

Chesapeake Region
Lace Guild

Where lacemaking lives on



CRLG Leadership Change July 2020

WHAT A YEAR!

Dear Members and Friends of CRLG,

Sometimes life throws one a curve ball. And sometimes, several curve balls one after another. So it has been for me in 2020:

- I became engaged in February
- My mom died March 2
- By March 12, I was self-isolating and scrambling to figure out how to do ministry from home via *zoom* and email
- The wedding Steve and I planned for April 21 was postponed
- Then in early May I was offered a position as pastor of a congregation within commuting distance of Steve's home in Nebraska (we were expecting to live mainly in DC for couple of years, but this opportunity was too good to pass up!)
- My last Sunday with my DC congregation was June 7
- Movers loaded the moving truck June 12
- I was in Nebraska by June 15
- We had a simple wedding with officiant and the required two witnesses on June 27 (larger celebration planned for post pandemic)
- July 1 I started at my new church

Whew!!

While I am very excited about this new chapter in my life, I will miss CRLG. I was honored for the opportunity to serve as your president for a brief tenure and will always treasure having had such an opportunity. I will miss volunteering at the Smithsonian. I will miss making lace with such lovely lacemakers. I will miss ooo-ing and ah-ing over all your beautiful creations. AND... I know that CRLG will be in great hands with the leadership of Linda Kay, Jan, Karen, and Wendy and all the members of the board.

So, may your bobbins stay organized, may your picots be even, may your needles be sharp, may your shuttles always have just the right amount of thread, may making lace - bobbin, tatted, or needle - always feed your soul.

Grace, Peace,
Mary Kay Totty, *Outgoing CRLG Board President*

Note from the *NEW*** President**

Congratulations to Mary Kay Totty! She has gotten married, moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and taken a new pastor position close by. We wish her all the best even though it means, sadly, she has resigned as the president of the CRLG. I am honored to be elected to serve as your new president and look forward to planning our first virtual Lace Day on October 24th. This also means we have an open position on the board. Please contact me if you are interested in serving. And of course, I would welcome your suggestions or ideas concerning our chapter.

-Linda Kay Benning, *CRLG Board President*

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR CRLG MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020???

While a number of members make it a practice of renewing their membership at Fall Lace Day, not everyone chooses that option. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take a moment, print out the attached membership form, write your check and send it to the CRLG Treasurer (address on the form). [Click HERE for Membership Form](#)



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SAVE THE DATE -- FALL LACE DAY -- OCTOBER 24, 2020

During this pandemic we must put the safety of our members first. As much as we would like to see everyone in person, the board voted to hold our fall lace day online only. This is new to us all and we are figuring it out as we go. Our plan for now is to try to hold to the usual schedule. Details will be announced closer to the date. We are thrilled to include Elena Kanagy-Loux and are looking forward to her presentation.

SAVE THE DATE
October 24, 2020
CRLG Virtual Lace Day *via zoom*

Tentative Schedule:

- 10:00 am: Annual business meeting (only members may vote)
- 11:00 am: "A Veritable Gold Mine: Lace in the Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art" by Elena Kanagy-Loux
- 12:30 pm: Vendor Showcase



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Kazuko Nagashima, "KK", has been a member of CRLG since 2011 and became the treasurer in 2016. She's done an outstanding job keeping the books straight and the guild in the black.

KK learned how to make lace from Yoko Barr, of the Montgomery Moonlight Lacers, in 2008. Her very first finished piece is pictured above - a fish! The Montgomery Moonlight Lacers demonstrate lace-making in the Home Arts Building at the Montgomery County Fair each August and offer "try me pillows" for visitors to learn how to make lace fish. Sadly the fair was cancelled this year due to the corona-virus.

KK recently completed "Kyoto" from *100 New Bobbin Lace Patterns* by Yusai Fukuyama, pictured below. She's become quite the expert after twelve years of practice! It's really lovely, KK. She is looking forward to learning more about other laces including Binche, Flanders, and Honiton.

Keep up the beautiful work, KK!



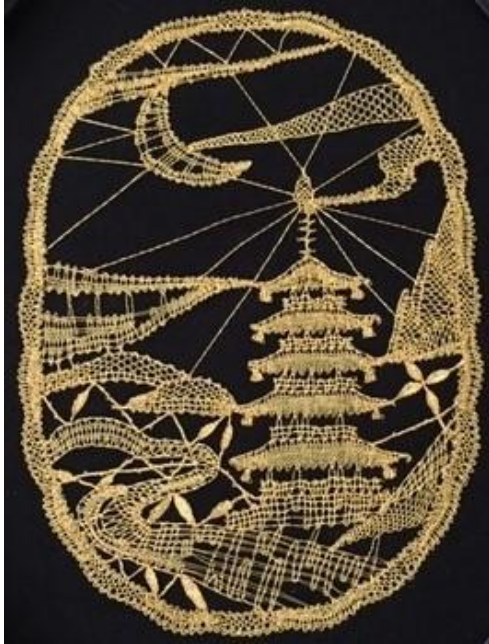
Winning mask, above, by Melanie Runge of Kansas.

International Organization of Lace, Inc. Conference

We hope many CRLG members were able to participate in the free July I.O.L.I. UnCon that included three speaker presentations, the Annual Lace Contest, teacher showcase, vendors, and a virtual dinner where the installation of new officers video was shown.

Jan McKee, CRLG Vice President, attended the zoom session on "Irish Crochet Throughout the World" given by Marie Treanor. Although relatively new, the technique was just developed in 1784, Irish crochet quickly spread to many parts of the world. Often driven by economic necessity, it has changed as it spread, adapting to the needs of each new location. It is now made in Brittany (France), Orvieto (Italy), the island of Lago Trasimeno (Ukraine) and Azerbaijan. In each new location, motifs based on the local flora, fauna, and sometimes myths and legends were developed and added. Eastern European lace makers added vibrant colors to their creations.

Without zoom, Jan wouldn't have been able to attend this fascinating talk. The speaker was in Ireland, she was in Maryland, and the moderator was somewhere else in the U.S. Listeners asked questions via the chat feature which were addressed at the end. But, as accessible as zoom



made the talk, it doesn't replace the fun of being able to discuss the topic afterwards with your friends over some snacks. However, we are sure that as we all become more familiar with virtual meetings and events we will figure this out and create new and imaginative ways to use this new medium. We hope that IOLI continues to make virtual events available.

[IOLI Website](#)

Virtual CRLG Meeting Assistance

Given our new normal, the CRLG Board authorized the purchased of a Zoom Pro account that will be available for use by the Board, Study Groups, Classes and Lace Days. This will allow members to meet online and stay safe during this pandemic. Board Secretary Karen Witt will handle the scheduling and assist with sending out Zoom invitations. This package allows for unlimited time for a meeting and will host up to 100 participants at a time.

Please contact Karen directly at CRLGboard@gmail.com to arrange zoom meetings.



Volunteer Hours

As reported in the IOLI Summer Bulletin, by Vice President Maria Provencher, volunteer hours "for making hats, baby blankets, masks, etc. and donating them as lace makers" also counts!

A special thanks to Tamara Webb who is stepping down as the CRLG volunteer hours coordinator, and a warm welcome to Karen Thompson who has agreed to take over this responsibility.

Going forward please email volunteer

Mark your calendar for

Saturday

October 24, 2020

**Chesapeake Region
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Virtual Fall Lace Day

10 am - 1 pm via zoom

*Please renew your membership!
Without lace day, member dues are
the only income we'll have this year*

hours to Karen Thompson at
karenhthompson@gmail.com

*of COVID. Please support the guild
by paying your dues. We welcome
additional donations as well.*

WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT!

*Please send photos and articles to post on Facebook
or to include in the newsletter to Karen Witt at CRLGboard@gmail.com*

