Each year this listing will be updated prior to reprinting. If you are a teacher and you wish to be listed, you will have to send me information on where you teach, what type of lace you make, how many hours per session and fee.

Without this information I cannot include you in this listing. It shall prove beneficial to new members as well as old to know where teachers are located.

If I misquoted any of you please write me, so I can make corrections for the next listing. -- Kaethe Kliot.

#### DIRECTORY of TEACHERS

By Kaethe Kliot

As to this listing, all teachers either offer private sessions or groups. Few only teach through local Adult Education only teach through local Adult Education schools or shops. For any details you should write to the teachers in your area. General charges range from \$5. to \$15. per hour for private sessions; \$2. to \$2.75 per hour for groups and through shops. Some teachers are able to travel can be hired by interested groups for 3-6 hours per day.

Bobbin Lace

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	Reichard, Mary Lou
	Ridell, Mrs. Tilly
	Ruffner, Mrs. James
	Saari, Leslie
	Scott, Hazel
	Siodmak, Henrietta
	Sweeney, ArVilla
	Van Gelder, Lydia

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#### TEACHERS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

All listings from foreign sources need to be contacted well in advance as it will take some time, 4-6 weeks, to receive a reply. All German sources were generously forwarded to us by Gisela Graff-Hoefgen.

If chapters and guilds wish to hire a teacher it helps with traveling costs if 2 or 3 groups in one area can sponsor the same teacher or suggest to her what else is available in the area. It would be especially helpful for foreign teachers.

As for traveling to other countries, most offer some programs in lace making and if you wish to study in any particular area it is best to contact the business bureaus or city centrums, also the travel agencies that deal with the country of your choice. You may also check your I.O.L. Directory list on members in the country you wish to explore.

#### ENGLAND

Ann Wilson "Green Gates", Vache Lane Chalfont St. Giles Bucks HP8 4SB

Lace Guild Membership Chairperson

Pat Perryman "Ventura", Exeter Road Honiton, Devon EX14 8AX

Honiton Lace

Ann Woodward 9 Shrublands Road Berkamsted, Herts HP6 3HY Bobbin Lace (has a long waiting list)

WEST GERMANY

Bobbin Lace, Pension Hedwig Dreimueller Weaving, Haupt str. 52 D- 5531 Nohn Vulkaneifel, Spinning West Germany, Phone: 02696/345

Kloeppel Kurse Frau Mojsej Bobbin Lace Stadtversaltung 8476 Schoensee, West Germany

#### WEST GERMAN continued

Kloppelschule, Nordhalben Bobbin Lace Frankenwald, West Germany

Volkshochschule Schifferstadt RS Landkreis Ludwigshaven

Adult Education

#### HOLLVND

These are names of teachers in Holland given to us by Lia Baumeister-Jonker.

Miss Pleging Duchess Lace Jan Van Zutphen Str. 278 Haarlem - Schalkwyk

Dorothea Boelaars Jasmynstraat 16 Nijmegen 654 3TW

May 1 is special Lace Day and is set aside for the public to view laces and to see demonstrations.

Jeanette Oord She teaches and is also v. Speyklaan 1 one of the founders of the Lace Circle. Doomr, 2770

Amelie van Olfen-Spikermann

Klaverstraat 15, 1121 AX1, Landsmeer.

A versatile lace teacher, she studied in Schneeberg, Saxony, the same school that Barbara Uttmann founded and Gertrude Biedermann studied in.

#### BELGIUM

Brugge Kantcentrum Lace making begin-Balstraat 14, ners and advanced. 8000 Brugge, Belgium

Simone Pay Bobbin Lace Breughelstraat, 10 1800 Vilvoorde, Belgium

Mrs. Collete Van Steyvoort, Lace Commis-Brussels sion President

#### DENMARK

Tove Ulrikson Aagade 12 DK 4600 Køge, Denmark

Bobbin Lace **Patterns** 



#### CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS:

May 5, 1979 - Regional Lace Meeting
Dulin United Methodist Church, 10 to 3
Falls Church, Virginia 22046
May 20, 1979 - 20th Century Lace Teur
Czecheslevakia, Yugeslavia, Hungary
August 5, 6, 7, 1979 - I.O.L. Convention
Walderf-Astoria Hotel, New York City

#### RENEWED LACE INTEREST IN IRELAND

"New member, Mrs. Eileen O'Dubhghaell, 33 Creag Patrick Road, Dublin 7, Ireland is intensely interested in a new association of lacemakers in Dublin."

"I enjoyed showing Wenham Museum dolls on channel 4 "Weman '78" and "Evening Magazine". It was fun and good publicity for our charming Museum."

Elizabeth Deneghue, Massachusetts.

#### ADDITIONAL LACE TEACHERS

Bobbin Lace

Mrs. Elsie Fleming, 106 Harvey Street
New Westminster, B.C. V31 4GE, Canada
Mrs. Margaret Oddstad, 6822 Oak Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6P 3Z6, Canada
Mrs. Janie LeGrand, 1860 East 6th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C. V5N IP5, Canada
Mrs. Trudean Olson, 11149 N.Fuller Cres.
Delta, B.C. V4C 209, Canada
(Mrs. Oddstad is going to Calgary, Alberta, to conduct a class-so we are proud.)
Mrs. Muriel Mitchell

Tatting:

Mrs. Lorena Copeland, P.O. Box 3836 Landers (Yucca Valley), Calif. 92284 Tatting: Lessons by Mail Mrs. Norma King, 78 West End Avenue Newton, New Jersey 07860

#### CONNECTICUT LACE EXHIBIT

The Litchfield Historical Society Museum of Litchfield, Conn. will held an exhibition titled "Fashionable Laces and Embroideries of 19th Century" - - April 17 through November 17, 1979 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Tues. - Sat. Will have American darned net and early machine laces modeled on 16th and 17th century lace for 19th century use. They are in the process of making up notebooks of lace samples, identified by Michael Auclair of New York, for study purposes in the museum.

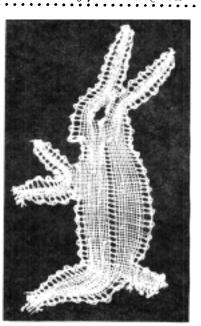
2ND BIENNIAL

### WEST COAST LACE DAYS

The date has been set for the 2nd Biennial West Coast Lace Days. They are to be held September 11, 12, 13, 14, 1980 in Seattle, Washington at the Mayflower Park Hotel. The Bobbin Belles of Greater Seattle will be Hostesses. There will be workshops, guest speakers and other things of interest. As the time goes on more information will be announced in the I.O.L. bulletin. Keep watching:

Ar Villa Sweeney, Washington

My
little
Easter Bunny
wishing
all the
members a
Very Happy
EASTER
Mary Foster
Michigan



"Thank YOU, Virginia Bath,
For your highly refreshing and much
needed quote on Lace literature in your
delightful book. It leads the reader into
your "Lace" with eagerness for what other marvelous creativity you offer -- and
it is there. Ruskin may have been fresh
in the 19th century, but becomes a bit
trite after a dozen or more lace books.
Your selection of Rainer Maria Rilke

Your selection of Rainer Maria Rilke will still be beautiful in another hundred years." -- Lou Thompson, Ohio

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This is my last chance to tell you about our exciting plans for the 20th, Century Lace tour to Czechoslovakia. Yugoslavia, Austria and Hungary. Since it is difficult to correspond and get detailed information these countries, we have to trust the Travel Agents with the planning.Know-\* ing how successful all their other \* tours have been, we can only anxiously await the surprises in store. The plans are to start from Copenhagen to Yugoslavia: our major points; Dubrovnik, 2 days -- museum and church; Banja Luka, overnight - needle lace; Zagreb, overnight -- museum; Opatija, 2

Ljubljana, overnight, - Idrija Lace.

We will visit museums, lace studios and schools. If you can join us, hurry your deposit of \$250.00 to:

Edna Kuhta or Isabel Porter
One World Travel Services
445 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California 94108
Phone: 415-398-7830
Home Phone: 415-355-3134 (Edna)

nights -- The Famous Island of Pag Sch. \*

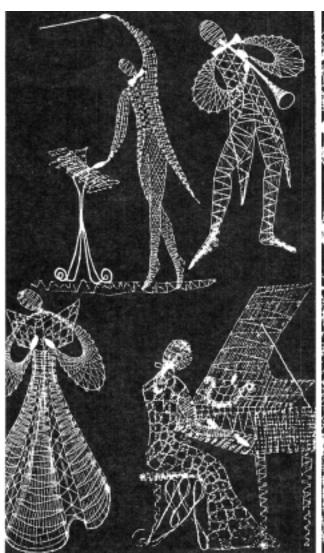
The deadline is March 20th. Either
Edna or Isabel will be glad to answer any questions and to tell you
where and when to join us so you do
not need to start from San Francisco.\*
Edna, Jules and myself will be your \*
hosts and we shall keep you very busy;
For the rest of you who cannot join \*
us, we promise you a detailed report \*
in the I. O. L. and a slide program \*
that can be rented for a small fee \*
from us for your Chapters and Guilds.\*

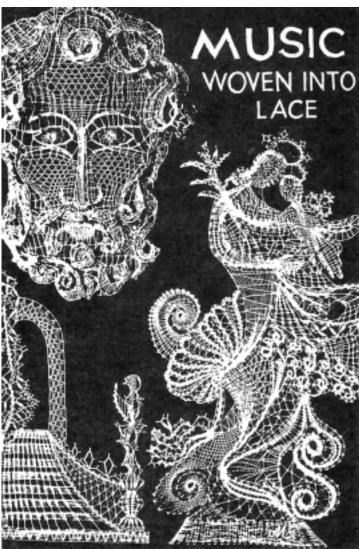
-- Kaethe Kliot \*

#### MUSIC woven into lace

By Josef Voparil

The work of Milča Eremiášová occupies a very individual and, we can say, unique place in the wealth of manifestations of Czech creative art. She graduated from the studio of hand lacemaking at the Academy of Applied Arts in Prague, 1971, having commenced her studies there in 1967, and for fifteen years now she has been employed as a professor at the Educational Institute of Art Production in Prague where she lectures on the history of art and partially on technology. After her lectures and often also after a vis-





BOBBIN LACE creations by Milča Eremiášová, of Czechoslovakia

it to a concert or theatre, when peace and quiet reign over the streets of Prague, the fairhaired artist sits down at her cylinder and pegs and realizes her visions in a cobweblike network of threads. And thus pictures of unusual charm originate. Apart from Many exhibitions in Vienna, Frankfurt, Munich, London, Stockholm, Lund, Varberg, Linkoping, Unea, Norway and other places. Professor Eremiášová has received numerous official expressions of recognition of her art. She was awarded first prize in a competition organized by the Folk Art Production Centre for the most beautiful lace and from the Expo 67 World Exhibition in Montreal she brought home a Diploma of Henour.

Last year Milča Eremiášová concentrated on the realization of a monothematic cycle of lace motifs inspired by the music of her beloved Mozart who stayed in Prague on several occasions and, 190 years ago, composed within its walls his opera Don Giovanni for his "beloved people of Prague."

Milča Eremiášová's Mozartian cycle is once again a sensitive expression of the impressions aroused in the impassioned listener to Mozart's music -- whether in the form of his opera or chamber works, string quartet or quintet. In her most recent group of lace pictures, the artist takes us on an excursion to the places and things connected with Mozart's sojourns in Prague. Before our eyes there appear the now widely visited rooms of the Villa Bertramka, Prague's fountains, musical instruments, and a white harpsichord on which Mozart is said to have played in Nostic Palace. We stand in quiet meditation on forgotten flights of steps in parks, below trees in gardens where time has come to a halt in timeless beauty...All this - and perhaps still something more betrays the strength of the art of this extraordinary Czech artist's hands which weave music into lace pictures made of linen threads.

(Contributed by Kaethe Kliot)

From a magazine in Cork. Ireland, contributed by Margaret Harding, N.J.

# OLD LACE SO NOSIALGIC

Oval: Cream silk Edwardian influenced blouse with hand embroidered lace collar and pearl button fastening.

Right: Antique lace twopiece with cream silk camisole top and shawl like jacket.

The sheer delicate beauty of hand-made lace is unrivalled by anything mass-produced or imitative, no matter how professionally done. Irish lace flourished as a craft over a hundred years ago and varied considerably from one locality to another. The intricate stitching and designs were worked with a great skill which was handed down from one generation to another. Sadly only a few Irish Lacemakers now remain but here and there exquisite pieces of antique Irish lace are to be found in old houses, buried in trunks in attics or carefully preserved and cherished as family heirlooms.

Dee Ryan is a woman with enormous appreciation of these nostalgic remnants of bygone days. Recognising the intrinsic beauty and value of such pieces and the fact that really elegant women are reappraising much of the fashion of another era. Dee is constantly collecting old lace which, with the help of her four very gifted designers she restores and uses in her designs of beautiful fragile blouses and camisoles.

The old-fashioned look is high fashion and the dainty blouses which sell at ap-

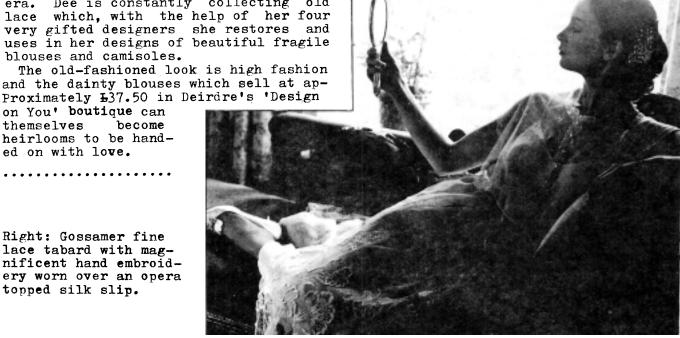
on You' boutique can themselves become heirlooms to be handed on with love.

Right: Gossamer fine lace tabard with magnificent hand embroidery worn over an opera topped silk slip.



'Nostalgie', also in Monkstown village is Deirdre's newest boutique and it stocks only garments over 150 years old ....many made of lace or beautifully embroidered, all expertly restored carefully hand-washed by a dedicated staff. In these contemporary times many are quite breathtakingly elegant as well as highly unusual. The wearing of beautifully hand-sewn fabrics and fine handworked lace makes any woman feel completely feminine and special.

Quite Unique is the 'Nostalgia' boutique, an antique shop with a difference because unlike other antique shops it deals only in clothes and all are objets d'Art. Prices range from £75 to £250.



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From the exhibit catalog of The Vesting-museum (Fortress Museum) in Naarden, Netherlands, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the foundation, from "Friends of the Fortress Naarden" contributed to I.O.L. by Lia Baumeister.

"The director of the foundation thanks everybody who helped to organize the exhibition, especially Mrs. A.M.L.E.Mulder Erkelens, custodian Textiles of the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. (She is a wonderful lady and knows very much about old laces. I know her quite well.)"

Lia Baumeister.

Cover in Filet and Bobbin Lace. Arms of Sickinghe and Yonghena. Initials 0.V.S. and the year A 1623.

Measurement 110 x 110 cm.

25th Anniversary Exhibit Friends of the Fortress Naarden

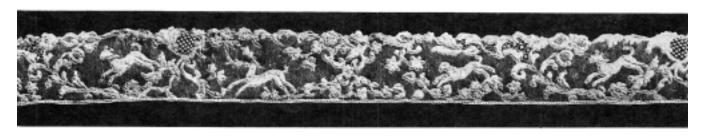
May 13 to September 17, 1978 VESTINGMUSEUM NAARDEN, NETHERLANDS



Edging of Bobbin Lace, so called Dutch lace; South Netherlands, Antwerp.
Middle 17th century. Measurement 92 x 7 cm.

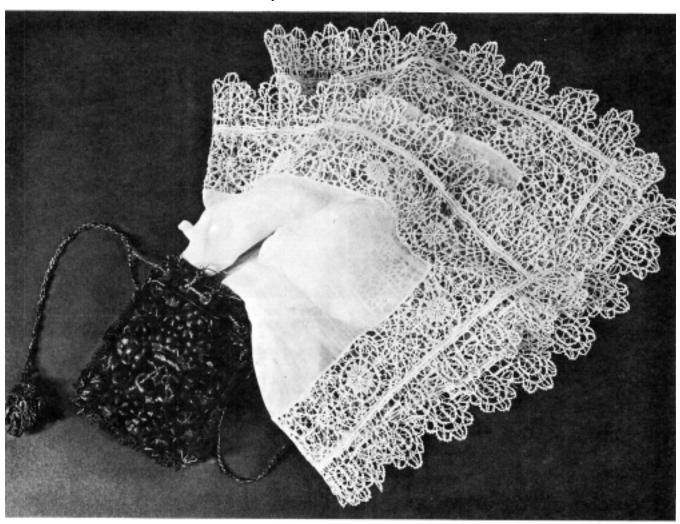
Edging, needlepoint with Stag Hunting. French Alençon, probably 1250-1275.

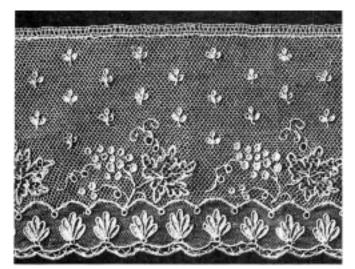
Measurement 6.5 x 94 cm.



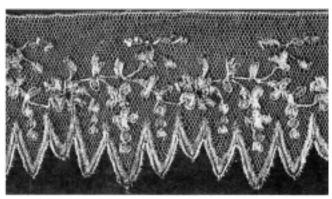
Handkerchief. The inner part of the lace is Reticella, needlepoint lace. The outside edge is bobbin lace, first quarter

of the 17th century, Italy. Measurement 50 x 50 cm. Property of the Rijks Museum.





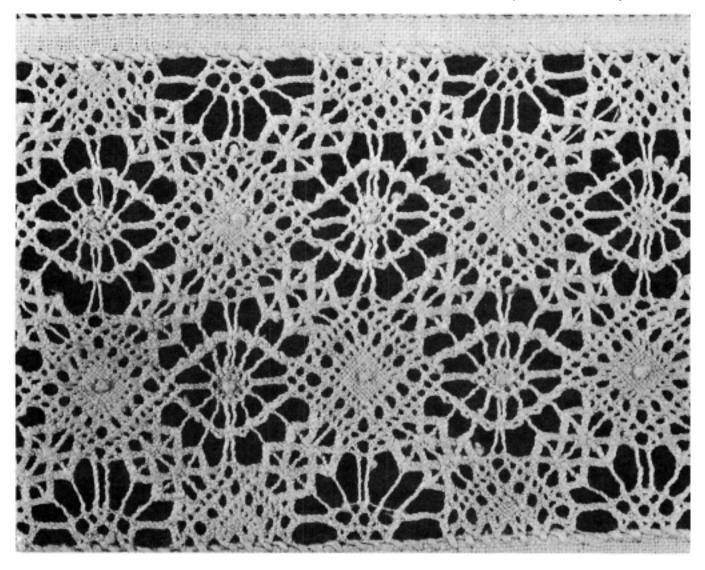
Edging, needlepoint. Gentlemen's Alençon with grapes and leaves, France 1800-1820. The technique of wrapped mesh is characteristic for Heren Alençon (Gentlemen's Alençon)

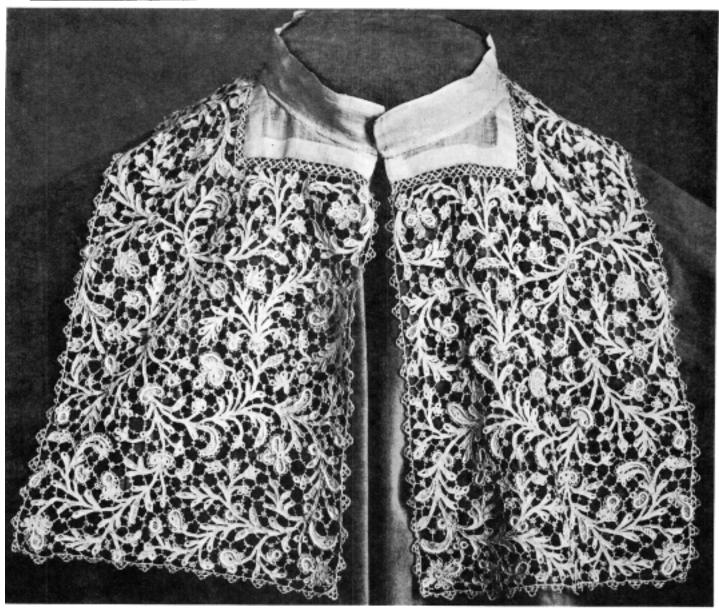


Edging of Blonde Silk with silver thread bobbin lace, France 1805-1815 Measurement 9.5 x 145 cm.

Part of pillow case by tradition of the estate of Michiel Aariaanss. Al Ruyber (a Dutch sea hero). The pillow case of

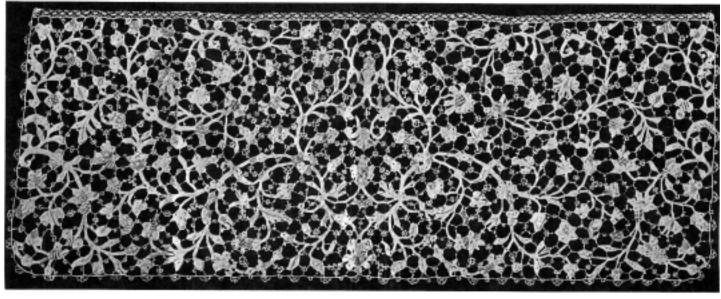
linen has edgings of embroidery (point coupe) and an insertion of bobbin lace; late 16th or early 17th century.



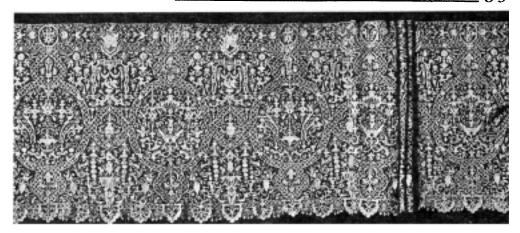


Man's collar in Needlepoint Venise a la Rose, Italy 1660-1680.

A flap of a Steinkirk cravat, needle point, Venise plait. (Probably 1650-1690.) Measurement 17 x 44 cm.
Gift from the Dutch Lace Guild "Het Kantsalet" to the Rijks Museum, Amsterdam.

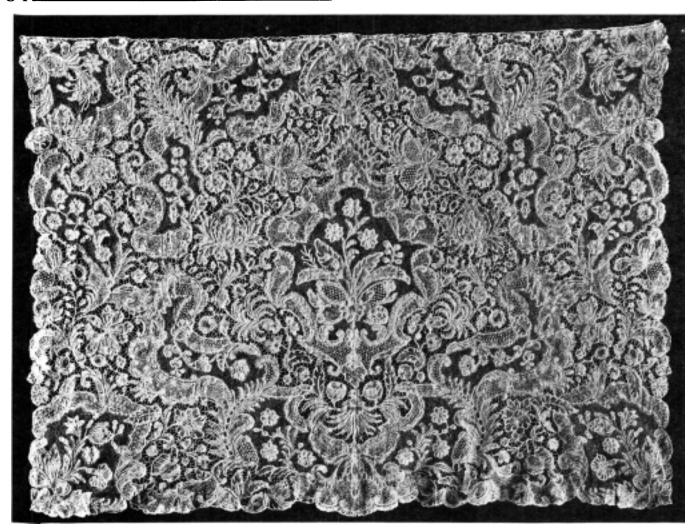


Alb Edging with Arms trophy and Sun motives. Needlepoint lace (Point de France) French Alençon, 1690-1710. Measurement 59 x 340 cm.



Detail enlargement of above.





Jabot (cravat) of old Brussels, bobbin lace with drochel ground.
Brussels second quarter 16th century. Measurement 32 x 42 cm.

## Clark County Lace Group

Our newly formed chapter of I.O.L. had its second meeting Dec. 19th. The item of 'old business' brought up for discussion was the matter of a name. The name used in last issue was to announce our organization, and the choice of "Clark County Lace Group", we feel, is a more truly representation of the area from which our members come. An additional charter member is Ellyn Papenfuse, who gives us eight charter members.

After the meeting we plyed our needles busily to make a patchwork petholder with a star motif and though not lacey certainly representative of the season. It was demonstrated by our publicity chairman, Iris Berger, who hopes, along with the rest of us, that the passing of the helidays will give us more time to prepare lace related demonstrations."

Mary Martin, Secretary-Treasurer

\* \* \* \* Correction, for page 47, January bulletin; names transposed, 2nd fan by Pat Atkinson; 3rd fan by Honor Kunkle.

## Looking for KNITTED TABLECLOTH PATTERNS

"I am presently becoming more and more interested in the German lace knit tablecloths of the 40's, 50's, and early 60's. Have written Mrs. Gisela Graff-Hoffgen about them and she says they are "out of fashion" right now. However, in the two or three books I managed to get from Boris Veren, Craft & Hobby Book Service, back in the early days there are quite a few lovely patterns. There are also many other patterns listed in the back of these books which had to be sent for separately because they were so large, or for some other reason. I am wondering if anyone would have any of these Beyer Kunststricken lace knitting patterns for the large knit tablecloths. A copy would be suitable but the original would be best. They are all in German, but the symbols used on the charts are internationally understood." -- Eugen K. Beugler 1255 E. 29th Place, Eugene, Ore. 97403

CARRIAGE STATE

An in-museum close-up look at lace:

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

AND

An in-museum close-up look at lace:

COOPER-HEWITT MUSEUM

A show-and-tell program of lacemaking equipment

Lacemakers known for expertise in a particular species of lace will demonstrate simultaneously. You may move among them or observe one lacemaker the entire time.

Additional speakers and other program details to be announced in the May Bulletin.

#### THE THIRD ANNUAL IOL CONTEST

Lace of a single thread construction For

(as needlepoint Lace, teneriffe, netting, crochet, knit lace . . . Lacemakers:

Lace of Multiple thread construction

2. (as bobbin lace, Lacemakers:

Lace from your collection For Lace :

3. (Judged for presentation, uniqueness and quality of lace Collectors:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Ribbons will be awarded in each category. Lace in categories (1) and (2) must be the handwork of the person submitting the entry. Entries will be judged on workmanship and overall quality of design. In case of tie, original designs will be given preference. Lace in category (3) must be owned by person submitting that entry. Entries are limited to 3 per entrant(no more than 2 of those 3 being in the same category). All entrants must be current members of the IOL. All entries must be sent to Mrs. Maureen Blafos, 24-12 Crescent Street, Floor one, Astoria, New York 11102, in packaging which may be easily reused to return your entry by mail. Return postage and insurance must be provided by entrant. Entries postmarked after July 6 and/or received by Mrs. Blafos after July 13 will not be considered for contest. Look in the May 

#### PLEASE NOTE ALTERED REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND REVISED ROOM RATES

The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel has apologized for an error of omission which led to the January publication of inaccurate but seemingly confirmed rates and for any inconvenience this may have caused. ONLY NEW RATES LISTED BELOW WILL BE HONORED. To reserve rooms, please clip hotel form and correspond directly with hotel. To participate in Convention program, send form below to Mrs. Skelton of the IOL.

YES, I am c	oming to IOL CONVENTION '79
NEW	YORK CITY (Name: Please print legibly)
AUG	JST 5, 6, 7
	(Address, including zip code)
I enclose: \$	\$42 Members' Convention Fee (includes one luncheon) (After July 5, \$47)
\$	\$6 (\$7 foreign) IOL Membership Fee if not already an IOL member
Total: \$ Please make c Send to: Mrs	neck or money order payable to: New York Convention, I.O.L. Ethel M. Skelton, 19 Westgate Place, Lakehurst, New Jersey 08733
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TO RESERVE ROOMS in the Waldorf-Astoria, Please clip this form and return it to:

The WALDORF-ASTORIA 301 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022

Confirmation will come from the Hotel. Only these rates (not previously published rates) will be honored. Questions should be addressed to the Hotel.

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International Old Lacers August 5-7, 1979

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Arrival Date Time of Departure Date ACCOMMODATIONS (Indicate Room & Rate Selection)

Singles: \$52-58-64 \$64-70-76 Doubles: \$78-84-90 Triples:

8% CITY SALES TAX PLUS \$1.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT OCCUPANCY TAX NOT INCLUDED.

These special accommodations and rates will be available up to three weeks prior to your gathering after which time these rooms will return to the hotel for their normal sale.

If rate desired is not available, a room will be assigned at the next available rate. Reserve early to insure best selection of rooms and rates.

Reservations will be held until 6:00 P.M. unless guaranteed. If guest does not arrive, first night will be billed and reservation for the following day cancelled.

Check-out time-1:00 P.M.

GUEST NAME - Last Name	First Name
ADDRESS -	
	CITY, STATE, ZIP



Making lace

(Staff Photo)

Mrs. Ione Russell of Portsmouth demonstrated the art of making Bobbin Lace at Shapley-Gookin House this week. The demonstration was spensored by the Guild of Strawbery Banke. Mrs. Russell will be teaching a class in this craft for the Guild --- starting Oct. 2 (1978) and continuing for six Mondays through Nov. 6 (1978).

From: Melrose Free Press, Mass., November 9, 1978

"A beautiful display of antique handmade lace is now at the Melrose Public Library.

The lace has been borrowed from the collections of Mildred Baldwin, Priscilla Gray and Barbara Rogers, all of Melrose

Lace is a tissue composed of mesh and flowers -- (patterns) produced with a needle and single thread or with several threads manipulated by means of bobbins. There are several bobbins included in the display and they are quite colorful and intricately detailed. English bobbins which are the ones most commonly found in North America, are made of wood, ivory and bone. Genuine ivory bobbins are rare. Sheep shank provided a plentiful source of bone for bobbins. Bobbin makers took great pride in making their bobbins elaborate.

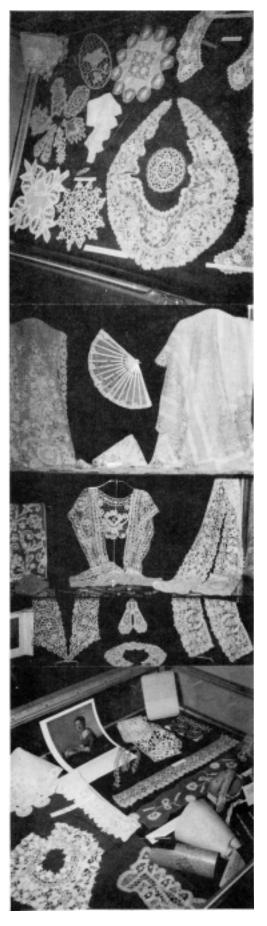
The history of handmade lace in America begins with the landing of the Mayflower. The machine made lace industry had its inception about 1820. None of the lace in the exhibit is machine made.

"As two of the newer members of the I.O.L. Society, and just beginners to learn to identify a few of the old lace patterns, and to get a collection of pieces and bobbins, we had the audacity to put an exhibit in the Art Dept. of our local public library, in Melrose, Mass. last Fall, for a month.

We only labeled the varieties which we were sure of, and left the others to be pondered over by the viewers. Priscilla and I thought at first that we would only have our few pieces of needle lace and bobbin lace on display but then decided that there should be some things that the general public could relate to so we included tatting, battenberg, Irish crochet, etc. The library staff told us that they could not ever remember of having anything similar displayed. We had many favorable comments about it from our fellow Melrosians who saw it."

Mildred L. Baldwin.

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#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH



A private group visit to the vaults of the San Diego Fine Arts Museum was the climax of the 1978 year for the Southern California Branch of I. O. L. Assistant Director and Textile Curator, Mr. William Chandler, overwhelmed members with size of the lace collection and with his expertise in its care and history. He prefers that old laces be repaired only enough for stabilization and when he cannot match original threads, splits machine-made fibers of the same shade The thickness of the original linen thread and uses a milliners needle to accomplish repairs all but invisible.

Pictured, inspecting the Museum's Technique for storing fragile lace shawls and mantillas, are members Thelma Hampton (left) and (right) Marilyn Kuckuck with her busy camera. Center is Mr. Chandler, who had also arranged a surprise showing of the Museum's oil paintings in which the subjects of the portraits were

wearing laces.

The Lace Collection proved to be too large for viewing in one session and a second visit is on this year's schedule. Backbone of the year's activities, however, will be the meetings on the first Saturday of each month, held at the home of Group Chairman Savetta Livingston, in Solana Beach. Meetings are open to all interested guests or would-be students.

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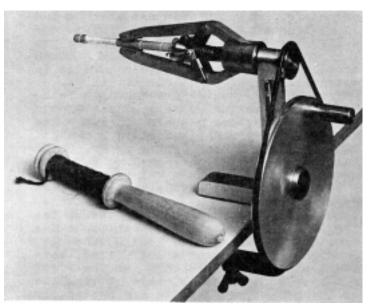
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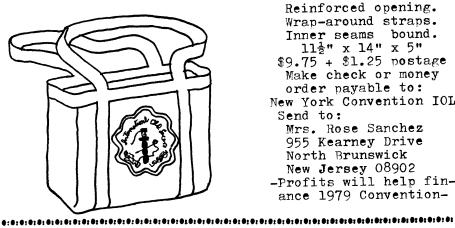
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Bobbin Lace Daffodil worked by Mrs. Ruth Barnett, West Hill,

Ontario, Canada is a result of the second workshop given to the Toronto Lace Group by Sheila Wells, in October 1978.

It was worked in No. 100 cotton with No. 40 cotton for the gimp. "I'm uncertain as to the origin of the design as the pricking was given to me."

Ruth Barnett, Secretary

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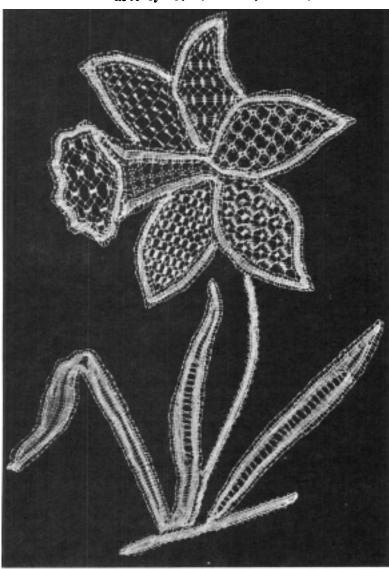
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REMINDER: 3rd ANNUAL LACE CONTEST to be held at Annual meeting, August 6, 1979
Sept. 11, 12, 13, 14, 1980: WEST COAST LACE DAYS, Mayflower Park Hotel, Seattle



IOL Member, Klara Rohlff, West Germany Aunt of Renate Springsted, Mich.

Klara Rohlff went to school in Hadersleben, Denmark until 1914, where she learned needlework. Bobbin lace instructions were given in her last year of school.

She was born of a Danish mother and a German father and practically grew up between the two nations, Denmark and Germany, in the part of Denmark now known as Sonder-Jutland, and is therefore fluent in both languages. The International Old Lacers Bulletin brought her together with one of her schooltime friends. She was recently visited by a lady from Kiel, Germany, who received her address through Marie Boek, Tonder, Denmark and was determined to learn bobbin lace making. They are meeting every Monday at my aunt's house for a lesson in Bobbin lace and enjoying themselves.

#### BRUSSELS and BRUGGE TOUR

A tour leaving London October 26, 1979, overnight travel by ferry from Dover. Morning in Brussels, the party will visit Musees Royaux D'Arts and Histoire and Manufacture Belge De Dentelles. It is a well stocked shop selling thread, bobbins, patterns, lace, etc. Afternoon to be spent in Brugge, a visit to the Lace Kantrum and time for shopping or sight-seeing in Brugge. Return on 7 P.M. ferry. The party will travel throughout by private coach (with reclining seats) cost 127 (\$55 dollars) to include breakfast, admission fees to Museum and Lace Kantrum. I feel perhaps some other members could be in England at that time. If there was a lot of support I would organize a trip earlier.

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MARY COLEMAN

Miss Coleman recently lectured in Holyoke, Mass. on "Women and Art in 20th Century Ireland". She founded the Guild of Irish Lacemakers in 1977 and is regarded as the only contemporary expert on the history, manufacture, and restoration of lace in Ireland. She has been interested in Ireland's crafts since childhood when her mother and grandmothinstructed her in traditional Aranknitting and Irish crochet lace.

> Two copies of January 1979 English Lace Guild Magazine

LACE have been contributed by them to I.O.L.It includes a 20 page "Exhibition Supplement" of LACE '78, with many pictures of lace entered, some of the lace makers and the prize winners.

The planning of the EXHIBITION OF HAND MADE LACE by the English Lace Guild -- Joan Buckle

As Exhibition Secretary I was very much involved with the compiling of the Schedule as were the other members of the Sub Committee, and though there were classes to enter work, it was no way a competitive exhibition, but a selective one. The selectors had no way of knowing if the work entered was a members first piece of work - a beginners piece - or a piece they had been working on for years, and had just brought to perfection. Original design was catered for with the Sponsored Class, and one of the other classes on the Schedule. The whole thinking behind the exhibition was to give as wide a range as possible of all the forms of lace that can be made, and showing members work to best advantage to the public. The visitors book with comments, gave nothing but praise for the hard work that went into the exhibition and for the beauty of the work on display.

New Membership Secretary of the English Lace Guild is Joan Buckle, (Mrs. J. P. Buckle) 1 Wychwood, Little Kingshill Great Missenden, Bucks HP16 OEU, England

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Trenna Ruffner of Grosse Point Park,

Michigan and Ione Russell of Portsmouth. N.H. contributed to the English lace exhibit. It is planned to use Trenna's entry on cover of I.O.L. bulletin 1979-80.



The art of making bobbin lace is demonstrated by Mrs. Margaret Harding of Hawthorne, at the Glen Rock Library. Bobbin lace is made by open warp weaving and requires infinite patience. Mrs. Harding's work will be on display at the library for the remainder of the month. (Photo by Rich McBride)

From: "The Ridgewood News" N.J. February 22, 1979

"During the month of February, 1979, the two cases of the Glen Rock Library, New Jersey, showed an exhibit of books, bobbins and laces of other countries, a sample of original design in graph to pattern, to finished lace.

In another case was a display of finished laces made from traditional patterns. Wall hangings, squares, bookmarks, etc. Had also bobbins from different countries near the books of that same country.

I would like very much to add bobbins from many more countries to my pillow, I call "International". Any help from other members around the world would be so appreciated. I use only 2 bobbins to represent each country, but one would be used also.

The pillow pictured shows all Danish style. The pattern is Swedish and called "Vattersnipan" (Sailboat), seen better if picture is turned to side view.

At present I'm working on a series of lace designs for laces to be placed on file at Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax, Canada. It is done in a kind "Thank you" to the Curator who permitted me to conduct a "Study session" in the archives of this museum on subject of Bobbin Lace, while visiting the Province in 1977. The uses of my lace work will be to show items once made throughout Nova Scotia and to enrich their exhibit on the subject -- Bobbin Lace.

The material to do this project is supplied from the Books of the collection."

Margaret Harding.

# Visiting Lace Members on Mainland

by Marguerite V. Bieger, Hawaii In mid-January I returned to Pearl City, (Island of Oahu). It was a long trip and series of enjoyable visits across the Mainland! I took many lacemaking lessons from the talented Kay Asahi in Torrance, California.

I visited with I.O.L. member, Kitty Coverston in Sulphur Springs; Anita Beasley of Atkins and laced with Marie Franceschi of Summers—all in Arkansas. I stopped and visited many museums across the country, always with lace and antique dolls in mind. My visit with relatives in Saint Louis also bent to the two interests. Unfortunately, I failed to take some names

and addresses with me to St. Louis so missed talking with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton. We have had correspondence since then.

The kind gentleman in the Eugene Field Home gave us a personal tour through and added to the information on dolls, and we noted the laces on those. Then he suggested that we visit the portion of Jefferson Memorial displaying dolls. Much to my delight, beyond the small dolls exhibit, I spotted an entire window with manikins making, wearing and displaying old bobbin laces. I hope all of it is available when the I.O.L. convention meets in St. Louis.

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My ladies here in Hawaii, who are interested in lacemaking, have been scattered

and hindered by the unusually heavy rainy season. We are still having difficulties meeting at this time, but are still working toward lace-ins. Wirginia Fine of Kailua, Oahu is meeting with me now. Virginia lived in Amsterdam in 1977-1978 for a year and studied bobbin lace making. It is great to have someone with that experience living here. She is a resident of Oahu, Hawaii of many years.

We are enjoying the company of Marguerite Jackson of Ferndale, Michigan for
three months. We have been having laceins in the home of Marguerite's friend,
Mildred Pemberton up on Diamond Head
Drive. Mildred is learning much under
Marguerite's direction. Elsie Bentley of
Berkeley, Michigan was here during January. Mornings with her were welcome and
interesting. We were unable to take advantage of her teaching abilities this
trip but will certainly be prepared for
classes when she returns. I hope she
"threw her lei into the ocean so she
will return" -- a Hawaiian custom.

I am volunteering a day a week at the Acadamy of Arts, --- Lending Collection, working with the laces with keeper, Mrs. Barbara Hoogs. We were pleased to find one piece incorporating Hawaiian flora. It is a lace collar of fine crochet over heavy threads, giving the third dimension appearance to passion flowers and orchids. All white. This was designed and executed by a lady, now deceased, who lived on the Island of Maui. It is a lovely piece and has been lying hidden among many linens and lace items donated from estates.

The Lending Collection is a library of many antiques, artifacts, arts and crafts, products from many countries around the world. These are available for teachers to take to their classrooms, and for exhibits in libraries and other educational institutions. We are working, at present, on 'traveling lace and lace-making exhibits of specimens' to fit into the standard glassed table top show cases used in the libraries across the Islands. We hope to come up with some miniature lacemakers' pillows to place among the many types of laces.

Thank you, Pat Harris and other Bobbinettes of Portland, Oregon for your notes, interest and invitations. We'll be seeing you.

Aloha (All of Our Love to You) Marguerite Vizzier Bieger

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"Year in and year out, I am given at Christmas, and use, the Quilt Engagement Calendar (book) compiled by Cyril I. Nelson. A Sunrise Book published by E.P.Dutton. I would be so happy to have one on laces. I go back thru those beautiful patterns of museum-class quilts, over and over. Why not one of Laces?

Marguerite Vizzier Bieger, Hawaii





VISITING IN HAWAII

Top:Marguerite Bieger, Hawaii, in her old bobbin lace yoke Muu Muu (front and back alike) over velvet; with Dr. Virginia Fine, psycholigist of Kailua, Hawaii. Middle:Elsie Bently of Berkeley, Michigan, working with Dr. Virginia Fine on a bride's crown.

Bottom: Margaret Jackson of Ferndale, Mich. assisting Mildred Pemberton of Honolulu with lacemaking. They have been weaving friends for a few years.





Janya Sugunasil at the Oriental last week with some of her lace-making equipment.

From: BANGKOK WORLD Nov. 22, 1978

# KAI SHOW AT THE ORIENTAL HOTEL

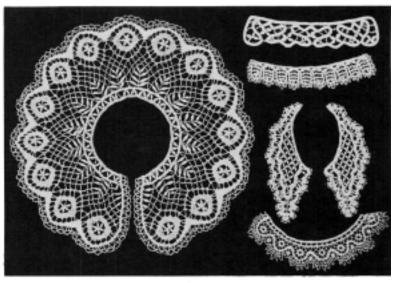
By Prapin

KAI Boutque's Somchai Kaewthong--the man who popularised silk screen
printing--has outdone himself again.
This time he was given some beautiful lace to work with and the result was the smashing collection of
day and evening dresses put on show
at the Oriental Hotel last week.

Last time it was Vorachun he presented with her exquisite silk screen prints at his charming orchid collection. This time it was petite Janya Sugunasil, a graduate of Columbus Business University, and I.O.L. member, whose hobby is lace making.

Janya studied the art of lace making from a Dutch teacher in Kuala Lumpur. (Anthometta Graulich, D.C.) Janya is now back home in Chieng Mai, running a gas station. But during her spare time she makes lace, using a half-moon shaped cardboard and a couple of dozen rolls of yarn.

Tiny pins are used once a pattern is decided. Then the intricate job of tying and knotting begins. It is a slow process taking one whole day to complete one inch of lace, and two to three weeks to make a lace collar for a blouse.



Lace made by Janya Sugunasil, Thailand

Janya calls her lace "Sarapee", after the Thai flower by that name.

She has a few young girls employed in her lace making business in her home in Chieng Mai, but now that the demand is far more than she can cope with, she supplies all the lace she makes to Kai Boutique exclusively.

Kai's lace collection was first revealed at a charity show late last month in Chieng Mai and it proved so successful, it was followed by a repeat show in Bangkok. Sixty outfits were put on show——day wear, cocktail dresses and evening gowns. Beautiful laces were used for collars, sleeves, bodices and hems.

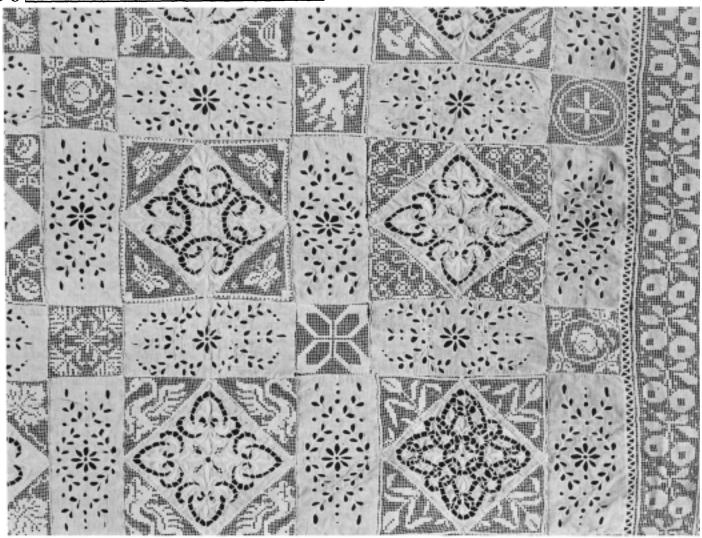
Kai had his mannequins dressed in gloves and hats, something altogether new to the Bangkok fashion scene. The predominant colours were black and white, but included were some pastel shades of beige, mint green and salmon pink, the fabrics used being crepe, Georgette and silk.

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Brazil, South America
by "Awake" correspondent in Brazil, 1979

'Renda de almofada', or pillow lace, known as "Lace of the Land" because it is made in Brazil's northeastern state of Ceara.Similar lace is produced in the Brazilian state of Santa Catarina, and in other countries. This lace and the lacemaker are so typical of Ceara State that there is a larger-than-life statue of a lace-maker by the side of the new Bank of Brazil building in Fortaleza City.

It is believed that the wives of early Portuguese colonists introduced it in the country and they may have learned the craft from the French. Since then, it has been handed down through the generations. For centuries, this method has been so successful that the craft can be termed a home industry.——More recently, however, many girls no longer want to learn lace-making, as they prefer to pursue more lucrative occupations away from home. Contributed by Doris Southard, Iowa.



By Pauline Knight, England

"I am preparing a book which Batsford plans to publish later this year. One chapter will be about a Victorian Filet Lace Bedspread. I enclose a copy of this with photos of some of the designs to share in the bulletin."

In France and Switzerland Filet Lace or Lacis continued to be made and taught in Convents and "Finishing Schools" until quite recently. Curtains of darned netting can now be seen in Poland.

A fine specimen of work by two French ladies has kindly been lent to me to help others now to take joy in producing household articles which could be of use for many years and become, perhaps, in their turn, precious heirlooms of the future.

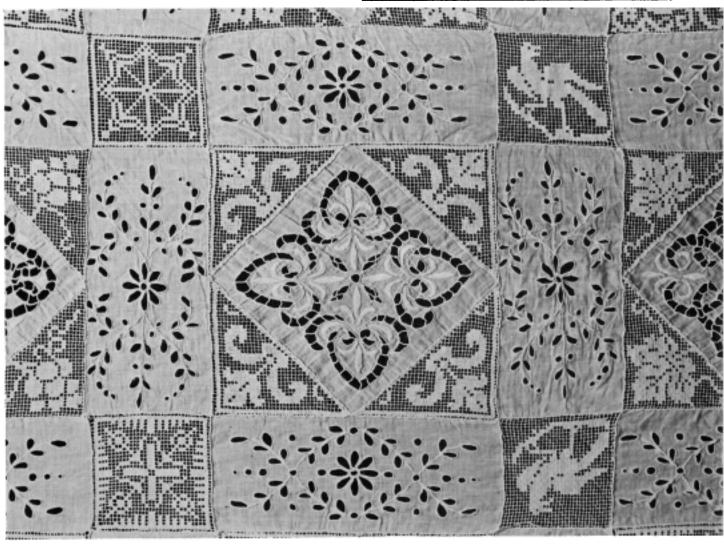
The bedspread, three small parts of which have been photographed was prepared as part of her trouseau by my friends aunt, who worked the exquisite Embroidery Anglais and Cut-work, while her mother made the Filet squares and the triangles. This was about seventy years ago and the bedspread has been in use in several tropical parts of the world, yet is still in good condition and a delight to examine in detail. In Filet there are ac-

# A Victorian Filet © Copyright 1979 Pauline Knight

tually 144 triangles and 35 squares with a border 2 yards long at the top and bottom, finished off with a fringe. A narrow Bobbin lace("Ninepin") edges the 2½ yards of its length. A few of the designs have been chosen to give as examples, sometimes with slight alternations. For not all show the continuity which is typical of good Filet nor does the worker always use the old method (which has been explained) of working the designs.

We do not know whether one particular book of designs was used, or whether they were gradually collected and adapted for this purpose. The frequent appearance of a cross at the centre of a geometric shape suggest an ecclesiastical origin for some parts. In the best tradition these pieces of lace were varied by the use of others depicting birds and beasts, flowers and leaves. It is interesting to see in some of the designs in Vincio's book, on pp 57, 71, 75 and 78), a small central cruciform shape almost surrounded by two or four arches; though the complete designs are much fuller and more complicated than these simpler ones on

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## bace Bedspread

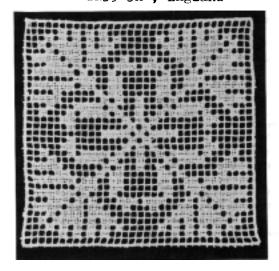
the bedspread. May the inspiration for them have some traditional development from the old book?

Those on pages D,C,B,E, have been chosen as examples of these designs, though only one of them, E, is seen on the plates.

Each design should be planned with at least one empty row all around. If a square of the exact size has been netted that row could be left with its natural double edge. Or, for strengthening it could be buttonholed. If several designs were worked on a large piece of net then the edges to be cut, should first have a thread run through them before being buttonholed.

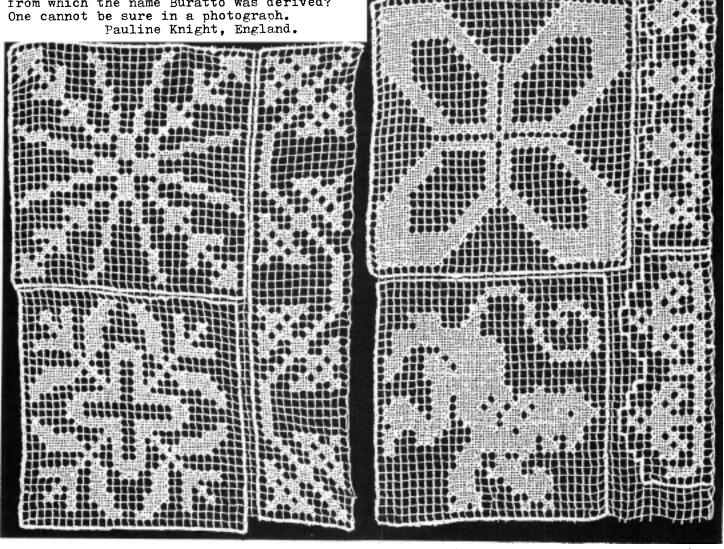
Probably the completion of a whole bedspread seems too daunting a task? Yet
such designs as these, with others from
old books, or for many published for socalled "filet-crochet" (which were originally bassed on the lace) or from crossstitch designs, where these with a continuous line would be preferable. Through
the centuries the lace has been used in
all household linens, edging or cornering the linen, or as a centre.

So they lend themselves well to co-operative work. -- Pauline Knight, Flat 4, 24 Park Road, Bexhill-on-Sea East Sussex TN39 3H", England



"The illustration on page 32 of the Nov. bulletin, of the darned netting is an example of the "toile" or linen stitch I use for most of the Filet Lace.

As it is described as "Buratto" I conclude that it is not worked on a netted (Knotted) mesh but on the special cloth from which the name Buratto was derived? One cannot be sure in a photograph.



#### NEED NEW PATTERNS?

Use a mirror!

"Purchase a few of the 12" x 12" decorative mirror tiles and cut them in half. A 12"x6" mirror is easy to handle and a piece of emery cloth (or fine sandpaper) will smooth the edges and corners.

Stand the mirror upright (on its 12" side)along the edge of any of your laces or patterns and then move the mirror around so you can see different variations of the pattern. You can see how to widen a pattern, make it narrower, how to form corners or angles for many-sided designs, etc.

Along the inner edge of Bucks Point patterns you will find a variety of beautiful insertions - as well as patterns for bookmarks.

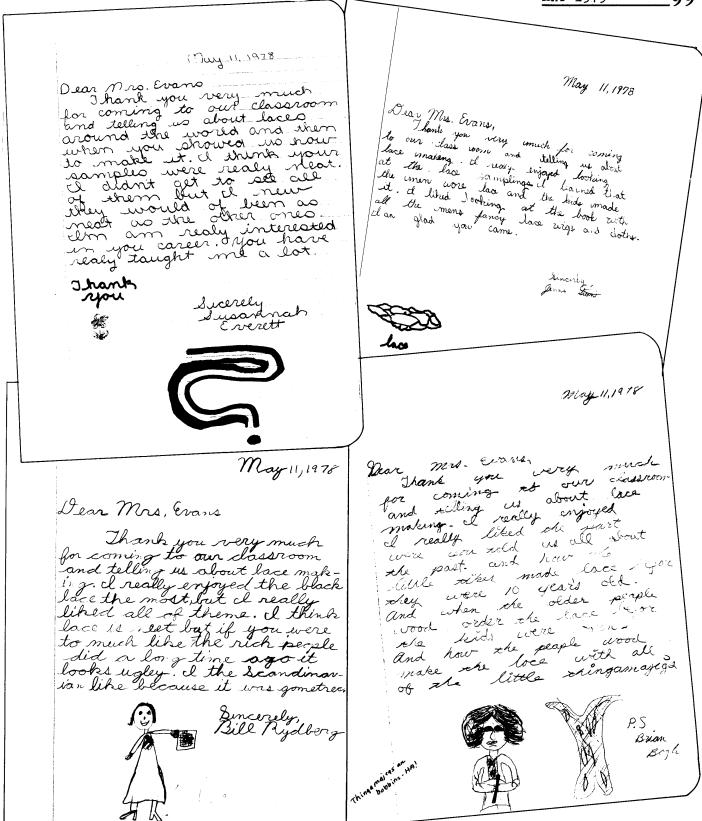
And don't forget the tape laces. These, especially, lend themselves to new patterns of unlimited potential. Be sure to try more than one mirror at different angles on these patterns." Robert Sanchez





The 6th graders at Hockinson Elementary School are most fortunate to have a teacher like Dorothy Person, who is willing to share her lace making knowledge. (See page 56, 57 of Jan. 1979 I.O.L.Bulletin) I would like to encourage other I.O.L. members to share their lace knowledge with local schools. Most American elementary and secondary schools have given little consideration to textile skills. Of the textile related classes that are offered, little mention is made of lace. Lace history and lace making is often left out of our college and university curriculums as well. I cannot speak for other countries, but perhaps there is a similar situation.

One way to help change all this is to share lace collections and talents. Let our young people know what it is and how much joy it brings.



I've often gone to schools to give little informal talks. I let the students touch the lace and I tell them what the people who made it might be like and how they lived. I'm sharing with you a few of the thank you letters that I received from Mrs. Hiltons 4th grade class. Meridian Elementary School, Kent, Washington.

"BOBBIN LACE MAKING for Beginners" book
by Amy Dawson, England
has been donated to the International
Old Lacers in memory of "My very dear
Friend and Teacher, Amy Dawson, 1901-1977"
by Jean L. Pegg, Dorset '79, England
"Lace is like Love and Music, A joyful
thing." -- Ruskin

# BRUGES LACE SCHOOL and LACE CENTER

A Short History by P. Maes-Noë Bruges, Belgium

In 1917 when poverty at Bruges was at its most desperate, Mgr. Van Susteren, the Bishop of Bruges, decided that lacemaking would ensure a certain income to the poverty-stricken families. He therefore called on the Congregation of the Apostoline Sisters, founded to educate girls and especially to teach them lacemaking. His idea met with success; the number of pupils increased swiftly, to such an extent that the Sisters had to move to larger and larger schoolrooms.

In 1783, Joseph II shut down thirteen Convents in Bruges but the Apostoline Sisters were allowed to continue their teaching. In 1860 the school had 400 pupils. The lace they produced was sold on the market, and the pupils were paid for it on a monthly basis. By then, the school was famous for its specialty: "Binche" or "Point de Fée" (Fairy Queen Stitch).

During the 1914-1918 war the school was closed. But in 1922 both parents and pupils called for it to be reopened. In 1923, there was a considerable increase in the number of pupils attending day and evening classes, so much so that the Sisters were obliged to build a new school at their own expense. In 1924, the school was subsidized for the very first time, both by the Province of West-Flanders and the town of Bruges.

From 1930 onwards, there was a general decline in lace as an industry for several reasons. Lace had gradually gone out of fashion and cheaper mechanical laces, often imported, flooded the market. Last but not least, the lace-makers were underpaid. Generous attempts were made by the Sisters to continue paying the pupils for their work. One Bruges family undertook to buy a certain amount of lace every month to help save the school.

In 1933, the day-school cut its classes to one day a week. However, evening classes, spread over a four year course, provided the opportunity to learn lace-making. In 1935, the Lace-Making Workshop was founded.

In 1958, the training College for lace-making teachers (founded in 1911) had to close its doors through lack of interest. Indeed, there were other means of earning a living and in a more profitable way than by sitting bent over a pillow for endless hours. The day-school was finally closed altogether in 1961, and only evening courses remained.

During an exhibition of "Contemporary lace in West-Flanders", all the heads of lace-making schools met. They concluded that, since the Government intended ending subsidization of this type of educa-

tion, all the schools would have to close down.

We did not give up so easily in Bruges.
In fact we just could not afford to take

such a drastic step.Lace-making in Bruges was an age old tradition; we did not want to see a handicraft that had been the pride of Flanders for centuries disappear. So a survey was made of the situation in West-Flanders and particularly in Bruges and sent to the Provincial Authorities and the Bruges Municipality. In addition to this a meeting was organized between the Bruges lace schools and the two other remaining schools in West-Flanders who intended keeping up lace-

making.
Out of all this grew the idea of founding a "LACE-CENTER" (10.6.72). It is thanks to the co-operation of the Mayor and the Municipality of Bruges that the buildings in the Balstraat were made habitable. But since the religious community could no longer cope with the financial burden, the board of the Lace-Center took over.

They left no stone unturned and took the necessary steps to convince the Ministry that subsidies were a necessity if they did not want to see this art die. They were rewarded for all their efforts. Subsidies from two Ministries, from the Province and the Municipality have solved the financial problem. Another problem soon arose, however: a shortage of teach-There was no other solution than to organize a FURTHER TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHERS. The conditions for admission for this two-year course were that the candidates should have a very good practknowledge of lace-making and a teaching degree in one branch or another. Two of these courses have now been completed and another started this year. The course is a shortened version of the original one given at the training college for lace-making teachers. The ladies do not delude themselves that at the end of the two years their knowledge of lacemaking is complete. In fact they devote a great deal of time to personal work and consider their training a continuous and never-ending activity.

Besides the one remaining Sister, we now have several ladies who take care of teaching 250 children at our LACE-MAKING SCHOOL FOR YOUNGSTERS. The girls (and occasionally boys) are admitted from the age of eight on. The complete course is spread over a period of seven years. This enables the pupils to master one of the finest laces; the "Fairy Queen Stitch". Obviously the children are not trained to become professional lace-makers. It is merely a hobby, quite apart from their ordinary schooling. Some of the children interested in lace-making either have too little time to spare during the school term or live quite a distance away from Bruges and are therefore unable to come to our school. We thought these children should have their chance too. So we have organized VACATION TRAINING COURSES, in

#### with an EYE on LACE

By Inez Rodefer

When lace died out commercially and lace-making was no longer a way of making a living, a lot of pillows were relegated to the attic. Over the past few years, people seem to have become more and more attracted to ancient handicrafts.

"the" handicraft, women picked up their pillows again. The number of ladies who wanted to make lace for pure personal enjoyment kept increasing so much that the Lace-Center took the initiative of starting a daily OCCUPATIONAL GROUP FOR LADIES Members who are already familiar with the craft can, whenever they feel like it, come to the Center for advice or, if they want, try their hand at a new pattern. We have a membership of 300, including a number of non-Belgians.

Requests from people who wanted to start lace-making were so numerous that we had to organize monthly BEGINNERS COURSES. These are not restricted to Belgians. For so far we have had ladies from the Netherlands, France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Italy, Canada, the USA and even the Philippines. They often combine a holiday in Bruges or at the Belgian coast with a course at our school.

Our ladies are rather ambitious. They are not content just to sit at their pillows and make traditional or modern lace. Their aim is to be able to make their own patterns. So, later on, we organized a PATTERN DRAWING COURSE. There is no doubt that a great deal of satisfaction comes from being able to create your own design

Today some tourists visit the Continent and make their way to Bruges not only to enjoy the beauty of our medieval City but also to see "how lace is made". If they are lucky they might still meet an old lady sitting at her doorstep, bent over her pillow. But if they really want to make sure that they don't miss this attraction of Bruges, they come to our Lace-Center.

Situated in one of the most picturesque parts of Bruges, in front of the Folk-lore Museum, in the shadow of the old Jerusalem Church and in the neighbour-hood of the splendid Saint-Ann's Church, the Lace Center is a marvellous climax to a walk through our ancient city.

Not only thousands of tourists visit our school every year, but reporters, journalists and cinema and T.V. teams have found their way there and told their countrymen with admiration of "the beauty of Bruges", of which lace-making is an essential part like the famous swans and the harmonious sound of our bells.

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Brass rubbings are bustin' out all over. The London Brass Rubbing Centre has exported this traditional English craft of tracing medieval plaques onto paper to America where it is creating new enthusiasm according to a recent news report by Elaine Q. Barrow.

The British group has tendered reproductions of 4,000 original plaques---exact replicas from which paper copies can be rubbed. Copies of knights, ladies, merchants, lords, priests and other medieval personages were brought recently to the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D.C. the Old North Church in Boston; Christs' Church in Philadelphia, and in New York City's 112 year-old Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal.

British-born Ruth Willshire, secretary to the Church of the Resurrection where 40 replicas are exhibited, states, "We've had people from Colorado, Texas, and all over the United States. They're here on holiday (vacation) and some get so fascinated they spend two or three days a week just sitting here and rubbing."

One of the earliest in the collection is Sir William Fitzralph of Pebmarsh, Essex, Circa 1327, but the most popular likeness is called the Lace Lady: Lady Margaret Peyton of Isleham, Cambridgeshire, 1484, depicted in an intricate lace gown and flowing headdress. The panel is 2 feet long and 15 inches wide.

The process is simple and takes less than an hour to produce a portrait that can be framed or used as a wall hanging, or even reproduced as a Christmas card.

For people who don't have time for rubbing, they have finished products for sale at a nominal charge.

There is no admission charge to see the exhibit and only a small fee is asked for the beeswax and paper and instructions for the do-it-yourselfer.

Ruth Wiltshire said, "This church has little endowment and the exhibit has enabled us to remain open seven days a week. Many Churches in New York are open only one day a week.

This is an excellent opportunity for the lace collector, the student of lace history, the lace designer, and particularly the lace makers to enlarge and enrich their knowledge of their particular field.

(Elaine Q. Barrow tells us for further information, contact:

The Church of the Resurrection

115 East 74th St., New York, New York)

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NOTICE - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BLANKS for club year 1979-1980 are being sent with this May bulletin, hoping all dues will be sent in and can be entered before the treasurer turns the books over to the new treasurer at annual meeting in Aug.

#### Lace Re-discovered

The newest Collector Rage....

and one of the Oldest By Lou Thompson

After 65 years of oblivion LACE has awakened. It is once again the fad, the fancy, the passion. Indeed, it is rapidly becoming the leading lady of the textile arts field. And while the royal beauty slept these many years, reference sources disappeared from the market. Valuable books and periodicals of primary source were shuffled onto obscure, They are long out of print. dusty shelves. Re-publication and new publishing barely four years ago to offer vital knowledge to this difficult field.

While lace and fine lacy linens appeared occasionally in shows and shops over the last eight years, it is only in the last year that they have been offered in abundance --and with a market ready and eager to appreciate it. Current periodicals credit the lace interest to the drastic switch in fashions two years ago when the popular pant suit shifted to the soft look with much lace But antiquers were far ahead of that. Credit can well go to the 19th century nostalgia that swept the entire antique field from More credit goes to the emergence of 1970. the textile art field as a form of American antique decorative arts, with the sharp rise

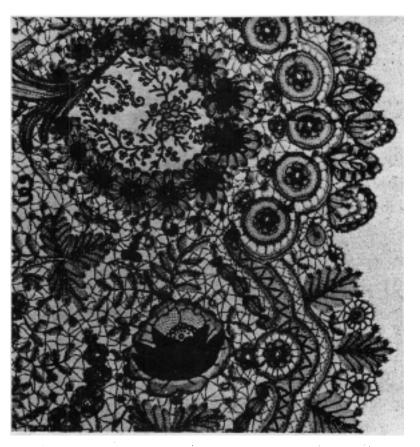


Photos from "Ohio Antique Review"

410 yards of lace made into ruff called the "Millstone Collar" Rembrandt Van Rijn - 1633 portrait of "A Lady & Gentleman in Black" at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, showing the millstone, as well as the deep cuffs of the Italian Needlepoint Reticella.

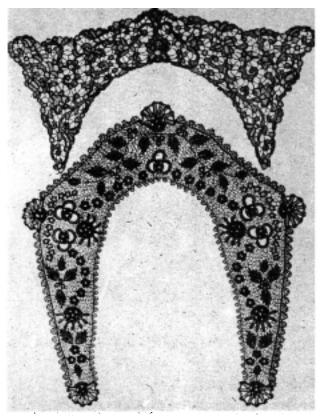


Cannons — Breeches flounces - 1660, Italian Needlepoint lace - Fashion decreed men and women of nobility fairly drip with lace. (Cannons cost about 7,000 livres a Pair!)



Dutchess, Brussels lace with point de Gaze (or Rose Point). Dutchess is considered the queen of Bobbin laces of the 18th and 19th century. The rosepoint (within the flower wreath - upper center, and rose - lower center) is of needlepoint work with the finest of thread. Ca. 1850.

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Upper: Italian Needlepoint collar - about 1870. Lower: Irish Youghal Needlepoint lace with Irish crochet, about the same period.



Top rt.: Part of hand made English Bobbin Lace Lappet. A cap decoration of the Victorian period, the lappet was pinned to the top of the cap and the lacey ends were allowed to hang loose down the blouse front. Center: Needlerun lace cap — hand worked threads creating lace designs on machine set. American, about 1820-30. Bottom: Edging of machine Chantilly.

of the quilt, woven textile, and embroidery markets.

Lace and lacy linen are on the move....for house use, to wear, to collect, and to create! Handworked lacy linens were first in demand as discerning buyers searched the antique field for quality and beauty not made today. Antique fashions popular since 1970 gained momentum last year when the New York Times devoted 4 pages to the in-thing of antique clothes and house decor. Since then women's magazines constantly feature creative use ideas for lace. Lace wall hangings, create and build a picture, quilt and applique, throw pillows, decor, etc.

The renaisance of today's American Needle Art is seen in the many bobbin and needle lace units springing up over the nation. Not just a do-it-yourself by the numbers routine, but demanding, exacting art from themselves. Are these quietly mushrooming groups more than a ripple? Indeed yes...a wave! A Belgian manufacturer announces he is once again making fine linen thread to fill the new demands. It is exciting. It is here.

From the art institutes and Universities a whole new art form of lace is bursting forth. New forms and materials from old ideas are creating new concepts and breathtaking beauty. Go to the museums. It is already there:

For 65 years lace was the most undercollected art in the antique field. It is rapidly becoming the newest collector rage. It was one of the oldest.

In past centuries it was the passion of nobles, kings and popes. It was worn at court, in church, on the battleground, and in bed....not necessarily in that order. It was a powerful and expensive status symbol, and they wallowed in it. The millstone collars one sees in pictures of Elizabethan times frequently consumed 40 yards of Reticella(early Italian Needlepoint Lace). flounces were worn around boot tops, boot laces ended in rich flourishing lace tassels. Collectors of the period were so fanatic, they even mortgaged acres of their estates to buy lace.

Queen Elizabeth was an avid collector, letting it be known amongst her subjects that she would look favorably upon gifts of lace. She likewise bestowed lace as gifts on favorites. Mary Queen of Scots was more proficient, however, having more time for lace making and embroidery during her years of imprisonment by the Virgin Queen.

Catharine DeMedici, with her highly developed talents of poison potions and celebrated lace making, brought more than 500 pieces of Lacis (early form of lace resembling Filet) when she came to France to be its Queen. King Henry II of France was so

particular about his lace that he refused to let any but himself handle it....patiently washing, starching and ironing his own ruffs!

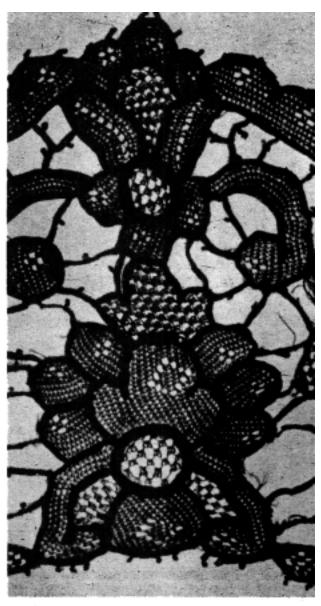
Lace as we know it today has shrouded beginnings somewhere in the 15th century. Scarce pictorial records first appear between 1485 and 1500. Born of embroidery. Needlepoint Lace is made from one continuous thread, using only the buttonhole stitch in varied ways. Bobbin lace, on the other hand, was born of Macramé, made of many continuous threads, plaiting and twisting - the threads hung on long bobbins for manipulation and tension Mrs. Bury (Fanny) Palisser in her History of Lace cites the major part of the 15th century as the early development of lace as a labor of love in both convent and castle. (One doesn't paint portraits of linen). Italy has the undisputed honor for the birthplace of Needlepoint Lace. Flanders is considered (with some dispute) birthplace of Bobbin Lace.

Palisser's History of Lace (1875) is the major reference source of lace history, incidentally, and is in bibliographies of most lace books published since. Mary Sharp's Point and Pillow Lace of 1899 is also a Tower reprint. Dover Press reprinted Caufeild's 1885 two volume Dictionary of Needlework. These books are the minimum core of a lace learning library.

Just as the very essence of exquisite lace intricacies enthralls the collector of today, so it held the connoiseur of the 17th and 18th century. Lacemaking became a major art industry with thousands of peasants employed. Business was brisk. As popularity swung from one nation's lace to another, governments imposed bans and edicts to prevent



American hand embroidered on machine net, about 1830. A hat or face veil.



Greatly enlarged section of Italian Needlepoint Collar shows the variety accomplished with the one buttonhole stitch. The heavier outline seen is the cordonnet (thick thread) which is thoroughly covered with buttonhole stitches to emphasize the design.

their moneys from flowing into other countries. Bootlegging became very brisk.

The 18th century was the zenith for lace... and then came the Revolution. Two of them, in fact. Luxury loving Marie Antoinette had her pretty head lopped off along with many lacemakers and thousands of others as France cleaned house and reached for the simpler life. Lace was temporarily shelved.

In the meantime, the English, God bless 'em, who had been fighting a losing battle in the lace market against the masterful French designs, began to attack with her best British ingenuity — that of building machinery. Imperfect machines were working while the French revolution raged, but the bobbinet machine was perfected by 1809, and wide yardage of net began to roll off the machines that had previously taken months to make by hand. The lace Industrial Revolution was born. More bans imposed. France would have none of that! So again smuggling was brisk. American ingenuity was also great. She sent men to her former parent country to

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bribe master lacers into coming to America and to smuggle just a few (but very integral parts), returning with mental blueprints to re-create the rest. And so the American lace industry was born (feeble but alive) in Ipswich, Mass.

Fashion reversed and lace was again the rage....now within the realm of the average and above average income, not just for nobility, princes, kings, and popes. It also explains why lace can be 150 years old and be machine, and conversely made entirely by hand and made yesterday!

As manufacturers created more sophisticated machinery to wrought more beautifully and perfectly copied lace for a much less expensive market, the lace maker turned to quicker designs in a futile effort to compete. Fortunately there continued to be much fine hand made lace during the 19th century. The final death knell of lace as an art industry was sounded at the end of World War I, when fashion again decreed simple line with but little lace. At the same time cheaply priced chinese lace flooded the market, the techniques having been taught those natives by European missionaries.

WHAT ARE YOU LIKELY TO FIND?

Ninety five percent of what you are likely to find will be 19th and early 20th century lace. This is a conservative estimate. (It could be 98%). Expect to find 70 percent of this to be machine made; 10 percent hand made Filet and Irish Crochet; another 10 percent in the Cluny or Torchon lace (usually a rough, easily made Bobbin Lace principally designed for house use — but great for today's Ethnic apparel look); with the final 10 percent falling into the finer, more intricate and more expensive hand made lace.

Now for the good news: Americans purchased 80 percent of ALL the hand and machine made lace produced in Britain and France from 1870 through 1925. And that leaves a LOT of lace for you to discover: These figures are based on early U. S. Trade Commission and British Lace Makers and British Manufacturers reports. There are no specifics for other nations or Add to this the lace imother periods. ported during Colonial and early Federal The figures do not include the prodigious amount from European antique collections purchased by wealthy Americans during this same (turn of the cent-Large quantities - but not ury) period. all - of this collector lace are in museums or removed from today's market.

The market? Not yet established. It is too early—too erratic—ranging from too low to ridiculously high. This stems from lack of knowledge far more than regional differences familiar to antiquers. Best buys will go to antiquers who have criteria of quality, craftsmanship, and design in their current collector field. With no knowledge of lace, these criteria alone will aid them in snapping up the better pieces. Like anything else in the antique Textile Art Field, condition is of prime consideration.

Yes, lace is on the move. After 65 years of oblivion, LACE is HERE!

YOU Want a Lace Stamp? Hak!

by Otto Charles Thieme, Assistant Professor, Environment, Textiles and Designs, University of Wisconsin, Madison 53706

Well, well, well, so some International Old Lacers are agitating to have the government produce a postal stamp with a lace design. How nice, how sweet, how stupid!

Yesterday, Mary McPeek asked me to write an encouragement to you to make this a reality. Frankly, I don't want to waste my time. Why? Because I think that you, the International Old Lacers, really care enough to do anything I don't more than talk about the stamp. think that you care enough to write your letters and tell the appropriate people that you are one of the few women's groups in the country not involved with politics, religion or business, but passionately devoted to your highly skilled I don't think you care enough to craft. tell an unresponsive Washington bureaucrat about your own very personal experiences with lacemaking. I don't think some of you want to tell the government that you are old and that this stamp would mean a lot to you because you have been making lace for many years. I don't think that some of you want to admit that you are liberated men active in a traditional woman's field. I don't think that you are very proud of your participation in community activities and events. Most of all, I don't think that you care enough to take the time to write separate long letters to each of the people involved in making this decision, and then two months later writing again inquiring as to the progress of the idea and then two months later writing once more, and telling them how much this stamp would mean to you. I don't think you care enough to send your letters via registered mail so someone will have to sign for each and every one. I don't think that each and every Lacer cares enough to barrage the government with letter after letter.

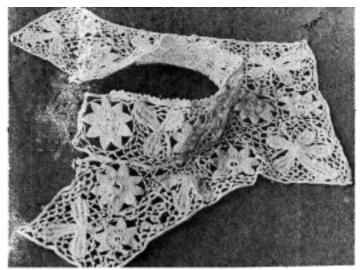
I don't think you give a damn! Oh? You do? Well, then don't tell me, tell each of the people listed below. I have.

Mr. Jack Williams, Coordinator Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W. Washington, DC 20260

Mr. James Byrne
Assistant Postmaster General
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington, DC 20260

Mr. William Bolger Postmaster General L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington, DC 20260

Mrs. Joan Mondale The Vice President's House Washington, DC 20501



Fancy dressing required elaborate collars and cuffs and other goodies. This handmade lace collar is one of the lace work examples on display.

## Lace designs of yesteryear

BY GAY ELLIOTT McFARLAND Chronicle Staff

Lace making and lace collecting are very much in vogue these days.

To celebrate these timely stitches, the Harris County Heritage Society is not only holding classes in the fine art of making fine lace, but also held an exhibition featuring handwork executed by three generations of the Hutton family.

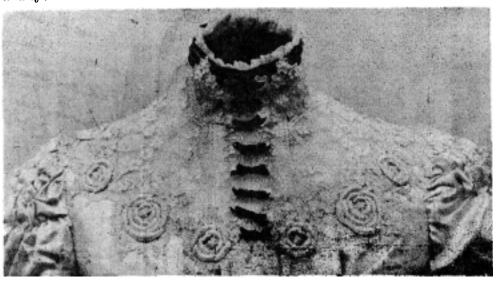
The exhibition, "A Stitch in Time", ran from March 15 through April 12. The exquisitely detailed lace pieces included dresses, blouses, collars, bedspreads, and tablecloths.

Imagine a lady of yesteryear wearing this detailed, hand crafted garment. Note the embroidered rosettes, the handmade lace, the tiny little tucks in the sleeves.



Mrs. Ross N. Sterling, president of the Harris County Heritage Society, admires two of the intricately made lace dresses on display in the Members' Meeting Room, 1020 Bagby.

Contributed by Margaret Harding



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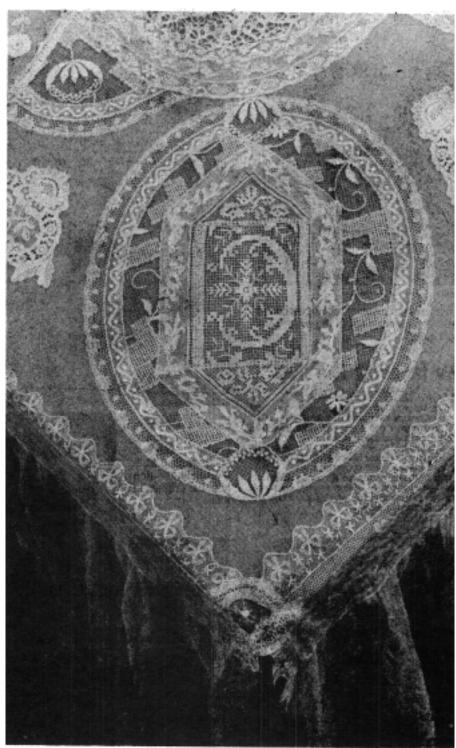
"Has it been suggested that the I.O.L. have a yearly contest for original lace design? The Butterfly that was designed and made by Jack Browning is such a beautiful and inspiring piece of work. One of the contest prizes could be to have the winning design on the cover of the binder for the year's bulletins.

Just a thought, but maybe it would encourage a little more interest as well as originality in lace and its design."

Robert Sanchez, California

BOOK REVIEW: A Finnish Bobbinlace book:
"UUDET NYPLAYSMALLIT"
By Eeva-Liisa Kortelahti

This is a hardback book, 107 pages filled with 80 clear pictures accompanied by 80 excellent patterns, very little written text, so you don't have to ask your Finnish friends for a translation. Good book for the lacemaker who is not a beginner, anymore. — Susie Frank, Wash.



This labor of love, a handmade lace bedspread, has several different patterns. This bedspread is in the exhibition A Stitch in Time.

Photos by Tom Colburn, Chronicle Staff

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Bobbin Lace Design and Instruction

Priscilla 1911 publication is being reprinted by Some Place. This should be a great joy to you. Although there are no pricking patterns, each piece of lace can be worked from either tracing paper or translated into a pattern and then make a pricking. There is architectural tracing graph paper available and easier to work with. I should point out, though,

this is acceptable for personal use only. Xeroxing has become a life saver in many ways. You can copy a pattern then have it reduced and reduced again. You can take this reduced copy and do the same thing again. In other words, your lace pattern can be reduced from a size 10/2 linen to be used with a 120/2 size. It depends on your tastes. You can also have your pattern or lace photo enlarged by a printer or photostat, which will increase its size from 6" to 12" or 18". I prefer to only get the negative print which will be black background and white. This process will cost you about A word of warning: \$2.50. Xerox ink smudges so spray the pattern with hair spray or a fixitive or anything that could give it a coating. I often save some rice water from some partially cooked rice for this. Also, white paper is hard to work with so it serves well to use something to wash or tint the paper. You can use wash blueing, food coloring, ink or onion skins. Make a mild solution then take a cloth, sponge or paper towel dipped into this and quickly but gently rub all over your pattern. If you make your pricking on press or rail board, you will not need to do this. Since I am often too lazy, I glue my paper pattern onto a harder paper or old cloth for support. Remember Grandma made do with whatever she could lay her hands on

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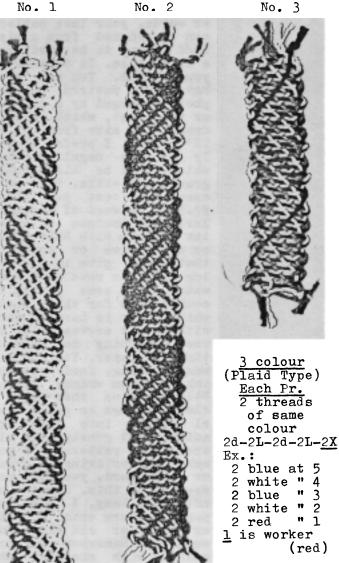
so can we.

#### COLOUR in Lace MARGARET HARDING

#### #1 PRINCIPLE

No. 1

No. 3



Light (L) Dark (d) Each Pr. 1 d - 1 L Same set as l Use d as Use L as worker. worker.

By the knowledge of a few principles, the control of the thread is established and, as if by magic, the threads take their alloted course and a design and the colour unfold as one.

The countries of Eastern Europe have been applying this basic principle for centuries and laces of gold and silver threads in one

design were found in 1853 in a 16th century crypt of a church in Hungary. This lace is now in a museum.

The peasants, not having the above material at their disposal, created designs in colour and some patterns used white linen and just the luxury of a coloured silk pair of threads to add a special character to the design.

This first pattern uses the principle of: 1. TWIST -- a twist will exchange threads of a pair. When 2 prs worked-the inner pr and outer pr will exchange. Pattern: Half-stitch ground with an

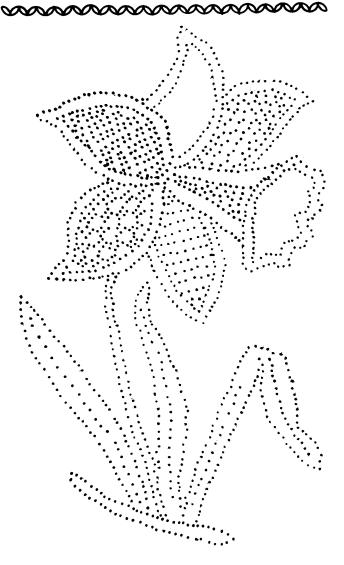
extra L\*at both sides for extra strength (L\* worker) L also necessary (at sides) keeps colour in position for design. (In Half st.only one thread moves all across the pattern)

Suggested thread: DMC #5 or Sw 20/3 type. (Graph 10 to inch used here. For finer lace, make on finer graph)

A suggested colour set-up for #1 and #2 L=white

Lace 1 and 2 shown on under side or right side. Lace 3 shown as worked.

Next issue will be Principle #2 If any questions, please send SASE to: Margaret Harding, 125 First Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506



DAFODIL PATTERN (Photo pg. 91)