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# Announcement

Subject to any last-minute changes concerning numbers allowed at Linnwood House, April Lace Day will go ahead.

If you are attending, please could you notify Pauline Garland:



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Image credit: Isabel's own design of the symbol from the Republic Alliance (from Star Wars) in a star ground.

Dear Members,

Welcome to the sixteenth edition of isoLACE, the ALG NSW Branch's coronavirus update.

A big Welcome and thanks to our new President and returned Treasurer. We now have an almost complete committee.

If your Lace Group intends on recommencing 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 beginner lace makers know. We continue to field calls from people interested in starting lace in their local area. As events unfold, keep an eye on the NSW Guild website and the NSW Guild Facebook page.

While some Lace Groups, such as Queanbeyan and Cooma, continue to meet regularly online using Skype, lace makers continue to maintain contact through social media: NSW Branch Facebook Group, TikTok and Instagram. Queanbeyan have also resumed their meetings at the Queanbeyan Roos Club, subject to NSW Government Public Health Orders restricting numbers at mass public gatherings. Currently, meetings are limited to 20 attendees. Contact Stefanie for more information <a href="mailto:qbnlacemakers@gmail.com">qbnlacemakers@gmail.com</a>.

Lace has been part of the Powerhouse Museum at least since the 1938, we found an interesting article here:

https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/1753265

2 We encourage lace makers to book visits to the
Lace Study Centre:

https://maas.museum/powerhousemuseum/#tickets

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.

As of our December AGM we are in need of new committee members namely Demonstration Coordinator - please volunteer if possible. These roles need to be filled to keep the NSW branch running.

**NSW Branch Committee** 



## Linnwood Lace Day – Sunday 6 June NSW Branch Meeting

Doors will open at 10am.

Please note that no crockery or cutlery will be available. No sharing of pens, eating utensils, food, lace items or lace gear.

## Calendar of Event | Linwood Lace Days 2021



6 June 10am-4pm

Robyn, "Methods of 3D Tatting" display

#### Dubbo Show

A big shout out for entries in the Handicraft section of the Dubbo Show 14-16 May. On-line entries close 30th April. Please note that there's a Special COVID article section and Bobbin Lace classes.

Please Contact Sheila 0435 537 210 if you need help getting work to/from the show.

# Checklist for Members attending Linnwood

#### Please bring:

- $\square$  \$10 note for the Door Entry
- ☐ Overdue library books and magazines
- ☐ Cup, tea/coffee, sugar, snacks, food, plate spoon, knife and fork
- ☐ Lace gear
- ☐ Personal hand sanitizer and face mask

1 August 10am-4pm | AGM

3 October 10am-4pm

Isabel | Christmas Lace

Subject to change at any time and dependent on changing NSW Government Public Health Orders restricting numbers at mass public gatherings. Doors open from 10am.



### Introducing our President

"Thank you for accepting me as your President. I would like to hear any ideas you may have to continue our group growing and evolving." From Erica.



# OWLS Group

Members of the OWLS: Marlene, Judith, Helen, Helen, Carol and Erica returned to Lace day on Sunday. It was so nice to be back, and we enjoyed the company and catching up with the other groups present. It's good to be back.





# Molly's scarf

 $\label{eq:Pattern from Brigitte Bellon's Book of scarves - Kloppelmuster Fur.$ 

Schals Und Tischlaufer - Thread Hand Dyed Silk 20/2 Colour Variegated Pink I made it longer to turn it into a cowl.

Thank you, Molly.

#### Easter Show 2021



Thanks for all your Easter Show entries!

Please see some more photos here:

http://www.lacemaking.com.au/blog





#### Lace Demonstrating at the Powerhouse Museum

Lace Demonstrating lace will return to the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo after Easter. However, the New Normal under COVID requires demonstrators and visitors to make necessary adjustments.

The current Lace Study Centre is unfortunately COVID-unsafe in its current location because of the need for social distancing. School groups and international visitors are unlikely to rush back to view the lace collection in a hurry. Bookings are in place at Ultimo to see the LSC so it remains available to lace makers and museum visitors for study purposes.

Lace maker volunteers need to throw their weight behind the relocation of the LSC to Level 4 as part of a temporary Textile Makers' Space there. The Lace Study Centre lace collection will move there, to a larger, more COVID-safe area. The Makers' Space is expected to draw volunteers from other textile Guilds around Sydney - quilting, embroidery, weaving, spinning. A new, more permanent Textile Centre will be built on the Ultimo site, scheduled for 2023.

During April, in the weeks leading up to the relocation of the LSC, lace maker volunteers will demonstrate in pairs (with either another lace maker, Visitor Service Officer or volunteer in attendance) for up to 30 minutes at a time in a strongly-lit, comfortable and safe area (our backs to a wall and use of a very wide table) in the Museum Level 3 cafe. Examples of lace can't be touched and visitors must keep 1.5 metres away from lace makers at all times. Given Museum entry is free at the moment, the cafe area will be more accessible than previously. The Museum remains open to the idea of reviving Social Lace days at the Ultimo site. Timetabling of volunteers will be stricter than previously since COVID safety is being strongly policed and Working with Children certification is more onerous than in the past.

Demonstrating lace in public, here and elsewhere, will never be the same again: no leaning over lacemaker's shoulders, no touching lace or handling lace in plastic folders, no handling bobbins on beginner practice pillows. Demonstrating at the Powerhouse will give lace volunteers a taste of the New Normal under COVID conditions.



#### Isabel's Lace

Egg and hat was created from the Lace Express Magazine





Stars and angel is from the Dutch Lace Guild website. The patterns are free but, you may need to us Google Translate to help you.



Website: https://www.lokk.nl/gratispatronen/gratis\_patroon.php





What's up?

Please refer to the website for the What's up segment: <a href="http://www.lacemaking.com.au/whats-up--important-links.html">http://www.lacemaking.com.au/whats-up--important-links.html</a>

