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Barbara is showing her Dodecanese embroidery, designed by Alison Snapp. Five Parkes Embroiderers had morning tea at The Dish Cafe on July 30 to celebrate World Embroidery Day.

Dear Guild Members,

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

At the time of writing, State government COVID restrictions are in place in NSW and several Council areas in Sydney have been declared COVID hotspots.

Subject to any last-minute changes concerning numbers allowed at Linnwood House, October Lace Day will go ahead. Attendance at Linnwood House, which is located in a currently-designated COVID hotspot, is at your own risk and the Guild is not liable for any consequences arising (e.g. subsequent non-admission to businesses, organisations or institutions). Pre-bookings can be made by phoning or emailing Tanya. Plans are in place for a December Lace Day, incorporating the Annual General Meeting. We are also planning for the resumption of Guest Speakers and afternoon activities at Lace Days in 2021.

We will resume printing and posting News & Views when certainty about future events is guaranteed. If your Lace Group intends to recommence 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 everyone know how you are faring. As events unfold, keep an eye on the NSW Guild website and the NSW Guild Facebook page. Monitor the national Guild website for the status of the AGM and National Conference.

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), lace makers continue to maintain contact through social media: NSW Branch Facebook Group, TikTok and Instagram.

Interest has been shown in forming a group of lace makers in the Jervis Bay region of the South Coast. Contact the Committee if you would like to join.

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. Ahead of next year's Canberra Show, an online event, a Spring Challenge, is being organised for October.

While the Powerhouse Museum Ultimo has been re-opened to the public, the Lace Study Centre remains closed because it is staffed by volunteers. The volunteer program at the museum will remain virtual for the time being.

A gentle reminder please to include your correct, current email address on your Guild Membership Renewal form, available in the current issue of Australian Lace.

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.

Stay safe and well!

– NSW Branch Committee



"Linnwood"

LINNWOOD LACE DAY - Sunday 4 October (Bank Holiday Long Weekend)

The competition theme for October Lace Day will be Best Lace-Decorated Face mask. Doors will open at 10am. Between 12noon and 12.30pm, the premises will be cleaned and reopened between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Bring a picnic rug and lunch for eating outdoors, all the while maintaining social distancing. The Branch Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for December Lace Day.

A reminder from the Lace Librarian

It will be over six months before members will be able to return books to the Lace Library. You may forget that you have books on loan or muddle the library books up with your own collection. I would like to suggest that you keep your library books in a separate area from your own book collection. When it comes time to open the library again, the books will be easy to find. If you are unsure which books you have on loan, you can email me and I will forward you a list.

Lynette

lacelibrary@iinet.net.au

Checklist for Members attending Lace Days

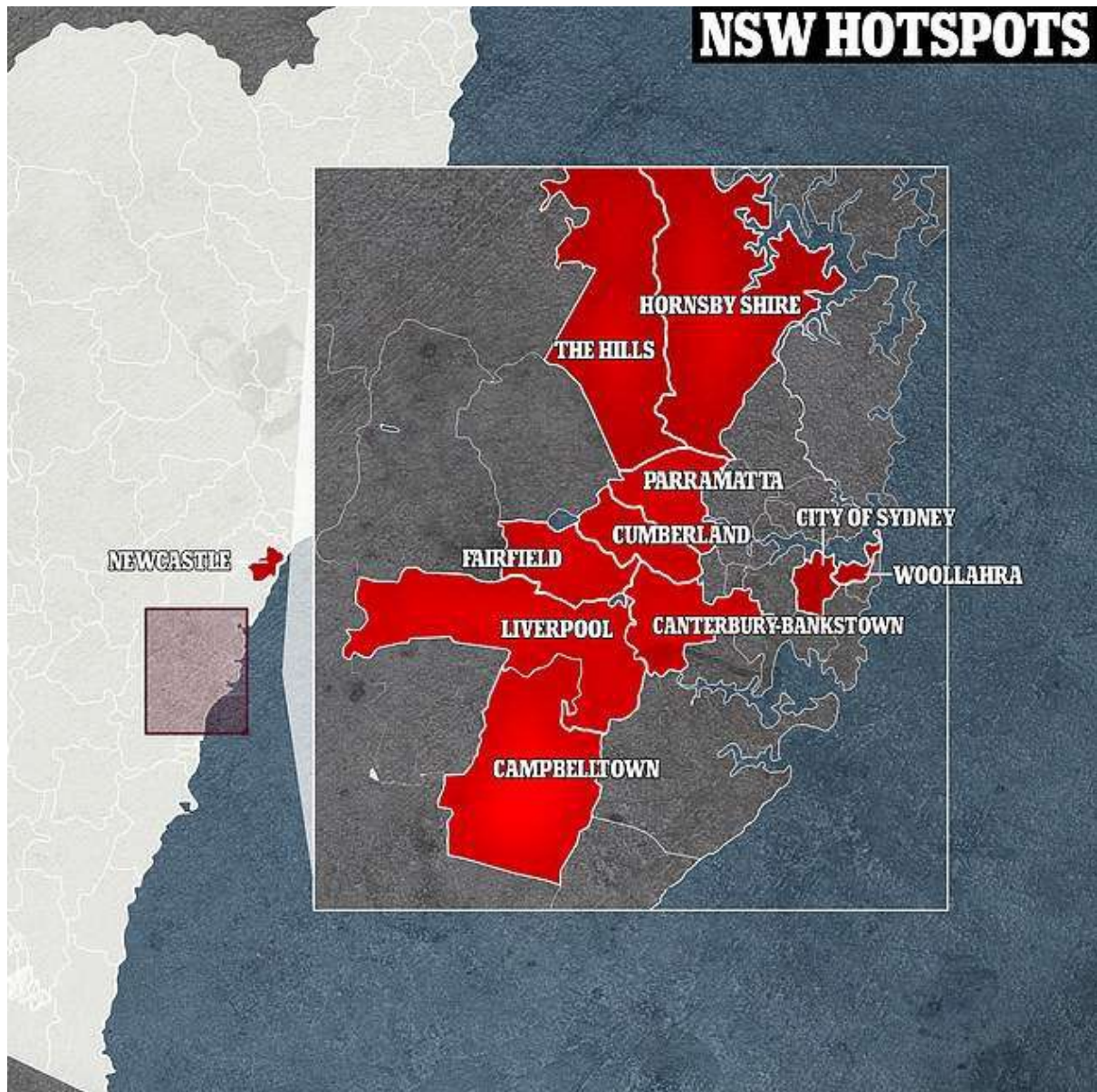
PLEASE BRING overdue library books, pen to sign-in, \$10 note for Door Entry, cup, tea/coffee, sugar, snacks, food, plate, spoon, knife and fork, lace gear, picnic rug/lunch; personal hand sanitiser, face mask.

PLEASE NOTE No crockery or cutlery will be available. No sharing of pens, eating utensils, food, lace items or lace gear.

LINNWOOD LACE DAYS

Information for Members

- Attendance at Linnwood House, which is located in a currently-designated COVID hotspot, is at your own risk and the Guild is not liable for any consequences arising (e.g. subsequent non-admission to businesses, organisations or institutions).
- *Members only; no visitors or guests of members.*
- Attendance (maximum 20) must be pre-booked at least a fortnight ahead of Lace Day by phoning or emailing Tanya (0412 745 339, tcarney@bigpond.com.au). This will be on a first-come-first serve basis - no advance booking, no entry! After pre-booking, please phone/email your non-attendance in the case of any sudden illness.
- In the event of an outbreak sourced back to a Lace Day, your name, phone number/email address (from Membership Lists) will be made available to Cumberland City Council and NW Department of Health.
- Wearing a face mask is not mandatory but strongly recommended.
- Do NOT attend if feeling unwell in any way (fever, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of smell), awaiting COVID-19 test results or have returned from overseas or been in contact with someone who has returned from overseas (or from an interstate hotspot) in the previous 14 days.
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres between attendees will apply at all times, including the Library (only one borrower at any one time), the Trading Table (one customer at any one time) and Door Entry (an orderly queue).
- Hand sanitiser is mandatory on entry and on departure.
- Branch Committee Members will enforce social distancing and logistics associated with the COVID Safe Health and Safety Plan.
- Eight tables in the Dining Room will accommodate two members each.
- The kitchen will be closed. Hot water will be available from our mini-urn. No communal cups, cutlery will be available from the kitchen. Members will ideally remove their own rubbish from the premises.
- The librarian will be stationed between 10am and 12noon at a table outside the Library to facilitate return of library books. One borrower at a time may use the library. If a representative from a Lace Group wants to borrow/return books on behalf of Lace Group members, they should talk to the Librarian ahead of Lace Day. The Trading Table will operate between 10am and 12noon only. The photocopier will be unavailable for use.
- Members must refrain from allowing others to touch or closely examine their lace and lace equipment. No sharing of lace gear is permitted.
- \$10 Door Entry will be charged at Lace Day. To minimise risks associated with queuing and handling cash, please bring a single \$10 note. No change provided.
- No one-on-one lace tuition or group training activity such as a mini-workshop will be permitted unless 1.5 metre distance between participants is strictly maintained at all times.



At the time of writing, the following Local Government Areas have been designated as coronavirus hotspots:

Hornsby Shire;

The Hills;

Newcastle;

Woollahra;

the eastern part of the City of Sydney (including Sydney, Surry Hills, Darlinghurst, Woollahra, Potts Point, Rushcutters Bay, Elizabeth Bay and Centennial Park);

Campbelltown;

Canterbury-Bankstown;

Cumberland;

Fairfield;

Liverpool;

Parramatta.

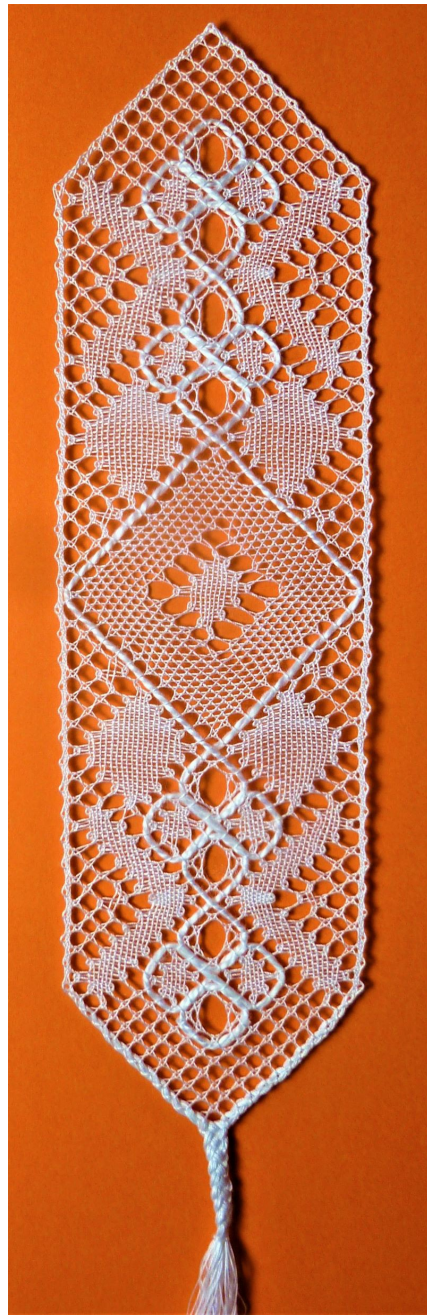
Bobbin' Along The Murray , October 2020

Murray Bridge Lace advises that this year's Bobbin' Along the Murray event has been cancelled. Those who have booked already will have their registration and bobbin money held over till next year, or may request a refund if unable to attend in 2021.

Next year's Bobbin' Along the Murray, thanks to the generosity of Janet of Yarrawonga Lace and other groups along The Murray, will be held in Murray Bridge South Australia on 22, 23 and 24 October 2021. Please pass on this message to anyone you may know was intending to attend and who may not receive this newsletter. The Secretary advises, "We have held off as long as we could hoping things would get better. Here in S.A. we have been very lucky with the corona virus as it seems to have stayed away from us. We would like you all to know that we are thinking of you all and hoping that each and every one of you stays well and safe. Lots of love to you all, xxx"



Carrickmacross coaster, 11cm diameter, ecru, Arachne/spinning spider motif in between two tree trunks. (Private collection).



Stef writes, "The blue bookmark is my latest finished piece. Pattern is one of the 22-pair Multi Bookmarks from Biggins, with spiders from "Spinnen Spinnen Spinnen" and the starburst crossings from Jenny Brandis. Thread is second hand stuff I found in my stash."

Rod writes, "A pattern worked in Gutermann 100% Cotton 50 of a pattern which can do double duty as 's-Gravenmoers" or, as here, in Torchon."

Royal National Capital Agricultural Society

Spring Craft Challenge 2020

The schedule is available online at:

https://www.rncas.org.au/uploads/5/4/0/9/54091253/rncas_spring_craft_challenge_schedule_1.pdf

LACE MAKING. Classes 33 (Adult) 34 (Seniors over 65) and 35 (Students 18yrs and under). Prize cards for 1st and 2nd Places in each class.

The 2020 Spring Craft Challenge is a brand new competition set to provide all our amazingly talented entrants with a wide range of challenging classes. With all your free crafting time in lockdown, it is time to decide which of your carefully handcrafted items to enter for the 2020 RNCAS Spring Craft Challenge. Register online, deliver entries in person and then sit back, participating in the exhibition by viewing it online.

Entry Procedure

Log on and enter your details and exhibits at the following link <https://entries.rncas.org.au>. Online entries must be completed and received by the RNCAS Office, with the Entry Fees, by 25 September 2020. If you have any difficulties paying online please contact the RNCAS Office on (02) 6241 2478 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Thursday. As soon as entries close you will be sent your Exhibitor Details Letter and your Exhibit Identification Tags by email.

Delivery of Exhibits (also bring a printed copy of your Exhibitor Details Letter): a. either in person to the Hall Pavilion Gladstone Street, Hall ACT 2618. STRICTLY on 9 October 2020 between 11am and 7pm OR b. by post to the RNCAS Office, to reach the RNCAS Office no later than COB Friday 25 September 2020. c. NOTE: If required, please provide all display structures (e.g. stand, mannequin) for your exhibits.

Collection of Exhibits (You MUST bring your Exhibitor Details Letter with you as proof of ownership): a. either in person at the Hall Pavilion Gladstone Street, Hall ACT 2618. STRICTLY on 12th October 2020 between 11am and 7pm OR b. by a person nominated by the Exhibitor. Please leave a signed note with the Chief Steward when delivering your exhibits and state the name of the person who will be collecting on your behalf. This person must bring along the Exhibitor Details Letter to be able to collect the exhibits, OR c. exhibits to be returned by post must include a self-addressed, paid return satchel (NO COD) and the exhibit will be posted back to the Exhibitor in the supplied self-addressed return satchel. If satchel is too small, exhibits won't be posted back until a new satchel is paid for. d. exhibits not collected will be returned to the RNCAS Office. The RNCAS will not be responsible for exhibits not collected. e. the Exhibitor Details Letter will be kept by the RNCAS as proof that the exhibitor has taken possession of their exhibit(s).

Entries will be photographed and shown online. Another class we will be adding to the Special Challenge category is "The Spring Challenge" Is any craft with your interpretation of Spring. Entries into the Spring Craft Challenge will be eligible for entry into the Royal Canberra Show in 2021 if completed after 1 March 2020 and meet all other Show criteria.

Contact details: Telephone (02) 6241 2478 RNCAS Email admin@rncas.org.au RNCAS Website www.rncas.org.au Postal Address RNCAS PO Box 124 MITCHELL ACT 2911

Sustenance, DFZ Symposium and Lace Camp

12-13 June 2021

Sustenance is the theme of the 2021 edition of Doily Free Zone.

Sustaining creativity, sustaining traditions and technical know-how, and sustaining our community. We will not be meeting in Italy this time but we are determined to make this digital Symposium & Lace Camp the most nourishing lace experience possible. We have a remarkable line-up of lace makers who will be speaking about their work and research as well as a selection of knowledgeable and generous tutors who will be sharing their knowledge.

The live events of the Symposium will take place over the weekend of the 12-13 June 2021 in various time zones, we will also be doing some mini-webinars in the leadup so everyone can practise. Participants will receive access to the live symposium presentations and panel discussions, as well as lifetime access to the recordings and eleven online workshops which cover a variety of bobbin and needle lace techniques, as well as a couple of bonuses to push your creativity! We will also produce a book about the featured artists which will be shipped to you in June 2021. Monthly classes, starting October 1, will be running on the platform to get everyone ready for Lace Camp. The Symposium and Lace Camp will be hosted on an app called Namastream.

Fiona Harrington	<i>An Introduction to Kenmore Irish Lace</i>
Jane Atkinson	<i>Designing Torchon Lace</i>
Maggie Hensel-Brown	<i>Needle Lace Narratives</i>
Veronika Irvine	<i>Design Your Own Lace Ground</i>
Kathryn Harris	<i>Needle Lace Vessels</i>
Pierre Fouché	<i>Binche/Flanders "Pixels"</i>
Lauran Sundin	<i>An Introduction to Wire Lace</i>
Mariña Regueiro	<i>Cándida's Lace</i>
Tarmo Thorstrom	<i>XXL Lace</i>
April Dauscha	<i>Knotted Gestures</i>
Elizabeth Woods	[Bonus!] <i>Spinning Cotton for Lace Making</i>

<https://www.doilyfreezone.net/>

What's up?

- 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. Contact the Branch's Demonstrations Coordinator if you are interesting in demonstrating at this event.
- Contact Pauline Garland (em: polly3009@optusnet.com.au) if you are interested in **learning crochet lace** using Zoom.
- The NSW Embroiderers' Guild has postponed the **Festival of Lace** till February 2021. It will run from 30 Jan to 7 March 2021; the exhibition opening is Sat 30 Jan at 5pm; the Lace Conference Weekend is Sat 20/Sun 21 Feb 2021. Lectures and workshops are scheduled. All existing tickets will be automatically transferred to the new date; refunds are on offer but buying back tickets might be difficult because the events are likely be sold out well in advance.
- Follow the **OIDFA Congress** website at 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.
- Powerhouse Museum **Lace Study Centre** volunteers are cordially invited to participate in weekly online textile briefings via Zoom or telephone, 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
- 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/>
- <https://www.antiquepatternlibrary.org/html/warm/bobbin.htm>
Free patterns, free craft books, free resources, free makers library, free knitting patterns, free crochet patterns, free embroidery patterns, free lace patterns.

- **ALG Victorian Branch**, Lace Collection – view 119 items of lace online at https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/australian-lace-guild---victorian-branch?fbclid=IwAR3ki4Yi0UJEDMY4rCfhwry9fK2qK_g2twTQR-6u5-acAxCtRf2XS--mvjs#collection-records
- **Kantcentrum Bruges** has published sixteen free weekly lace online challenges in a variety of lace styles (Torchon, Bruges Flower, needle lace, etc.). Participants have forwarded their work to Bruges for an exhibition there. Details on Facebook at *A P-lace Together* : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/299120214389826/>
- **Hotel de la Dentelle**/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/>
- **Jenny Brandis** (WA) has 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/>
- For the latest from **Textile Support** (including a series of podcasts with lace makers called *TextileStories* - Jane Atkinson, Maggie Hensel-Brown among others; Viking knitting and working with wire), 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.

Cottons and Bobbins Lace Supplies

If you require supplies for your lace making, Rochelle at Cottons and Bobbins has them covered, plus craft and lighting. Many other craft-related items are available. Give her a call on 02 6374 2696, email cottonsandbobbins@lacemakingsupplies.com.au and website lacemakingsupplies.com.au

Calendar of Events

Linnwood Lace Days 2020-2021

Subject to change at any time. Dependent on changing NSW Govt Public Health Orders restricting numbers at mass public gatherings. Doors open 10am.

6 December (AGM)	10am-3pm
7 February	10am-4pm
4 April (Easter Sunday)	10am-4pm
6 June	10am-4pm