

Lace Threads

News of the Pittsburgh Lace Group

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Spring 2013



President's Message

Hello Lacemakers,

I've just begun reading a book called *The Lacemakers of Glenmara* by Heather Barbiere. It's a novel about a little group of lacemakers in Glenmara Ireland. They make several kinds of lace including bobbin, but the book is more about them than the lace. You don't have to know anything about lace making to enjoy the book. I've only read the first 4 or 5 short chapters, so can't tell you much more about it, but if you're looking for something to read during some of these miserable winter days that can't make up their minds whether to snow or rain, you might enjoy this book. (If you're not making lace, that is.) And if you're not making lace, at least you'll be reading about it.

I must admit that I have been involved in a knitting project, so haven't made much lace since just before Christmas.

Our Pittsburgh Lace Group has launched a project. Some of our members haven't had a lot of experience with more than one or 2 kinds of ground

designs and those of us who have made lace for ages have sort of forgotten about some of them, so we are all working on a pattern by Bridget Cook that uses many different grounds. When you finish, you will have a sampler of them to refer to and decide which ones you really like. There are directions and good diagrams. It's also a good way to learn how to read diagrams if it's not something you are used to.

Normally we meet on the first Thursday of the month from about 7:00 to 9:00 at the Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church, 398 Hochberg Road, Monroeville; we've been trying to meet more often since we began this project. If you haven't been to a meeting, you can still join us and start on this project. It's a good learning tool for new and more experienced lace makers. I was going to say "old lace makers" but decided that didn't sound very good since I, at least, fall into both meanings of that word.

Louise Thuma

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Dues are Due Again

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 25th. According to the constitution Membership Lists will be available at the Annual Meeting, or by sending a request to Gretchen.

Calendar of Future Events

Friday April 5th 6:00 – 9:30 P.M. Knitting Charts Explained with Diane Willett at the Churchill Borough Bldg.

Saturday April 6 1:00 P.M. Annual Meeting while we lunch at the Churchill Borough Building

Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7 Knitted Lace Easter Eggs-- see pages 8 and 9 for information

Friday & Saturday, April 19 & 20 – Folk Festival at Soldiers and Sailors Hall in Oakland

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Newsletter Deadline is July 1

Thursday July 4th No Class

Thursday, July 11th, 7:00 P.M. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Recent Events

McGinley House

by Gretchen Baudoux

The people from the Monroeville Historical Society always make us feel special when we demonstrate at McKinley House for their Fall Festival.

The day was cool and sunny and the attendance was the greatest ever. I set up in the small downstairs room off the living room.

Little kids, big kids and their Moms (one Dad) kept me busy all afternoon at the Try-It Pillow. People reminisced about their mother's and grandmother's

crocheting and tatting, and marveled at lace making with many bobbins and threads.

The time went quickly and soon the ladies from the kitchen were serving bread baked in the outside oven with butter churned in the kitchen. When it was time was time to go home, one of the men from the historical society helped me carry all my things to the car.

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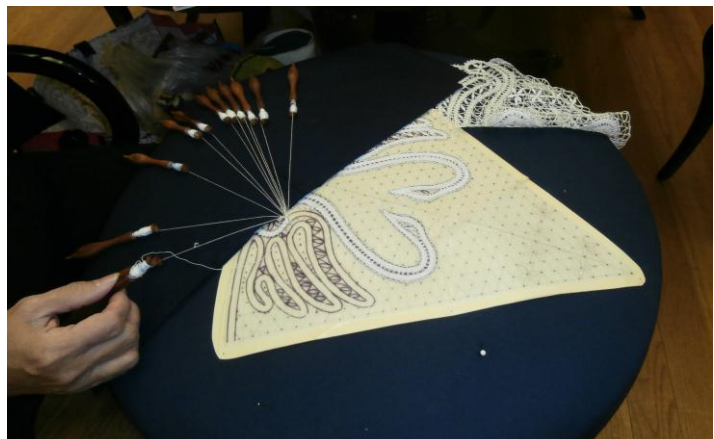
Call for Contributions! Call for Contributions!

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!

Nationality Room

by Barb Lis

This year our lacemakers were Amy Gibbons, Dewi Wong, Susan Potter, and Barb Lis. The rain did not keep the visitors away. We had a constant flow of people in our room. We enjoyed talking to them about the lace we were making and the lace we brought to show them. Everyone loved Dewi's beautiful necklace (shown below: a variation of her "Around The Town" which showed Pittsburgh's skyline). She also is making a letter for the Fiber Arts Guild for a show called *Artabet*. Everyone is making a letter in the alphabet. We enjoyed going to eat our favorite food and buying something from the many vendors. Dewi continues to work on her swans. I hope to see everyone next year.



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Future Events

Folk Festival April 19 & 20 by Connie Zatek

The Pittsburgh Folk Festival is coming BACK HOME! It will be held at the Soldiers & Sailors Auditorium in Oakland on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20. I hope that the Lacers will be able to participate again and that these earlier dates do not conflict with your schedules.

All of this was decided right before Christmas and everything is still pretty much re-organizing so I don't have a lot of details for you right now. I do know that parking is available but as yet no one knows what the cost will be.

The craft area is on the first floor and rest rooms are in the basement and third floor. There is an elevator -- and more than 130 steps if you care for a bit of exercise! Ethnic kitchens will be on the third floor. The main stage is on the first floor in the auditorium and a smaller stage for extra performances is on the third floor. Cultural displays

and market tables will be on the first and second floors.

Each group is required to sell 100 tickets at \$5. I had to pay for them in advance, so PLEASE help me with promotion and ticket sales. I stand to lose money if I can't sell them. (Send checks to: Lithuanian Citizen Society, 3224 Edwards Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 Attn: Connie Zatek)

I know the Lacer Ladies are dedicated crafts people and artists and I really, really do appreciate all of you, and hope that you will be able to join us again for our homecoming! Please let me know if we can count you in for April 19 and 20. I will certainly keep in touch with you about further details as I receive them.

We do not need to contribute to demonstrate, but do need to let Connie know when and who will be there. Please let me know. Amy

Annual Meeting

I know we are all eager to attend the Pittsburgh Lace Group Annual Meeting, which is always held on the first Saturday in April (unless it falls too close to Easter). This year we will be able to have it during the lunch break from Diane Willett's knitting workshop. This year the offices to be filled are vice

president and secretary. If you are willing to serve in either capacity or know of someone who would handle the job well, please contact Joan Trimble. Unfortunately our by-laws, included in this newsletter, prohibit anyone being nominated without her knowledge .

Pittsburgh knit & Crochet Festival

The 9th Annual Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival is being held in Cranberry at the Sheraton. Last year Suzanne Potter and I spent a wonderful day shopping and admiring the many different kinds of yarn and fiber, tools and techniques that were available. I am sure the shopping will be just as nice this year. For more information you can visit the website pghknitandcrochet.com

by Amy Gibbons

Friday night there is a Knit the Bridge Reception and Saturday evening there is a P.J. party. There are classes all three days. Check their web site to see which classes are available. There are also some free demonstrations each day. Several years ago we demonstrated at the festival when it was held in Greentree. Perhaps I will see you there.

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A Christmas Tradition

by Louise Chuha

In the week between Christmas and New Year, when you think the Christmas parties are all over, comes the PLG party. In the last several years it has fallen into a pattern that we all enjoy.

We all bring food to share for supper and often eat more than we normally would because everything tastes so good and we only had to make one thing. We exchange small gifts among ourselves, some lace related and some not; some handmade and some not. And then begins the "white elephant" game. It started out rather small, but seems to have grown in the last few years. Everybody brings in things they no longer need or want, some wrapped, some not. Two or three decks of cards are shuffled together and everybody is dealt a handful. From a fourth deck the names of the cards are called. If you

have the card, you choose an item from the table until they are all gone. Then when your card is called you can choose an item that someone else has. There always seem to be one or two things that go back and forth among us for the whole evening. This time it was a pretty little wooden box with some beads in it which I happened to end up with. I was lucky enough to be among the last to run out of cards. It seems to be sort of an unwritten rule that you don't bring back what you ended up with last year; at least wait a year before bringing it back. It's always fun and everybody goes home with things, some useful and some not, and some things that go to the local flea market or to the circular file. It's always a fun evening, no matter what you end up taking home.

Christmas Party Pictures



We browse the table before the game starts and then the shopping and laughter begin.

Library Update

The "stash" from the Thursday night can was used last fall to add books to our library. Our current holdings number 246-unless I missed any. The latest additions are *Christmas Tree Decorations in Bobbin Lace* by Brigitte Bellon, *Spinnen, Spinnen, Spinnen* by Hildegard Glos and *Bobbin Lace Jewelry and Accessories* by Lia Looga. Also, Sonya Hanczar has given us a book on the history of tatting called *Flitting Fingers: Tatting in the 19th Century* by Virginia Mescher. Thanks, Sonya, and to all who have donated to the "can."

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Knitted Lace Easter Eggs with Diane Willett by Amy Gibbons

After some discussion it was decided to have a spring knitting workshop. Diane Willett is well known in I.O.L.I as a knitted lace teacher. She has published several articles in "The Bulletin." While at Convention last year, I photographed some of her work, which was beautiful. She will be teaching us to make knitted lace covers for Easter Eggs. (pictured below)



The weekend will follow our usual schedule with Diane teaching us how to read a knitting chart on Friday night. Lacy Susan (Trudy) has agreed to send a shop in a box for us, so if there is anything you especially want her to send, please e-mail a request (lacysusanco@gmail.com). She will be sending the supplies necessary for our workshop as well as whatever other goodies she thinks we need to see. We will have a raffle, a jumble table, and I trust that our members will bring along some finger foods to share. Diane's talk will begin about 7:30 which leaves us time at both ends to shop and socialize. Admission will be \$10.00. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to do something that can be used almost any time you knit. Feel free to invite your friends.

Saturday we will begin at 10:00. We will break for a pot-luck lunch around 1:00, at which time we will have our Annual meeting and election of Vice

President and Secretary. We will go to dinner after 5:00. Sunday we will begin either at 9:00 or 10:00 depending on the decision of the people in the workshop. We will work until 4:00 or 5:00.

Class description: Easter eggs.

We will be making knitted lace to decorate Easter eggs. There will be different patterns available for different skill levels. The mounting of the lace onto the eggs will be part of the class.

Beginning level will be straight lace, which will be wrapped vertically or horizontally on an egg.

Intermediate and advanced level will be a circular knitting of lace which when finished will completely cover the egg. We will cover circular knitting as well as mounting of the finished lace on the eggs.

Materials needed by the students:

For the small eggs:

Tatting thread (size 70 or 80) in white or colored if desired. (the plastic eggs are lavender, light blue, pink, light green and yellow)

Double pointed knitting needles size 0000.

Crochet hook, size 9 or 10

Sewing needle (to sew in the ends)

For the larger eggs:

Cotton thread size 30 (such as DMC)

Double pointed knitting needles size 1 or 0

Crochet hook, size 8 or 9.

Another source for the needed supplies is Kathy Kirchner, 790 University Place Grosse Pointe City MI, 48230-1263 USA

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[313.881.4674](tel:313.881.4674) (8:30 AM to 4 PM, Monday -Friday EST) [313.520.4674](tel:313.520.4674) (voicemail)

Dorothy Kokal

As many of you know, Dorothy Kokal passed away in her sleep at her new residence in Virginia on February 1st. The Lace Group has sent a check to Bon Secours in Richmond for their fund to establish a new hospice house. For those who want to contribute to a more lace-related memorial for Dorothy, our treasurer, Gretchen Baudoux, will gather individual contributions and send a single check to the Lace Museum in California after the March meeting.

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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.

Pittsburgh Lace Group Hosts

Knitting Charts Explained

April 5th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

At the Churchill Borough Building

2300 William Penn Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Park in the upper lot and enter through the side door.

Diane Willett will demystify knitting charts. Her talk will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10.00

*Please note that Lacy Susan, a.k.a. Trudy Scholten, is
Sending a box of goodies for shopping and we will have a jumble table
Coffee, Tea and snacks will be provided*

Knitted Lace Covers for Easter Eggs taught by Diane Willett

Saturday and Sunday, April 6th & 7th

Classes will be from 10:00 to 5:00 on both days with an hour for lunch. To register for the class, please complete the form on the final page of the newsletter and send it to Gretchen Baudoux.

*See a picture of this beautiful lace, a class description and a supply list
on page 5 of this newsletter.*

Please remember to bring a dish to share for lunch.

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 William Penn Highway. Borough Bldg. is on the left; entrance to parking lot is just beyond the building.

You may park in either lot, but if you park in the lower lot, please park away from the building to facilitate entrance of the police to their portion of the building. Please enter the building through the doors on the side of the building by the upper parking lot.

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Pittsburgh Lace Group Membership Form

Fill out and send with check for \$15.00 payable 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

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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 115.00 members, \$130.00 non-members

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

Total Enclosed \$_____

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Dues were due January 1st 2013

Many thanks to everyone who contributed articles to the newsletter. Amy Gibbons, editor

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