

isoLACE

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the first edition of isoLACE, the ALG NSW Branch's Coronavirus Update. We trust you and your family and friends are all safe and well! I'm sure your world has been turned upside down lately. You might be working from home or organising remote schooling or are simply too anxious about family and friends to be making lace.

We have assembled some of your news for distribution by email as a regular mini PDF file while our official printed News & Views has a holiday.

We have no news to pass on about this year's AGM in Brisbane or when the next issue of Australian Lace magazine will be published. The Sale VIC Lace Retreat was cancelled, as was the Illawarra Lace Group retreat at Gerringong; OIDFA in Tartu Estonia has been cancelled.. Linnwood Lace Days and Lace Group meetings in real life are cancelled till further notice. Guild Workshops and Craft Shows are on hold.

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). Some of you are turning to Facebook Bobbin Lace Down Under or Facebook Bobbin Lace Makers to keep in contact with each other. The Powerhouse Museum is reaching out to its Lace Study Centre volunteers with online activity. Kantcentrum Bruges is doing no mail-outs till the Belgian border re-opens.

We hope you are not too disheartened about the cancellation of this year's Royal Easter Show and that you might be turning your attention to next year's entries.

We hope too that you are making white/ecru bookmarks for the 2021 Triennial Award, if not for our State display at this year's AGM display in September.

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.

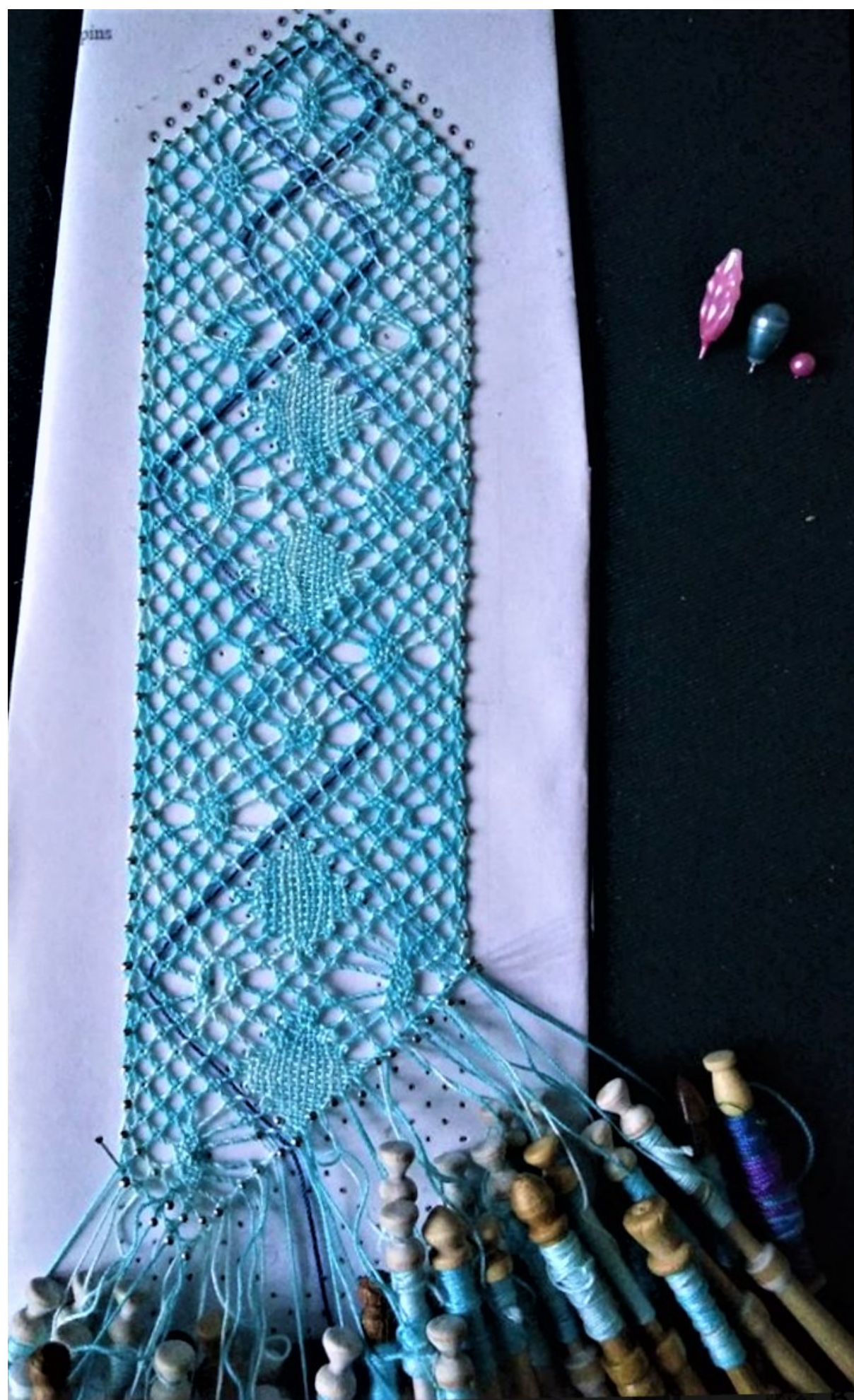
If you're quilting and baking sourdough or in isolation with a new pet, send pictures along of them as well. If you're "just" spangling bobbins (or knitting or jigsaw-puzzling), drop us a line via the Guild NSW website and tell us how you're doing.

News & Views will be published again when we have news to report (or at least news which doesn't go out of date before it's sent to our printer). In the meantime, watch for updates on the NSW Guild website and the NSW Guild Facebook page.

Stay safe and well!

— NSW Branch Committee









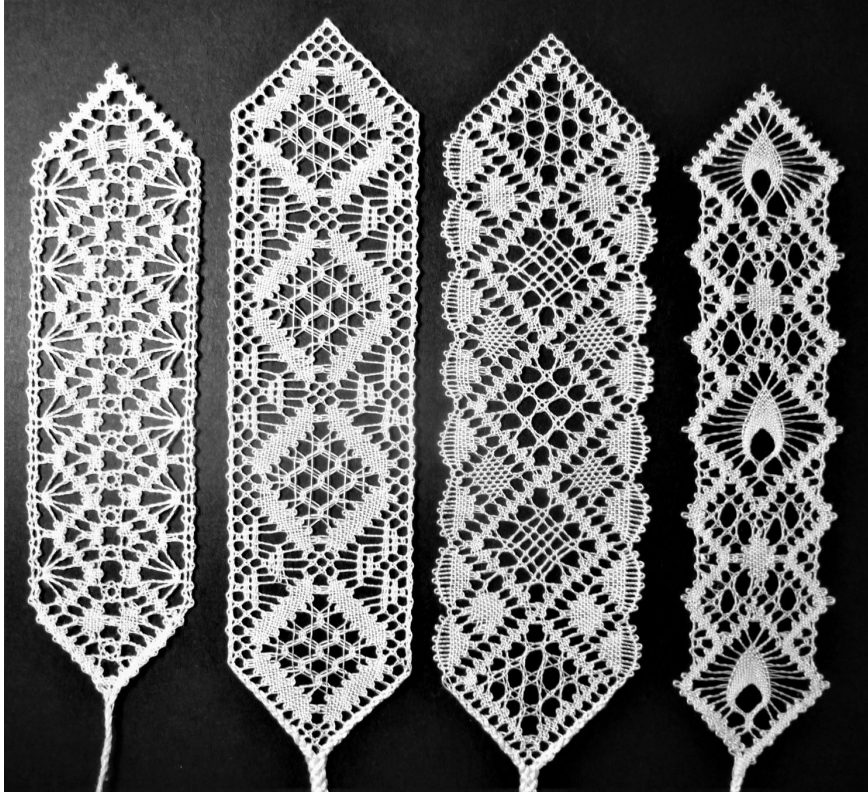
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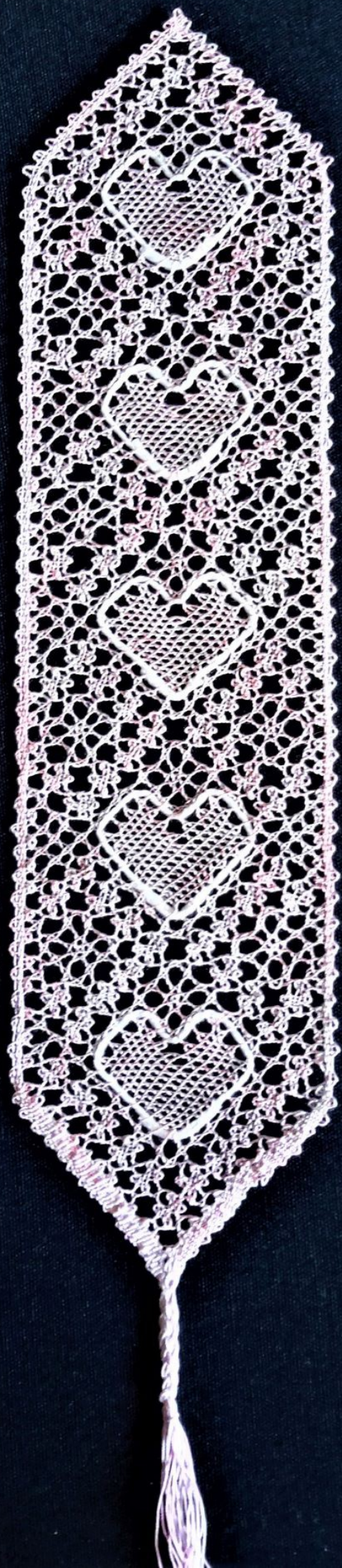


Margaret Stephens









Credits

Front Cover. Alice has submitted several bookmark entries for the NSW Display at AGM, Brisbane, September 2020, which will be repurposed as a group entry in the 2021 Triennial Award.

Page 3. Isolation bookmarks by Hazel.

Page 4. Stef has been working on a multiple-ways Biggins bookmark in two variegated pearl cottons. The spiders are all the six-legged examples in *Spinnen Spinnen Spinnen*, by Hildegard Glos, the final one a mirror image of the previous one.

Page 5. A first bobbin lace bookmark in linen with her first spider. When not skying lace colleagues, Sophie has made two pillow stands (floor and table), has had a friend make a bobbin winder and is moving on to make a bobbin holder.

Page 6. Marg has started this during lockdown – only another 90 pages to go!

Page 7. Maggie has recently finished a piece of isolation needle lace. She is following the COVID-19 virtual quilt on Instagram.

Page 8. Robin worked some 's-Gravenmoerse at Vicki Taylor's workshop at the last AGM Conference in Launceston.

Page 9. Bookmarks adapted from designs by Jenny Brandis and Christine Johnson in Gutermann 100% Cotton 50 and pearl cotton 5, also Finca 40. Rod has been tackling cane ground.

Page 10. Kate Gentelli (WA Branch) has gifted us her “Hearts and Roses” bookmark. As Kate says, “I am hoping we are all staying well, hence the hearts, and that everyone takes time to relax and “smell the roses”. I chose a bookmark, because if you are like me, you are catching up on some reading as well as lace!” Email rodbyatt@hotmail.com for the pattern and working diagram. She used 30 pairs of King Tut 40/3 with 1 gimp pair, pearl cotton 5. She goes on to add, “I am more than happy for it to be worked with individually-preferred roseground and choice of other stitches as well.”

What's up?

- For your lace requirements (threads, notions, etc.), see Liz Green Arts (Vic) - <https://lizgreenarts.com/>. Order online by card or PayPal and they deliver via ExpressPost for an extra \$9.95.
- For your crochet needs (pearl cotton and Lizbeth threads, tatting, etc.), see CrochetAustralia (Qld) - <https://www.crochetaustralia.com.au/>
- Queanbeyan Lace Makers, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/QBNlacemakers/>
- Bobbin Lace Downunder, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1010713895962787/>
- Bobbin Lace Makers, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bobbinlacemakers/>
- ALG NSW, Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/NswBranchAustralianLaceGuild/>
- ALG NSW, Instagram account - www.instagram.com/nsw_lace_guild
- Lace8 lace design software, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lace8Users/>
- Idrija Lace on Youtube - three videos from Bonitocrafts, "Angel" from *Bits of Lace vol.2: Idrija Lace Patterns* (ISBN 8978-961-92660-4-5) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqB8qb48H0s>
- A P-lace Together (VZW Kantcentrum, Bruges), Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/299120214389826/>
- Jenny Brandis (WA) for online 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/>
- Covid-19 Global Quilt, drawing on contributions of virtual squares from textile artists around the world - @covid19quilt on Instagram.
- Something for everyone in a free PDF download, *The Cult of The Needle*, by Flora Klickman - <https://archive.org/details/cultofneedleklic00klicrich/page/n10/mode/2up>