lose something even more interesting this year.

Library Changes

Due to recent difficulties and to the increased cost of replacement, the requirements for taking books from the library have changed. In order to take out a book - you must leave a check for \$100.00 as well as title to your car. Books will only be loaned to members who have been active for three months. Well maybe you can keep the car title, but the rest is true.

Snow Dates

Don't forget if it is snowing or raining big time, **Call before you come.** If the driving is bad, or the parking lot is icy, we will probably not have class or meetings, because of Amy's habit of pushing people down in the parking lot. Not only that, but if several of us can't come we will cancel class. If you have any doubts, check in with Gretchen or Amy before 5:00 p.m.

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PLG Christmas Party Photos



Dorothy interrogating Sonya



Esther threatening everyone with punishment



Gretchen & Joanie choosing Suzanne's torture



Joanie preparing to beat Dorothy

The pictures above show the torture that our members endured at the Christmas Party. It was a long difficult evening, but we managed to struggle through. Once again we came late and left late. The Driving was not as bad as in previous years. We had hoped for two or three feet of snow, but were forced to drive home on dry streets. It was a big sacrifice, but someone had to do it. The food was terrible again and everyone wished that it had tasted better. The evening ended in tears and fist fights. Suzanne left with a bloody nose. Sonya had a broken arm. Bottles and glasses were strewn throughout the church basement. There is a sticky place from an unknown substance that they have not been able to remove. Joanie had to teach her classes the

following week with a black eye. Amy was on crutches for a month after the party. Although everyone's memory is unclear as to exactly what happened, we must have had a good time.

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Flagler Museum, Palm Beach, Florida by Susan Hottle

Welcome to sunny South Florida, the home away from home for many since the late 1800's.

But getting here was a bit of a problem. That all changed in the mid 1890's when Henry Morrison Flagler expanded his railroad & hotel interests south from St. Augustine to West Palm Beach. He had amassed great wealth as a partner in Standard Oil & spent much of it developing tourist destinations on the east coast of Florida. Although he later extended his railroad to Miami, then Key West, he built a magnificent Beaux Arts style mansion in 1902 as a wedding present for his third wife Mary Lily. The mansion, now a museum, has been restored & redecorated to its original glory & is a showcase of Gilded Age furnishings & embellishments. A lace collection, period clothing & fans belonging to Mary Lily are displayed on the 2nd floor. The lace is broadly categorized: needle

lace, bobbin lace, machine made & mixed techniques. Some of the items that interested me were: a pair of white kid gloves with lace insertions, a lace front stocking, a small square featuring a knight on horseback & a wide strip that was labeled "linen with metal" (gimp). The lace collection is small & seems to be under the radar here. The emphasis is on the Flagler's lifestyle & the lace is representative of their great wealth & the luxury of the period. The vintage clothing on display is embellished with lace or passementerie & many of the fans are hand painted with mother of pearl blades. A black lace fan with a distinctive jeweled monogram appears to be tambour work. This would be a fun place to take a "behind the scenes" tour with an expert on textiles & lace, then take tea overlooking Lake Worth. For more info & photos of the museum visit www.flaglermuseum.us



Stocking



Chair cover



Knight

Metal Gimp

Susan said that many of the pieces would make lovely additions to her wardrobe. There are other photos which Susan would gladly bring to show us on a lap top the next time she is with us.

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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.

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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.

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Dues were due January 1st 2011

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