

The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia

Preserving the fine art of lacemaking

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Young Lacemakers

New craft club coming in 2010

The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia is working to establish a lacemakers group for young people between the ages of 11 and 16, beginning in the spring of 2010.

Lacemaking is often called a “lost art”, or a “forgotten art”, and we – as a guild – are committed to preserving the art of lacemaking. We *know* that it is *not* a lost art. On the contrary, the art of lacemaking has spread across the globe, far away from the areas of Europe where it was born centuries ago. And while lacemaking may be a centuries old art, it is no longer used only to trim clothing. Modern lacemakers make everything from lace trim to Christmas ornaments, jewelry, table decorations and large-scale art lace pieces for churches. Please browse through the lace gallery on our website at www.piedmontlace.org to see some examples of lace pieces made by our members.

In recent years, there has been a resurgence in textile arts such as knitting and crocheting, especially among younger adults who did not learn the crafts when they were children, unlike previous generations. What was once deemed old-fashioned and unnecessary has become popular once again. As always, times and fashions change in cycles!

In England, some schools are now considering adding lacemaking to their curriculum in subjects such as Design & Technology, Art & Design, or Industrial History. In response, the UK Lace Guild has posted new material for young lacemakers on its website in the hopes that the material will be used to help develop future new school curricula. To read about the UK Lace Guild efforts, go to www.laceguild.demon.co.uk. Click on “Young Lacemakers”.

The Piedmont Lace Guild’s plans for a young lacemakers group are in the planning stages. We need at least five dedicated young people interested in learning a new craft. We need young people who will be excited to start a new club, write for the website and the newsletter and explore contacts with young lacemakers around the world. Please see the sidebar to learn how to register for the new club. The guild is very much looking forward to this new venture!



Young Lacemakers

New craft club for boys and girls, ages 11-16, starting spring 2010.

Minimum five committed young people needed to start the club.

Beginning lace projects include bookmarks, jewelry and Christmas ornaments!

Study lacemaking and help preserve the centuries old art of lacemaking.

To register go to www.piedmontlace.org, click on “Young Lacemakers” and fill in the online form.

See you next year!!

The Lace Cottage is a small group that meets weekly, usually on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Currently, locations for the Lace Cottage vary between Warrenton, Catlett, Remington and Fredericksburg.



If you would like to join the Lace Cottage and need information on meeting locations, please e-mail lace-cottage@piedmontlace.org.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Saturday, 10 October 2009
Monthly meeting at RUMC 10 a.m.

Saturday, 21 November 2009
Annual Meeting at RUMC
Election of 2010 officers

No meeting in December!

Saturday, 9 January 2010
Monthly meeting at RUMC 10 a.m.
Guild Planning Meeting



The Lace Library Shelf

The Lace Guild recently received a copy of the book *The Lacemakers of Glenmara* from the author, Heather Barbieri. The book was published in June 2009 and is now available for check-out from the guild library. It tells the story of Kate Robinson, a fashion designer, who travels to her ancestral homeland of Ireland. She stops in the small town of Glenmara, planning to stay only one night, but when she becomes involved with a group of lacemakers, Kate finds herself staying longer than expected. To find out more, please see Margaret Campbell to borrow the book!

Heather Barbieri lives in Seattle with her husband and family. *The Lacemakers of Glenmara* is her second book. The first, *Snow in July*, was published in 2005. You can find out more about Heather at www.heatherbarbieri.com.

The full list of books available through the guild library will be posted on the website this month. Books are available for check-out to members only.

The guild library is growing. If you have books or lace magazines that you no longer wish to keep, please consider donating them to our library for all to enjoy.

GUILD OFFICERS 2009



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To reach any of the officers for information about the guild, please e-mail info@piedmontlace.org



The Piedmont Lace Guild did not meet over the summer, but we stayed active.

The photos above are from Sky Meadows State Park, where Elke Roeschke, Barbara Warner and Birgitte Tessier demonstrated lacemaking in June.

Birgitte also demonstrated lacemaking at Chinn Park Library in Woodbridge in July during Living History Day and in Marshall, VA in September as part of Fauquier County's 250th anniversary celebration. During the month of August, the guild displayed lace in the library in Orange, VA.

Our thanks to all who hosted the Piedmont Lace Guild during the summer.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our love of lace with you and your patrons.