

# isoLACE

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*Another Self Portrait by Maggie.*

*Dear Guild Members,*

*Welcome to the fourth edition of isoLACE, the ALG NSW Branch's coronavirus update. IsoLACE will continue for as long as you are willing to forward photos and information. We hope it keeps you entertained and informed in these times of social isolation.*

*While our official, printed News & Views remains on holiday, we continue to let you know what your colleagues are up to. We hope that you in a position to keep making lace, for the sake of your own mental health as well as to inspire others!*

*When we are in a position to pass on any news about NSW Branch or NAC, we will do so. Keep an eye on the NSW Guild website and the NSW Guild Facebook page in the meantime.*

*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), others are turning to Facebook to keep in contact with the lace community. Bobbin Lace Down Under has 200 members and Bobbin Lace Makers nearly 8000 members.*

*A NSW Branch Facebook Group has been set up to maximise interactivity among members. Instagram now features photos of members' work and short videos are now showing on TikTok. Contact Stef if you want help with uploading photos of your work to these sites.*

*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.*

*OIDFA has been postponed till 2021, with the same dates as 2020. OIDFA welcomes any contributions of lace patterns – let's get behind the great work being done by Australians currently on the OIDFA Board!*

*The IOLI 2020 Convention has also been cancelled and rescheduled to July 2022.*

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*A gentle reminder to include your correct, current email address on your Guild Membership Renewal form, available mid-year.*

*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](mailto:rodbyatt@hotmail.com).*

*Stay safe and well!*

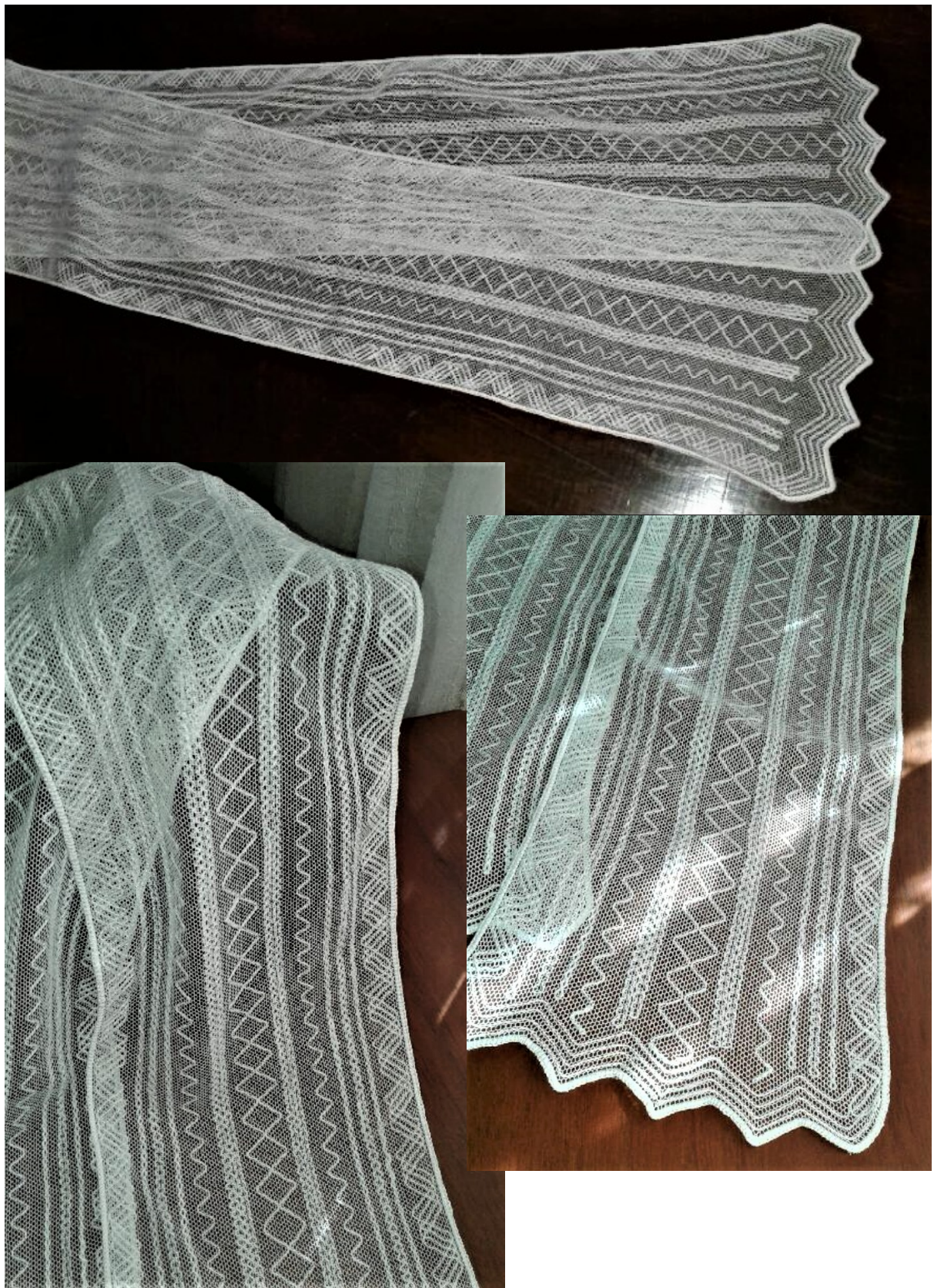
*– NSW Branch Committee*





*Anja writes, "My current project, besides spinning some wonderful merino wool and knitting it into warm hugs for my loved ones, is a Torchon edging on my travel pillow. It started out with a slightly thicker linen thread leftover from my daughter's wedding hairpiece. While I was lacing on the high seas in February, I realized that the "spare rolls" of thread were a size smaller. So I had no choice but to continue on with it and watch the lace become finer and finer. This is my sanity project for now. The pillow I am using was once a beauty case, but is much better used as a traveling lace kit. Don't you agree?"*





*A needlerun scarf recently completed by Molly, following a workshop given by Annette Meldrum.*





*Two bookmarks in DMC 30 by Robyn.*



*Maureen advises, "This bookmark sample No. 6 is from Christine Johnson's Gimp workshop. I used DMC 30 and Perlé 5 for the Gimp. I worked three compound spiders and two 8/4 linen stitch spiders with whole stitch ring from "Spinnen Spinnen Spinnen" by Hildegard Glos (Gammelby, Barbara Fay Verlag, 2013. ISBN 978-3-925184-22-2)".*





*Recent work by Sheila and Rod from Gilian Dye and Annette Thunder, "Beginner's Guide to Bobbin Lace" (Search Press, 2007).*





*Contributions by Nicole to the NSW State Display at this year's NAC Conference and AGM – our theme this year is bookmarks, in white or ecru, 2.5-6cm wide and 18-24cm long.*



## What's up?

- Contact Pauline Garland (em: [polly3009@optusnet.com.au](mailto:polly3009@optusnet.com.au)) if you are interested in learning crochet lace using Zoom.
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- Follow the OIDFA Congress website at [oidfa2020.org](http://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.
- Jo from Jo Firth Lacemaking UK advises she has re-opened for business but for mail orders will be posting just once a week, on Fridays.
- Powerhouse Museum Lace Study Centre volunteers are cordially invited to participate in weekly online textile briefings, 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](http://www.instagram.com/nsw_lace_guild)
- 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/>
- Needle Lace Australia, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/489032435165805/>
- Lace8 lace design software, Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lace8Users/>
- While Belgian borders are closed, affecting mail-outs from Kantcentrum Bruges, see them on Facebook at *A P-lace Together* (1,300 members), currently featuring free weekly challenges in a variety of lace styles (Torchon, Bruges Flower, etc.): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/299120214389826/>  
  
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/>  
  
Bruges is hoping to hold an exhibition of the challenges later in the year. Brioude hopes to spread a bit of cheer and also honour frontline workers with their pattern. Email [rodbyatt@hotmail.com](mailto:rodbyatt@hotmail.com) for a pdf of patterns and send in photos of your attempts for publication in *isoLACE*.
- Jenny Brandis (WA) has YouTube videos, lace patterns (including her Pattern-of-the-Month – the one in May is based on Honeycomb) 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/>
- 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.
- 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.