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Announcement

Please join us for Lace Day at Linnwood on Sunday, 7th August.

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the 31st edition of isoLACE, the ALG NSW Branch's coronavirus update.

We look forward to meeting for August Lace Day at Linnwood. In moving forward from the COVID-19 isolation and past lockdowns, we're looking for a new name for our monthly newsletter. Please [email us](#) with your suggestions as we would like you to vote during our meeting.

During Lace Day, Pauline's workshop on crochet flowers will give students the confidence to crochet using lace threads - you'll find more details on page 4. Also, Rod's self-help lace group on traditional Czech tulle lace will have a short catch-up session to see works-in-progress and finished pieces.

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 Lace meetings have restarted for fully vaccinated members. Please contact if you would like to join in on Skype or the in-person meetings qbnlacemakers@gmail.com or join the [Queanbeyan Lace Makers](#) on Facebook.

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 2023 is fast approaching, we're now welcoming suggestions for workshops, demonstrations, talks, activities, and events for future Lace Days. We encourage you to email us: laceguildnsw@gmail.com.

NSW Branch Committee



Calendar of Events | Linnwood Lace Days 2022



7 August 2022 | Lace Day @ Linnwood | Pauline's Crochet Flowers workshop | Traditional Czech Tulle Lace with Rod

2 October 2022 | Lace Day @ Linnwood | Robyn's Sale of Work

NSW Lace Display

You may have heard the workshops at the Brisbane AGM have been cancelled so we no longer need to send a state display, however we still need flowers and butterflies for our special gift needed later in the year.

They will be needed by the October lace day.



Commemorative Awards

The Commemorative Award is a Biennial Award created in 2000 in memory of members who are no longer with us, who have made a significant contribution to the Guild.

Initially, on alternate occasions new and experienced lace makers were invited to submit lace of any type and in any form, from a bookmark to a bedspread for competition.

The winner will be decided by popular vote at the Annual General Meeting. This year, due to circumstances, all lace makers will be eligible to enter. You may enter any type of lace (not necessarily recently made) and any article of any size.

The Award was usually held in even years, but due to matters mostly beyond our control, there has been a lapse over recent years. This is an opportunity to showcase the work being done by members and for entrants to have the chance to win a worthwhile prize if successful.

This competition is to be held at the August A.G.M and the winner will be decided by popular vote. Entries need to be brought along to the A.G.M. in August (no entry form, no entry fee).

Don't think you are not good enough! It is not necessarily the best made piece of lace which wins this award but the piece which has the most popular appeal!!



Crochet Flowers Workshop

Come and join us to make mini lace flowers with Pauline. You can also consider contributing your crochet flower to the NSW Lace Display (if you wish).

The aim of workshop is to teach participants how to make flowers with the use of crochet for a dimensional effect.

The requirement is a knowledge of basic crochet stitches. You will also need a steel small crochet hook of size 3UK/1.25mm or 4UK/1.00mm with thread such as Mercer 20 or 40 (may be too fine).



Robyn's and Helen's Butterflies and Flowers



Fish for Beginning Lacemakers at the Powerhouse Museum

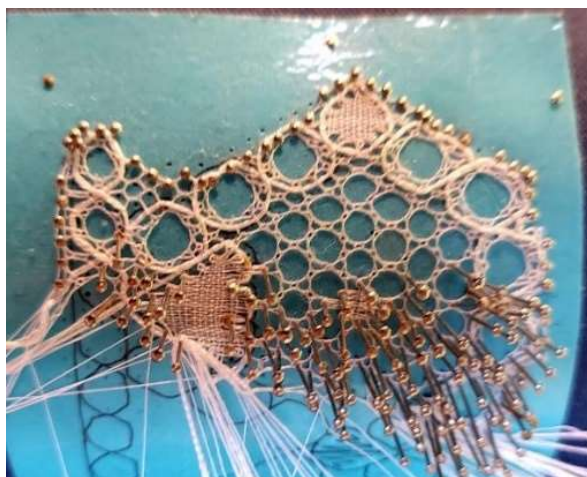
Maureen and Barbara have set up 5 bobbin lace pillows with a beginner's fish design.

It was great to see that we've had several visitors to museum complete the pattern recently. These are available whenever a Lacemaker is in the Textile Centre at the Powerhouse Museum.



Traditional Czech Tulle Lace – June Lace Day

At the August Lace Day we will have a brief photo opportunity of finished/WIP.



For further information, contact Rod Byatt at rodbyatt@hotmail.com or 0455 172 933.

Two Celebrated Tatters



Robyn Cocks (l.) and Anne Kintominis (r.) with Judith Merlin, Tatters Guild Public Officer

The Tatters Guild of Australia (NSW Branch) has just awarded life membership to two of its long-serving members.

Anne Kintominas and Robyn Cocks were guests of honour at a luncheon at Rawsons Restaurant, Epping, when they received their certificates. They were presented by Judith Merlin, another Life Member and Public Officer for the Guild.

Anne has served as Treasurer and is now the Purchasing Officer for the Guild. She provides a stimulating shopping experience tailored to tatters' requirements. Although competent as a shuttle tatter she has explored the technique of needle tatting which has less impact on fingers affected by arthritis.

Robyn has been a Committee member for many years, serving as Librarian and Show Director (Competitions), and has represented the Guild in lace making circles. Her involvement in the Sydney Royal Easter Show has been instrumental in re-establishing a tatting classification in the Craft section, and she is a regular judge of tatting at the Show.

Members of the Guild are indebted to their experience and both ladies are well deserving of Life Membership.

The Tatters Guild was formed in 1995 and now has 29 members. Two previous members have been awarded an Order of Australia for their services to lacemaking. The Guild meets every 3rd Saturday from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm at the Epping Creative Centre.



Contact: Ros Miles, President, Tatters Guild of Australia (NSW Branch Inc.) | chros@bigpond.com.au

Lacemakers at Nyngan

A photo from a recent day in Nyngan. A great time was had by all.



Dubbo Show 2023

Great things are underway and most of the Dubbo girls are flat out making lace to go on a silk 1870's gown, not sure how much other lace they will get time to make so entries from across the state will be much appreciated.

If anyone would like to travel and demonstrate, please contact Elizabeth. We will demonstrate Friday, Saturday and half Sunday.



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Below is the lace schedule for the 150th Dubbo Show 19th - 21st May 2023.

- Entry fee \$2.50 Prizemoney 1st \$10.00 2nd \$2.00
- All entries to have been made in the last two years and no more than 2 entries per class.
- Bobbin lace article by a Junior – Under 16 years Age to be stated on entry form
- Novice Bobbin lace article, open to any Exhibitor who has not won a 1st in this class at Dubbo Show
- Bobbin lace article – Traditional
- Bobbin lace edge (can be up to four pieces for this class only)
- Bobbin lace article made from wool
- Tatting – any item
- Needle lace – any form of needle lace

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What's up?

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

