

iSOlace

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Alice writes, "Here is a handkerchief made with a Paris Lace edging. The design is by Lieve's mother, Irma, and was made with 27 pairs, Egyptian cotton 80/2 and many multiple gimps of DMC 20. Total dimensions are 27x27cms. I finished the hankie before lockdown, but only commenced mounting since. I started the pattern three times, encountering challenges with the corners. It was not easy!"

Dear Guild Members,

Welcome to the seventh edition of isoLACE, the ALG NSW Branch's corona virus update.

At the time of publication, government COVID restrictions continue to be eased in NSW and the ACT. Hiring Linnwood House has been booked for Lace Days for October through to June 2021. At the time of writing, Linnwood House can cater for up to 20 people through the front gate and on the premises at any one time, but that number could go up or down at any time. We are planning for the resumption of Guest Speakers and afternoon activities in 2021.

We will resume printing and posting News & Views when certainty about forward planning has returned. If your Lace Group intends to recommence face-to-face meetings in leisure centres, public libraries, Registered Clubs and other venues, again, subject to social distancing measures currently in place, let us know so we can let everyone know how you are faring.

December Lace Day will include the AGM; email rodbyatt@hotmail.com if you want details of the 2019/2020 Branch finances before then.

As events unfold, keep an eye on the NSW Guild website and the NSW Guild Facebook page. Monitor the national Guild website for the status of the AGM and National Conference.

While some Lace Groups, such as Queanbeyan and Cooma, continue to meet regularly online using Skype or WhatsApp (contact Stefanie if you want to join in), lace makers continue to maintain contact through social media: NSW Branch Facebook Group, TikTok and Instagram.

We trust you are working on your 2021 Royal Easter Show competition entries or are making making white/ecru bookmarks for the 2021 Triennial Award, if not for our State display at this year's AGM in September.

While the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo has been re-opened to the public, the Lace Study Centre remains closed because it is staffed by volunteers. The volunteer program at the museum will remain virtual for the time being.

A gentle reminder to include your correct, current email address on your Guild Membership Renewal form, available in the current issue of Australian Lace.

Heartfelt thanks to all those contributing work to isoLACE. If you are making lace, we'd love to hear from you. Send photos of your work-in-progress or finished lace (along with details of threads, dimensions and the lace designer, where possible) or your lace making gear or lace setup at home or lace book reviews to rodbyatt@hotmail.com.

Stay safe and well!

– NSW Branch Committee



"Linnwood"

LINWOOD LACE DAY - Sunday 4 October (Bank Holiday Long Weekend)

You are cordially invited to attend the October Lace Day at Linnwood House, 25 Byron St Guildford. There will be competition for Best Lace-Decorated Face Mask. Because of social distancing measures, attendance will be restricted to members only (no guests or visitors) totalling no more than 20 inside the House and garden at any one time.

If you wish to attend, please phone Tanya (ph. 0412 745 339) or email her at tcarney@bigpond.com.au. Preference will be given to country members for the morning, 10am-12noon and preference will be given to city members in the afternoon, 12.30-2.30pm. Between 12noon and 12.30pm, the premises will be cleaned. Bring a picnic rug and lunch for eating outdoors, all the while maintaining social distancing.

The Branch Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for December Lace Day.

A reminder from the Lace Librarian

It will be over six months before members will be able to return books to the Lace Library. You may forget that you have books on loan or muddle the library books up with your own collection. I would like to suggest that you keep your library books in a separate area from your own book collection. When it comes time to open the library again, the books will be easy to find. If you are unsure which books you have on loan, you can email me and I will forward you a list.

Lynette Foley

lacelibrary@inet.net.au

Checklist for Members attending Lace Days

PLEASE BRING overdue library books, pen to sign-in, \$10 note for Door Entry, cup, tea/coffee, sugar, snacks, food, plate, spoon, knife and fork, lace gear, picnic rug/lunch; personal hand sanitiser, face mask .

PLEASE NOTE No crockery or cutlery will be available. No sharing of pens, eating utensils, food, lace items or lace gear.

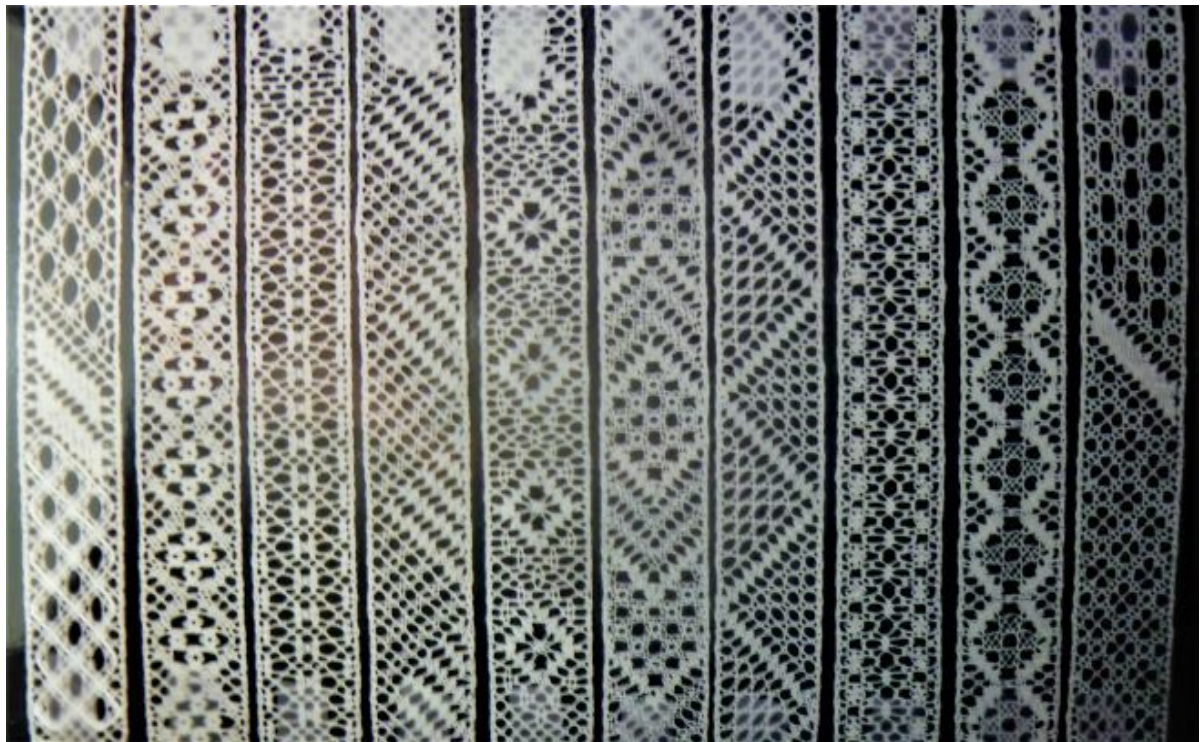
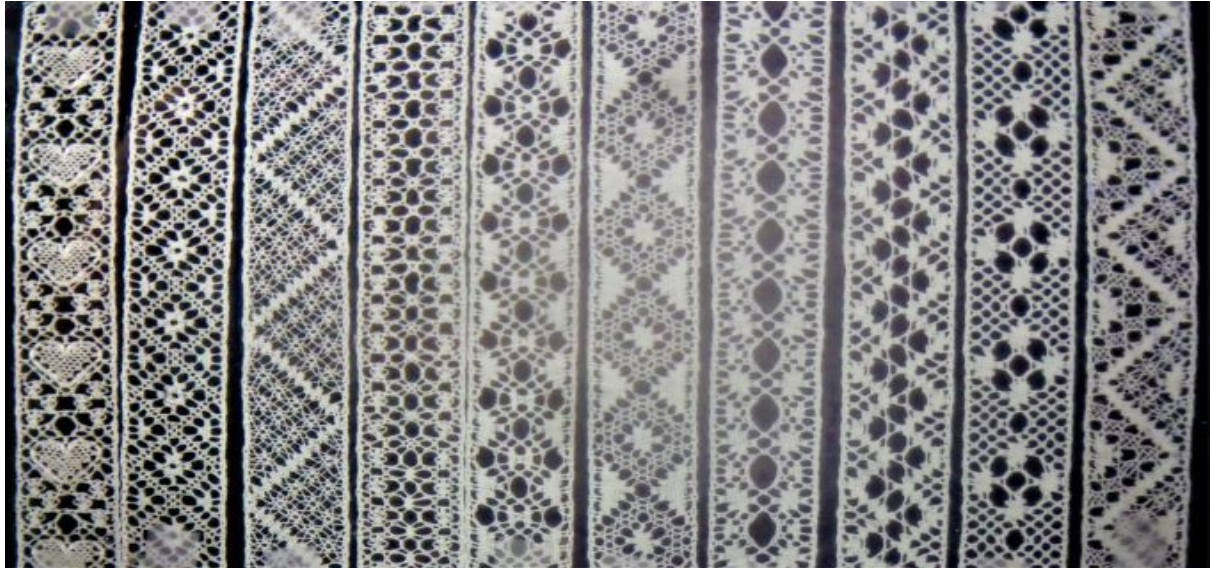
LINNWOOD LACE DAYS

Information for Members

- Members only; no visitors or guests of members.
- Attendance must be pre-booked at least a fortnight ahead of Lace Day by phoning or emailing Tanya (0412 745 339, tcarney@bigpond.com.au). This will be on a first-come-first serve basis; no advancing booking, no entry! After pre-booking, please phone/email your non-attendance in the case of any sudden illness.
- In the event of an outbreak sourced back to a Lace Day, your name, phone number/email address (from Membership Lists) will be made available to Cumberland City Council and NW Department of Health.
- Wearing a face mask is not mandatory but highly recommended.
- Do NOT attend if feeling unwell in any way (fever, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell), are awaiting COVID-19 test results or have returned from overseas or been in contact with someone who has returned from overseas (or from an interstate hotspot) in the previous 14 days.
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres between attendees will apply at all times, including the Library (only one borrower at any one time), the Trading Table (one customer at any one time) and Door Entry (an orderly queue).
- Hand sanitiser is mandatory on entry and on departure.
- Branch Committee Members will enforce social distancing and logistics associated with the COVID Safe Health and Safety Plan.
- Eight tables in the Dining Room will accommodate two members each.
- The kitchen will be closed. Hot water will be available from our mini-urn. No communal cups, cutlery will be available from the kitchen. Members will ideally remove their own rubbish from the premises.
- The librarian will be stationed between 10am and 12noon at a table outside the Library to facilitate return of library books. One borrower at a time may use the library. If a representative from a Lace Group wants to borrow/return books on behalf of Lace Group members, they should talk to the Librarian ahead of Lace Day. The Trading Table will operate between 10am and 12noon only. The photocopier will be unavailable for use.
- Members must refrain from allowing others to touch or closely examine their lace and lace equipment. No sharing of lace gear is permitted.
- \$10 Door Entry will be charged at Lace Day. To minimise risks associated with queuing and handling cash, please bring a single \$10 note. No change provided.
- No one-on-one lace tuition or group training activity such as a mini-workshop will be permitted unless 1.5 metre distance between participants is strictly maintained at all times.

Distribution of Attendees inside Linnwood House on Lace Days

1 person Door Entry (table/chair); 1 person Trading Table (tables/chair); 2 persons Library (trestle table/chair); 16 persons Dining Room tables (two lace makers per table)/chairs; 2 persons Cottons & Bobbins (front verandah). Total 20 persons.



Alice writes, "Here are another 20 bookmarks for the 2020 NSW State Display at Annual Conference. All are 18x2.5cm, done with 16 pair of bobbins in DMC 30 and Finca 40. In the top photo, the one on the far left is a reduced version of Kate Gentelli's beautiful design of hearts and roses. Most are cut-down versions of Christine Johnson's designs from her trails workshop in 2017. Others are my practising stitches and combinations of various kinds. In the bottom photo, two at each end are Christine's, the one on the right is from her Old Grounds workshop in 2019; number three is from Christine's 2017 workshop and number five her 2015 workshop. Others are my original designs; not always okay!"

COVID-19 SAFE Health and Safety Plan for Lace Days at Linnwood House

1 Responsibilities and duties.

The NSW government has legislation covering Public Health Orders for the management of society and activities to prevent the transmission of the COVID 19 virus. The Department of Public Health has also published Guidelines and Safety Plans and support information for managing COVID 19. The Venue Hire section of Cumberland City Council has approved this COVID Health & Safety Plan to manage the facilities and activities within Linnwood House when hired by ALG (NSW Branch) Inc to comply with Public Health Orders. The ALG (NSW Branch) Committee, as COVID Safe Compliance Persons, are responsible for updating this Plan as required for Public Health Orders and are to ensure that all activities of their attendee members are in compliance with this COVID Safe Health & Safety Plan. Decisions by the Branch Committee have been taken for the safety of all Users. Branch Committee will distribute all information relating to COVID safety to Council and Guild members. The information will also be published on the Guild Branch website www.lacemaking.com.au. All people who enter Linnwood House must act in compliance with this COVID Safe Health & Safety Plan. No person may enter Linnwood House if they are feeling unwell in any way. Individuals must consider their own personal circumstances and health before they enter Linnwood House.

2. Access, Usage and Limits of Linnwood House.

The Public Health Orders place limits of the physical separation between person, the number of people who can participate in an activity and the limit of the number of people according to the size of separate space (room). Branch Committee determined from these requirements that the following limits will apply: • Only Dining Room will be accessible, as part of the Venue Hire Agreement with Council – two persons per trestle table (total 16 persons), plus Librarian/assistant, Trading Table seller, Cottons & Bobbins Lace Supplies owner/assistant (front verandah), Door Entry – total of 20 persons. • Library – maximum of 1 borrower; Kitchen – closed, available only for filling the mini-urn, maximum of 1 person • Entrance corridor – maximum of 4 persons • Entrance corridor – maximum of 2 persons * Men's toilet – basin area – maximum of 1 persons plus persons in cubicles • Ladies toilet – basin area – maximum of 1 person plus persons in cubicles • Front verandah – two persons * All other storage area separate spaces - maximum of 1 person or 2 persons carrying an item with 1.5 metre separation.

3. NSW Branch Responsibilities.

Branch Committee will ensure the following: a. That each and every activity or attendance at Linnwood Lace Day is managed by Branch Committee member, a COVID Safe Compliance Person. b. That a pump pack of hand sanitiser on hand.. Alternatively, every attendee at the event must bring their own personal container of hand sanitiser. c. That a supply of disposable gloves for cleaning. d. That a supply of disinfectant wipes is on hand. e. That a supply of paper towels is on hand. f. That a supply of small kitchen

tidy bags for 20 litre bins is on hand g. That Guild members attending Lace Day have been informed of this COVID Health & Safety Plan and understand the need for compliance with the Plan. h. That Branch Committee has a Plan for how you will manage the people at the activities to ensure the 1.5 metres social distancing. i. That Branch Committee has taken action to ensure that the number of people attending Lace Day does not exceed the limits as detailed in this plan for each of the rooms in Linnwood House. j. That there is no communal food or snacks or drinks at Lace Day. k. That there are no communal cutlery, utensils or plates at Lace Day. l. That there is no communal use of any tools or equipment at Lace Day, e.g. photocopier. This includes power boards, extension leads and any computing devices. If an essential piece of shared equipment (e.g. data projector and screen) is required to be used, you may consult a Committee member about having an exemption from this requirement and how to manage this. m. That there is no communal use of any books, magazines and any other literature, including lace archival material. n. That all attendees at the event follow the requirement for social distancing of 1.5 metres throughout the event and post-event clean up. o. That all attendees maintain the other processes and requirements in the Plan throughout the event. p. That Branch Committee has a clip board for holding the COVID Tracing Record of Attendance sheet. q. Handling Money. Branch Committee will minimise handling cash wherever possible or request exact change. No invited guests of members will gain admission to the meeting. r. That a hands-free sanitiser station in the entrance foyer and keep it supplied with disinfectant hand gel. s. intensive cleaning after use.

4. Use of Linnwood House.

Every person entering Linnwood House must first enter through the front door, with the sole exception of Cottons and Bobbins Lace Supplies. All persons within Linnwood House must clean their hands at the hands-free sanitiser station in the entrance corridor on arrival and before they do any other task.

Set Up for Lace Day. The first person to enter Linnwood House and the Dining Room must be an endorsed COVID Safe Compliance Person. That person may have an assistant(s) to help them set up the room. The COVID Safe Compliance Person may not invite the other attendees into the Room until it has been prepared and set up. The COVID Safe Compliance Person must arrange the chairs, tables and any other required equipment within the room to meet their compliance plan for social distancing of 1.5 metres. All surfaces must be cleaned with disinfectant wipes once they have been set up. A bin liner must be placed in the bin in the room. The COVID Safe Compliance Person must set up a table immediately in the main corridor the COVID Tracing Record Sheet. The Record Sheet must be placed on a clipboard to allow writing with minimal touching of other items. Complete the initial information on the Record Sheet. Attendees must bring their own pens and not share pens. The COVID Safe Compliance Person may also set up the Lace Day Attendance Sign-on Sheet as normally filled in by Guild members. This will be on a separate clip board. When Dining Room is set up as required, then the front door may be opened from 9.30am and the attendees invited to enter Linnwood House and sign the Record Sheet.

Access for Guild Members to Lace Day. Attendees must not enter the booked Dining Room until it has been prepared by the COVID Safe Compliance Person and their assistant(s). Attendees must queue with social distancing of 1.5 metres while waiting to enter the room. Attendees can only gather on the front verandah outside the entrance to Linnwood House or in the grounds provided they maintain a strict 1.5m distance at all times.

Hygiene at Linnwood House. Branch Committee has installed a hands-free sanitiser station in the entrance corridor. Every person entering Linnwood House must use the sanitiser on their hands before proceeding to Dining Room. Every person is encouraged to use hand sanitiser often during their attendance at Linnwood House. Every person should use the sanitiser as they depart Linnwood House.

Personal Hygiene. All persons must follow the following to ensure the hygiene of Linnwood House: • Do not attend Linnwood House if feeling unwell in any way. • When you enter Linnwood House use the contact-free hand sanitiser in the entrance corridor and apply thoroughly to all parts of your hand. • You must bring your own pen for signing the Door Entry Attendance sheet. • If you cough or sneeze, do this in your elbow or a fresh tissue. Then immediately place the tissue in the bag in the bin in your room. • Do not give hugs, handshakes or high fives etc to anyone. NO EXCEPTIONS. • Keep social distancing of at least 1.5 metres from all other persons when in Linnwood House in any room including the toilets. Look for markings on the floor. If space is not available, form a queue with the 1.5 metre social distancing. • Do not share equipment or any item with anyone else. • Clean all items of equipment with disinfectant after handling and putting back into storage. • You must bring your own mug, tea/coffee/milk/sugar supplies, drinks, snacks or lunches. • Do not share food or drink with any other person. • Always wash your hands with soap whenever you go to the toilet. • When opening doors use a sleeve or use your back to push open doors. • Use disposable gloves when using cleaning products or moving tables and chairs. • All persons must use hand sanitiser (your own or the one in the foyer) as they leave Linnwood House.

Cleaning at Linnwood House. Branch Committee must use the disinfectant wipes referenced in section 3(d). Cleaning activities should be undertaken with disposable gloves. Everything at Linnwood House used by or touched by Guild members needs to be cleaned.

Food and Drink at Linnwood House. There must not be any communal food or drinks at Linnwood House. The COVID Safe Compliance Person must ensure that all persons at Lace Day follow this requirement. Attendees may bring their own drinks and food and not share this with any other person. Attendees who use the kitchen must follow the arrows and keep the social distance of 1.5 metres from any other person in the kitchen. Kitchen appliances, with the exception of the mini-urn are NOT available for use.

Clean Up and Closing after Lace Day. Branch Committee members will organise the cleaning of all surfaces that may have been touched. This includes: chairs, tables, door handles, power points, vacuum cleaners, brooms, air conditioner switches, light switches, waste bins, window latches, window blind strings, tools or utensils. This cleaning must use disinfectant wipes. The wipes or paper towel must be discarded in the rubbish bin in the room. The bag liner in the bin must be removed, tied up and

removed from Linnwood House. The COVID Safe Compliance Person must remind all attendees to sign off the Record sheet with their time of departure. The COVID Safe Compliance Person must complete the Record Sheet and the Affirmation of Compliance and forward the Record Sheet to the Branch Secretary. Only leave Linnwood House by the front door.

5. Management of Compliance

All actions within Linnwood House must be in compliance with this Plan. 5.1

Responsibilities of COVID Safe Compliance Person In addition to any other responsibility, duty or task detailed in this Plan the COVID Safe compliance Person must:

a. Do the duties completely b. Ensure that all other people at Lace Day also follow this Plan c. Ensure that the Record Sheet is completed and forwarded to the Branch Secretary d. Periodically during Lace Day check that all attendees are following the requirements of this Plan. e. Periodically during Lace Day check the number of people in your room. f. Remind people leaving to complete their departure time and to use the hand sanitiser on their way out. g. Ensure that the room is cleaned and packed away at the end of the session. h. Ensure that the bin liner is removed from the premises. 5.2

Affirmation of Compliance by COVID Safe Compliance Person The Record of Attendance form includes an Affirmation of Compliance for Lace Day by the respective COVID Safe Compliance Person at the start and end of Lace Day. The person must diligently

undertake the requirements and sign the Affirmation. 5.3 Non-Compliance of Members. If an activity of a member is non-compliant with this Plan, the following actions will be taken: a. The activity will be temporarily stopped b. The COVID Safe Compliance Person will explain the issues of non-compliance c. The COVID Safe Compliance Person must immediately manage for the activity to be compliant with all of the requirements of this Plan d. When the activity is compliant then the activity may resume.

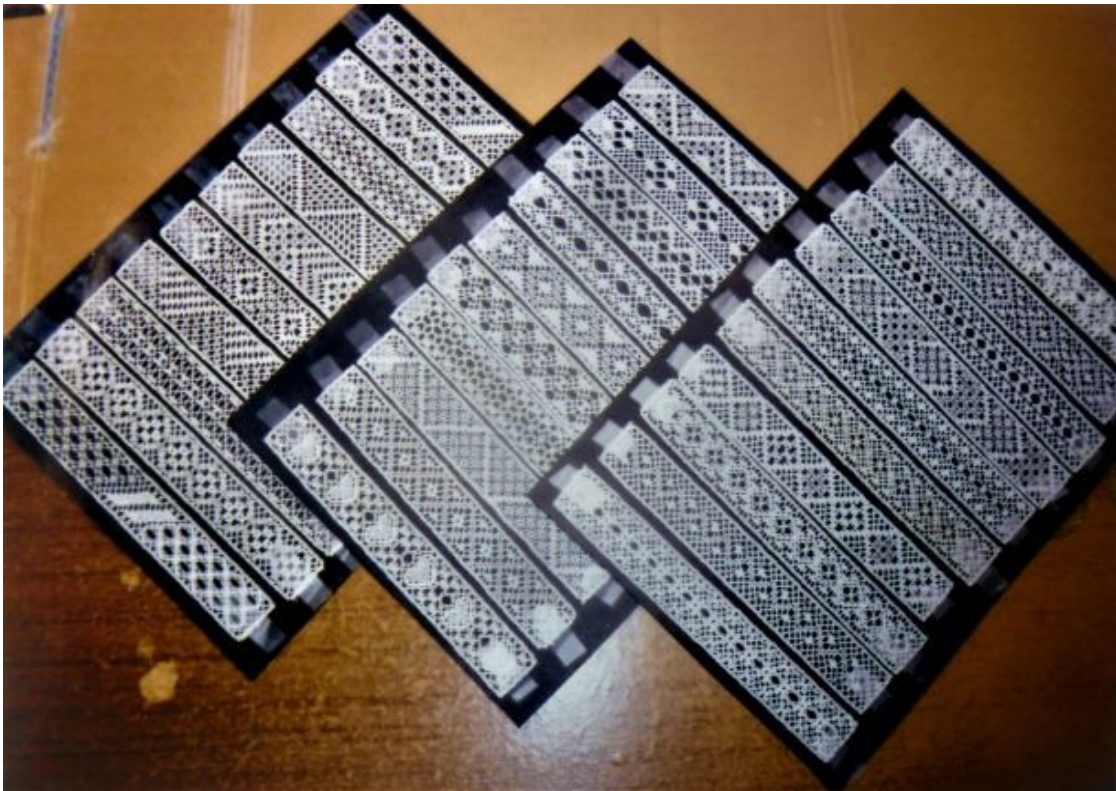
Activities not permitted under this COVID Health & Safety Plan The following activities are not permitted: a. Activities where people sit within 1.5 metres of each other b. Activities that require the common handling of an item.

6. Attendance at Lace Days. No casual visitors are permitted to enter Linnwood Lace Days for Guild meetings. No member or visitor will be permitted Linnwood Lace Days without having pre-booked their attendance with a Branch Committee member. The sign at Door Entry details that casual visitors not enter Linnwood House. Visitors or members who have not pre-booked in advance will be asked politely to leave Linnwood House. Any occasional visit (e.g. Friends of Linnwood House, Council contractors, etc.) must be accompanied everywhere and at all times by a Branch Committee member/COVID Safe Compliance Person. They must complete the Casual Record sheet at the Door Entry station. They must record the information as they enter Linnwood House. They must complete the departure time as they leave Linnwood House. These Casual Record Sheets will be managed in the same manner as the Record sheets as mentioned previously. Casual attendees must do all of the tasks detailed in this Plan including cleaning with disinfectant all items that have been touched or handled during

their visit. They must clean every thing in Linnwood House that they have touched. A record of attendance of all persons who attend the Centre is required.

7. Management of Record sheets. At the completion of Lace Day, all record sheets must be handed over to Branch Secretary for secure retention for the period nominated by the Department of Health. The information will only be used by the NSW Department of Health for the purposes of contact chasing for a COVID infection event. After the nominated period the Record Sheets will be securely destroyed by the Branch Secretary. The Record Sheet has spaces for the COVID Safe Compliance Person to complete initially during set up for Lace Day. This includes: • Date and time of Lace Day • Names of Branch Committee/COVID Safe Compliance Persons • Space for the name and telephone number for all other attendees at the Centre • Time that the person left Lace Day • an Affirmation of Compliance to be signed by the COVID Safe Compliance Person before forwarding to the Branch Secretary.

If you have any questions regarding this COVID Health & Safety Plan, they may be referred to Branch President at email ecms42@gmail.com



Alice advises, "Here is my complete set of 30 bookmarks for the 2020 NSW State Display at this year's AGM – all were done with 16 pairs with DMC 30 or Finca 30 and made between 30 March and 2 July, I feel I need a rest from bookmarks for some time."

What's up?

- Expertise Events has announced that the **Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair** has been postponed to October 29 - November 1, 2020 at the ICC Sydney, Darling Harbour to allow planning for the event to take place with more certainty. The event will be held over four days, rather than five. Contact the Branch's Demonstrations Coordinator if you are interesting in demonstrating at this event.
- Contact Pauline Garland (em: polly3009@optusnet.com.au) if you are interested in **learning crochet lace** using Zoom.
- The NSW Embroiderers' Guild has postponed the **Festival of Lace** till February 2021. It will run from 30 Jan to 7 March 2021; the exhibition opening is Sat 30 Jan at 5pm; the Lace Conference Weekend is Sat 20/Sun 21 Feb 2021. Lectures and workshops are scheduled. All existing tickets will be automatically transferred to the new date; refunds are on offer but buying back tickets might be difficult because the events are likely be sold out well in advance.
- Follow the **OIDFA Congress** website at oidfa2020.org. The dates for the 2020 Congress have been moved to 2021 as follows: Congress: 30 July – 1 August 2021; Workshops: 26 – 29 July 2021; Tour: 2–5 August 2021.
- **Uncon 2020**, the Unconventional Convention of the International Organisation of Lace Inc. will be hold online from July19-24. Members of IOLI are entering an online competition with photographs of COVID-19 face masks incorporating lace.
- Powerhouse Museum **Lace Study Centre** volunteers are cordially invited to participate in weekly online textile briefings via Zoom or telephone, 10.30am each Tuesday. Contact the Volunteer Centre for more details.
- ALG NSW, Website and weblog - <http://www.lacemaking.com.au/sydney.html>
- ALG NSW, Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/NswBranchAustralianLaceGuild/>
- ALG NSW, Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AusLaceGuildNSW/>
- ALG NSW, Instagram - www.instagram.com/nsw_lace_guild
- Queanbeyan Lace Makers, Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/QBNlacemakers/>
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- Needle Lace Australia, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489032435165805/>
- Lace8 lace design software, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lace8Users/>

- <https://www.antiquepatternlibrary.org/html/warm/bobbin.htm>
Free patterns, free craft books, free resources, free makers library, free knitting patterns, free crochet patterns, free embroidery patterns, free lace patterns.
- **Kantcentrum Bruges** has published sixteen free weekly lace online challenges in a variety of lace styles (Torchon, Bruges Flower, needle lace, etc.). See them on Facebook at *A P-lace Together* :
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/299120214389826/>
Participants are already sending their work to Bruges for an exhibition of the challenges later in the year.
- **Hotel de la Dentelle**/The Lace Centre in Brioude, France, has posted a bookmark pattern in 50/2 thread (useful if you want practice with dropping in/out colour) on their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/hoteldeladentellebrioude/>
- Jenny Brandis (WA) has YouTube videos, lace patterns (including her Pattern-of-the-Month) from Etsy - <http://www.brandis.com.au/>
- See the **Heart Challenge 2020** and four spider patterns by Maribel Albert (also her tote bag pattern) for *Bolilleras* magazine on the international Lace Day (5 July 2020) Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/InternationalLaceDay/>
- For news from Textile Support about their lace events in Italy in 2021, see <https://www.textilesupport.net/textile-tours>
- **Covid-19 Global Quilt**, drawing on contributions of virtual squares from textile artists around the world – @covid19quilt on Instagram.

Cottons and Bobbins Lace Supplies

If you require supplies for your lace making, Rochelle at Cottons and Bobbins has them covered, plus craft and lighting. Many other craft-related items are available. Give her a call on 02 6374 2696, email cottonsandbobbins@lacemakingsupplies.com.au and website lacemakingsupplies.com.au

Calendar of Events

Linnwood Lace Days 2020-2021

Subject to change at any time. Dependent on changing govt COVID-019 restrictions on numbers at mass public gatherings. Doors open 10am.

4 October (Long Weekend)	10am-3pm
6 December (AGM)	10am-3pm
7 February	10am-4pm
4 April (Easter Sunday)	10am-4pm
6 June	10am-4pm