

Monthly **isoLACE**

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Announcement

October Lace Day is canceled. We hope to meet for the December Lace Day but, it's subject to any last-minute changes concerning numbers allowed at Linnwood House.

If you are attending, please could you notify Marlene Hay:



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Image credit: Barbara Stokes Honiton
"Chaos lace is flying"

Dear Members,

Welcome to the 21st edition of isoLACE, the ALG NSW Branch's coronavirus update.

We hope you are keeping busy with your lacemaking and staying safe during this COVID situation in NSW. It does look like NSW will be reaching our vaccination goals very soon which means that we'll hopefully be out of lockdown very soon.

On the 25th of September the NAC AGM was conducted via Zoom. We received some updates regarding the amendment to the rules that make the NAC truly national by having members from each state. We are also looking forward to receiving the Australian Lace magazine in November.

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 meetings will not be held in person while regional lockdown is in place. Please contact if you would like to join in on Skype .

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.

Since the December AGM we have filled several committee members and we are so happy to have them on-board. However, we are still in need of a Demonstration Co-ordinator - please volunteer if possible. These roles need to be filled to keep the NSW branch running.

NSW Branch Committee



Linnwood Lace Day – Sunday 5 December NSW Branch Meeting and AGM

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 | Linnwood 1 Days 2021



5 December 2021 | Lace Day and AGM

Unfortunately, the Christmas Lace Workshop by Isa Hargraves that was proposed for October has been cancelled for now. It'll be planned for 2022!



- ❑ \$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

NSW Government Public Health Orders restricting numbers at mass public gatherings. Doors open from 10am.

Australian Fibre Art Award (AFAA) Gallery76

The inaugural Australian Fibre Art Award - an initiative of ArtWear Publications Pty Ltd. Hosted by Gallery76 - Embroiderers' Guild NSW. The exhibition was opened on Saturday 4 September 2021 by Her Excellency Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW.

There were so many amazing entries with interesting concepts and designs. We're so proud of Isa for her bobbin lace entry!



Watch the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHj7N3BZAMo>



Festival of Lace Recordings

Recordings of the Festival of Lace conference are now available online. It's \$50 for access to 10 lectures PLUS the Q&A time and a bonus tour of the exhibition. (So roughly \$5 a lecture!) Once you create an account, you can watch the series in your own time / as many times as you want / download to watch offline:) Would love for Lace Guild members to have the chance to enjoy it while lockdown keeps us all indoors!



Find out more: <https://egnswededucation-f284.thinkific.com/courses/festival-of-lace-conference-weekend>

Sheep story

What happens when you put 4 lacemakers at an agricultural show to demonstrate lace? They laugh, make lace and chat! So, at the Sydney RAS in 2019 after much discussion and singing the idea for a sheep as an entry for the 2021 Triennial award was born. Added to which the idea for bookmarks to be donated and used in the 2019 NSW NAC conference display meant one small piece of lace with 3 uses, as can be used as display pieces in future shows.

The call went out, white or ecru, any type of lace, 6-8 inches long 1-2 wide. The bookmarks started to arrive, sadly no conference meant were not used in 2019. So, thoughts turned to the construction of the sheep. 2d? 3d? Wire frame, cardboard inspiration came from all over. One member supplied a rather handsome ram skull.

Bearing in mind the sheep had to be mustered up to Qld weight and size was also an issue to consider. Inspiration came from a council clean up in the form of square foam mat cut to a sheep shape, and lace curled around thin card pinned into the foam, with the ends sticky taped down inside.

First problem encountered was there were not enough bookmarks to fill the body, so we? I? cut out another smaller sheep.

Second problem was finding a box to post in, solved with a council clean up box trimmed to size and polystyrene to pad with small pieces between lace to stop compression.

Third problem was waiting on a piece of lace. Australia post only delivers every other day and had said there was a backlog on parcel delivery/collection.

On September 2nd, the last lace bookmark arrived by 2pm, was rolled and attached, before being popped into the box and off to the postie. Tracking showed the piece was delivered the following week.

So many thanks to Elizabeth, Norma and Nicole for the initial inspiration.

Big thankyou to Alice and all the members who supplied the 140 odd bookmarks. Plus support, ideas and encouragement along the way

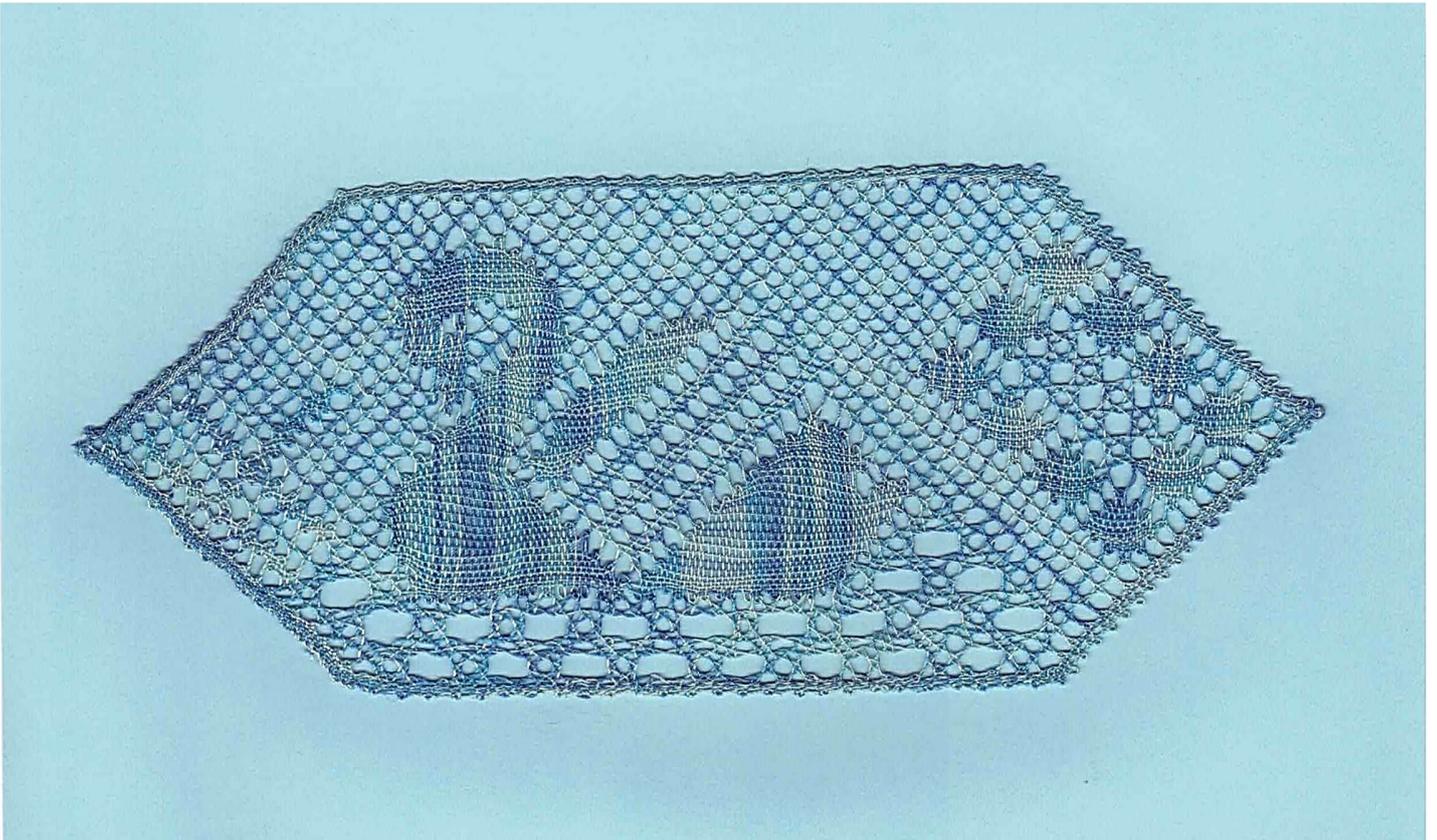
Looking forward to seeing NAC reaction. Also what will be the 2024 theme?





Bruges lace swan

Marlene shares her beautiful work with us.



“At one time, a quarter of all the women in Bruges were lacemakers. Even nowadays, it is still possible to see traditional Bruges lacemakers at work in some of the lace shops. Just watch those bobbins fly! Or would you rather have a go yourself?”



Find out more about Bruges lace here: <https://www.visitbruges.be/lace>

What's up?

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

