

Chesapeake Region Lace Guild

Where lacemaking lives on



Belinda Belisle class info included in this edition.

From the President ...

As we transition to Fall, this newsletter is packed with wonderful lace-related opportunities for you that I hope will inspire you on your lace journey, whether an old hand or a new beginner. So, get your calendar ready to mark dates. My sincere thanks to the many volunteers who make it all possible.

If you weren't able to make it to any of the local fairs in person, there are a few pictures below that show some pieces. If you entered a fair, I hope you will bring your lace to share at *Fall Lace Day, Saturday, October 26, from 9:30-3:30*, at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School cafeteria. One of the highlights of the day is to look at the many different lace skills our members use to create their beautiful pieces! And, even if you didn't enter anything in a fair, plan to bring lace to share at the display table. We love to see everyone's gorgeous work.

One final note, as agreed at our April Business meeting, we are making a concerted effort to collect all 2025 membership dues between October 1 and December 31st this year. That will allow our new membership volunteer, Mary Tod, to send the CRLG directory in January. Additionally, it will allow our newsletter editor, Karen Witt, to get all names on the list before the Saturday, January 25, 2025, *Lace Identification Bingo Zoom* meeting at 10 am. Led by CRLG Member Devon Thein, you will want to see these 80 pieces of exquisite lace, all with different names. It is a sight to see on your computer screen.

Keep lacing!

*-Linda Kay Benning
CRLG President*

CRLG Fall Calendar of Events:

- September 7 - Demonstrate at the GW Textile Museum, Washington, DC, 10-4 pm

- September 12 - Lace lecture at Rust Library in Leesburg, VA at 7 pm
- September 21 - The Lace Museum Virtual Tour with Kim Davis, 11 am
- September 28 - Swap Meet at KK's (again!), Derwood, MD, 11 - 2 pm
- September 28-29 - Demonstrate at Mt. Vernon, 10-4:30 pm
- October 4-6 - Demonstrate at Waterford Craft Fair, VA, 10-4 pm
- October 19-20 - Demonstrate at Mt. Vernon, 10-4:30 pm
- October 26 - CRLG Fall Lace Day, B-CC High School cafeteria, 9:30-3:30 pm
- November 2 & 9 - Wire Lace earring class via Zoom, 1-4 pm both days
- January 25, 2025 - Lace Identification Bingo via Zoom, 10 am



FREE FESTIVAL

Celebration of Textiles

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Colors of the Silk Road

- Explore textiles from locations along the Silk Road
- Learn from local fiber artists
- See silkworms up close
- Enjoy the dragon dance with Silk Road Dance Company
- Make silk-inspired crafts
- Go on a scavenger hunt through the galleries



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY MUSEUM
THE TEXTILE MUSEUM



#CelebrateTextiles

www.museum.gwu.edu/celebrate-textiles

Fiber lovers gather each year for the GW Textile Museum's Celebration of Textiles. CRLG members demonstrating this year include Kristen Smith, Sarah J. Hull, Kazuko Nagashima, and Linda Kay Benning. Stop by to say hello when you are there.

[Visit The GWU Textile Museum's Website](#)



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 AT 7 PM – 8 PM

Lace: So Lovely There Was a Law Against It

Rust Library

Author Diane Helentjaris chronicles the allure of lace from its hazy origins to its heyday before the rise of machines changed it forever. See samples and bring your own to show.

Rust Library

380 Old Waterford Rd NW, Leesburg, VA, United States, Virginia

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rustlibrary@loudoun.gov

See all of their upcoming culture and history programs click link below:

[Visit Rust Library Website](#)

CRLG Fall Lace Lecture
Saturday, September 21
11 am Eastern Time

[Click Here to Join Zoom Lecture on Sat 9/21/24 at 11 am eastern time](#)

Mark your calendar for [Saturday, September 21 at 11 am eastern](#) to join the

Zoom lecture presented by Kim Davis, Managing Director of The Lace Museum. This volunteer run organization was incorporated in 1981, and is located in Fremont, California. Widely known for their virtual education program, they also have a sizable collection of historic lace and tools, a dedicated lace library, and launched an archive of lace related documents, photographs and ephemera this year. No registration is necessary.

[Visit The Lace Museum Website](#)



Swap Meet

Saturday, September 28

11 am- 2 pm

**17109 Barnstable Drive
Derwood, MD 20855**

Are you in need of more lace supplies?

Simply make a donation to the guild and enjoy lace "shopping" at Kazuko (KK) Nagashima's home. There are pillows, bobbins, books, tatting shuttles, and many other lace making items for you to select



from. Your donations support additional activities like lectures and classes.

Wire Lace Earrings Class

*Saturday, November 2nd, 1-4pm EST
&
Saturday, November 9th, 1-4pm EST*

The CRLG is excited to announce a zoom class!

Belinda Belisle will teach students how to make bobbin lace earrings with wire. This class will be held via zoom on NOV 2 & 9, from 1-4 pm Eastern.

Belinda will hold a Zoom meeting with registered participants prior to the class to discuss preparing the pattern and types of Bobbins or alternatives that work with wire.



All must register by October 15 in order to receive kits prior to class.

Registration is a two-part process and will be limited to 15 people.

1. Send an email to CRLG VP Carolyn Cerini at WbrgLaceMaker@cox.net and indicate your wire choice and mailing address (options below).

2. Mail your check, payable to CRLG in the amount of \$40, to the CRLG Treasurer, Kerry Gruber at: 125 Timberbrook Lane, #302 Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2874

The cost of the kit is based on the type of metal chosen. Belinda will mail kits and invoice the students

directly.

- \$35: Copper or Jeweler's brass (plus \$5.50 postage)
- \$45: Bronze, Rose-Gold-Plated, or Silver-Plated (plus \$5.50 postage)
- \$70: Sterling Silver (plus \$5.50 postage)



Please find below all the information about the Lost Art Lacers Lace Day and Classes coming up the first weekend in November!



39th Annual

Lace Day

Lost Art Lacers November 2024

<http://www.lostartlacers.org>

Saturday, Sunday, Monday
November 2, 3, 4

Snow Date: November 9, 10, 11

Saturday, November 2, 2024 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Open to the Public

Harmony Lodge #8, 519 Rte. 206, Newton (Andover Twp), New Jersey

Lace Making Suppliers

Van Sciver Bobbin Lace Mike's Woodworking
Karey Solomon Glass Bobbins by Tom and Nancy Clark

&

*Vintage Laces and Victorian Textiles from Nancy Percent
& Special Consignments from*

Master Woodworkers John Aebi and Richard Pikul

Lace Making Demonstrations and "Try-Me" Table
Lace Exhibits

Bring your own lunch on Saturday. Coffee, tea, water provided.

Lace Classes on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, November 2-4, 2024

Adult Beginning and Continuing Lace Classes on Saturday, November 2, 2:00 to 5:00

Adult Lace Workshops on Sunday, November 3, 9:00 to 4:00

and Monday, November 4, 9:00 to 4:00

(Pre-Registration is Required. Lunch provided on Sunday and Monday.)

Masks are optional.

Lace Winners at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair



Photo above: Lace Department display at the Montgomery County Fair.

The 75th anniversary Montgomery County Agricultural Fair was a huge success. The Home Arts department had over 3,000 entries this year! The Chesapeake Region Lace Guild made a gorgeous display of 75 bobbin lace fish in a lacy aquarium. Beautiful.

Guild members won all three CRLG special awards at the MoCo Fair:

- Best of Show Bobbin Lace: **Janet McKee**
- Best of Show Tatting: **Wendy Carballo**
- Best of Show Needlelace: **Linda Kay Benning**

Maryland State Fair Lace Winners

The Maryland State Fair featured CRLG members winning the top lace awards.

** The CRLG Tatting Award went to Wendy Carballo.

** The CRLG Needle lace

award went to Mikayla Kurkjian.

** The Best of Show Lace went to Karen Douglas.

Congratulations!



PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Now you can join the lace guild, or renew your membership, on our updated webpage: CRLG.org

Annual Dues: \$20

Visit our website

Click here for Membership Form



International Organization of Lace, Inc.

Several CRLG members attended the IOLI conference in Franklin, Tennessee this past July.

In photo from left to right: Clarissa Brandwine, Bobbi Donnelly, Karen Douglas, Azhar Ibrahim, Nancy Razzino, Karen H Thompson, Becky Wahl, Holly Lacusky, Linda Kay Benning. Not pictured, Yitong Gao.



CRLG was, once again, recognized for an amazing number of volunteer hours. Our guild is typically among the most active in the country. Thank you to everyone who submitted volunteer hours - you are keeping lace-making alive with demonstrations, classes, volunteering at fairs and events to promote lace-making. Congratulations!



Teacher, author, and CRLG member Karen H Thompson, in her key note presentation at the closing banquet, provided a history of Ipswich Lace, made in Ipswich, Massachusetts in the 18th century.

In a 1789 census of manufacturers requested by Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, the city reported that 600 lace makers made 41,979 yards of lace.

The Chesapeake Region Lace Guild (CRLG) is an educational non-profit association. As a Charter Chapter of the [International Organization of Lace, Inc.](#), the objectives of the Guild are to promote interest in the fine old laces, to preserve fine laces for posterity, to study the history and characteristics of lace, to teach and promote lacemaking and lace identification, to promote and encourage lace exhibits, and to encourage museums that own lace collections to exhibit their collections and make them generally available for viewing by the public at large.

SEND YOUR PHOTOS TO SHARE!

Please send photos and articles

(especially works-in-progress for Work-in-Progress Wednesdays)
to post on Facebook
to Holly Lacusky at [**hclacusky@gmail.com**](mailto:hclacusky@gmail.com)



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