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WELCOME

Our 1st edition of Lace_E News is the newly refreshed look of the ALG NSW Branch's monthly newsletter (previously isoLACE). We look forward to meeting you on the 4th December for Lace Day at Linnwood House with a special milestone celebration.



Website:

<https://www.lacemaking.com.au/sydney.html>

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Discover the latest update from the committee.

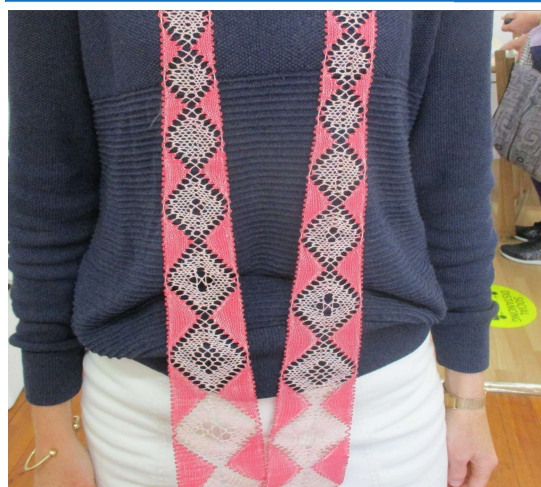
FINISH READING ON PG. 2



A MESSAGE FROM THE NSW GUILD PRESIDENT

Meet Tanya Carney, a lacemaker from the Campbelltown group.

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OIDFA 40TH ANNIVERSARY

A newly published pattern book is available for purchase.

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Dear Members,

We're excited about moving forward to the holiday season, getting together with family and friends, and making some more time for lace. As our last Lace Day at Linnwood House is fast approaching, we're happy to announce that there'll be a free Christmas themed torchon workshop available. You'll need to bring your pillow, 22 pairs of bobbins, and a touch of Christmas cheer.

Unfortunately, Rod's workshop will be rescheduled until next year due to civic duties on jury duty. Sadly, our secretary has resigned, we would like to take this time to thank her for all her contributions to date. Therefore, we have a casual vacancy and would love to hear from you if you feel that you can fill this role, please contact the [committee](#). The role involves taking and distributing minutes of committee meetings that are conducted via Zoom, and managing incoming emails (this is minimal, and help is available).

We continue to encourage members to share lace related content for the newsletter by emailing us: laceguildnsw@gmail.com.

Thank you,
NSW Branch Committee



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A message from the NSW Guild President

Hi Everyone,

My name is Tanya Carney, and I am your new NSW Guild president. Many of you will not know me so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to explain a little of how I became President.

I have been a member of the Campbelltown group for over 25 years. I loved lace as a fabric and was always curious as to how it was made so, when I found some ladies making lace at a Sydney craft show I was over the moon to make contact and learn this fascinating craft. Luckily the Campbelltown Group was just starting up and I soon made friends with a lovely group of women who taught me all I know and are still teaching me today. As with all lace groups, my fellow lacemakers and I have shared many of life's good times and bad: the birth of children, families growing up, death and illness. My life got busy for a while with a young family, and I stepped away from lacemaking, but I was welcomed back with open arms when I could again find time for a lazy Saturday of Lace; because let's be honest, we go as much for the friendships, the laughter, the opportunity to vent, and get out of the house as for the lace itself.

It is only in the last 5 or 6 years that I have attended the NSW branch meetings with any regularity. For a short while I was demonstration coordinator but then illness struck, and I had to step away. I am still battling illness, I have cancer, multiple myeloma, and it has taken its toll on my body leaving me mobility impaired. On good days I get around on crutches and feel quite normal, on bad days I use my wheelchair and hope my brain is functional enough not to run anyone over or say something stupid.

So, given all this, why am I now your President? The answer is quite simple, when our last President resigned quite suddenly the Guild was in immediate trouble as we must have a President, as part of a full executive committee, to legally operate. I offered to stand in as President at least temporarily so that the NSW Guild could function legally. I made my offer known to the Vice President, Secretary and Public Officer. The Guild's by-laws state that the Committee can appoint someone to be President if the position becomes vacant between Annual General Meetings, and so I was tentatively accepted as a backup President while the legalities and process was checked, and I was formally appointed at the next Committee meeting. I am quite willing to continue in this post until the next AGM or step aside should someone else wish to nominate and serve in the

role until the next AGM. It would still be up to the Committee to decide as to whether they would wish to appoint someone again or take nominations for the position to a general vote of the membership present at an extraordinary meeting.

What the committee and I have been slow on is keeping you all informed of the finer mechanics of what occurred and for this I apologise. We have been scrambling to get the library re-homed and accessible, among other things. In future, should you have any queries or concerns about what is happening, please contact the appropriate committee member, the Secretary, Vice President or myself, or whoever is the President going forward. For any organisation these should always be your first points of contact should problems or queries arise. My contact details are listed below, feel free to contact me outside of business hours.

Finally, I would like to extend a message of support to our members and their families who are currently or have been flood affected this year. The floods have caused immeasurable loss throughout not only our state but across the country. If you know of a Guild member in need, please let us know.

In the meantime, I hope to get out and about and meet you soon. Keep an eye out for me, I will be the lady with her lace pillow loaded up on her walking frame. 😊

Tanya Carney
NSW Guild President

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Furniture and Equipment from the Library Room seeking Expressions of Interest

We have some equipment and furniture that need to be re-homed after the loss of our library space at Lynwood. These items can no longer remain in their current location and if homes cannot be found then they will be disposed of. We are seeking expressions of interest in:

- re homing on behalf of the Guild
- taking ownership of the items (with or without a donation to the Guild).

The items in question include:

- Metal filing cabinet
- Map cabinet
- Cabinet with roller fronted door
- Photocopier

If you are interested in any of these items, please contact Tanya Carney by phone on 0412 745 339 or email: tcarney@bigpond.net.au, ASAP.

Final decisions for disposal or rehoming of this equipment will be made at December Lace Day.

OIDFA 40th Anniversary Patterns

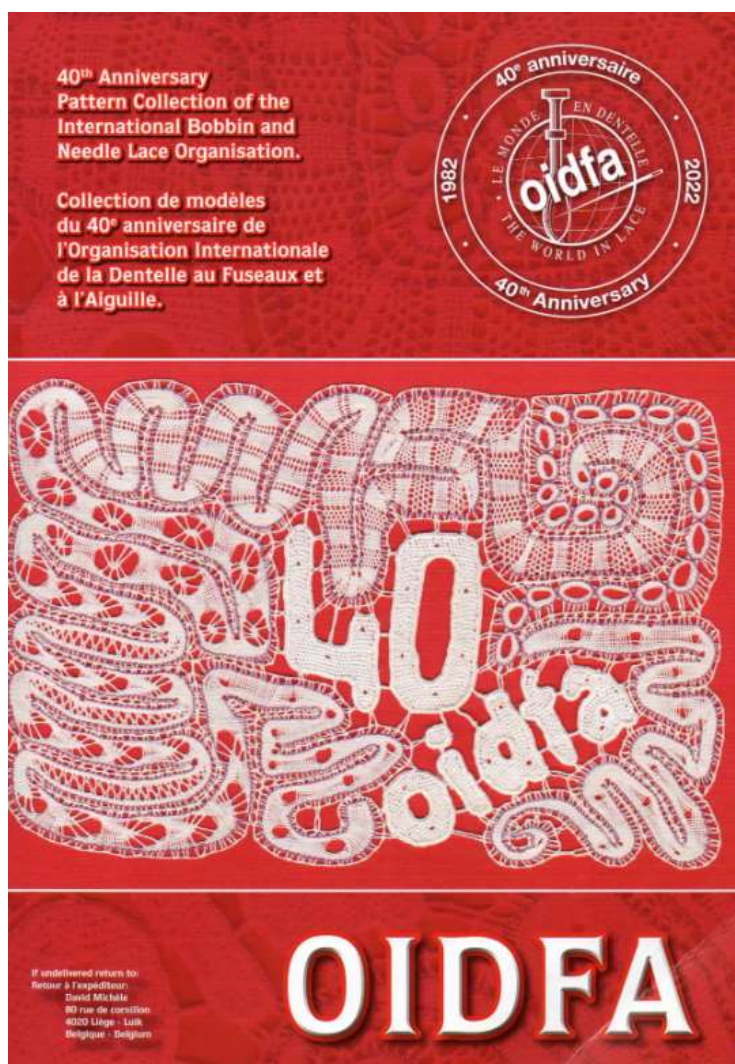
OIDFA pattern book has 30 patterns and is available to order.

To order please contact Katherine Genteli pklgentelli@gmail.com

or Marie Misiurak m.misiurak@ilm.com.au

Price \$35 plus postage

The image shows the front cover and selection of patterns.



Wedding Lace

It was our daughter's wedding on 24th September, and for any craft person it is a golden opportunity to start making things.

Yvette wore a beautiful garter and carried a linen handkerchief which were examples of my tatting and my crocheted lace.



As well as making something for the bride, I wanted to make things for the women in the bridal party. I really enjoy making crazy patchwork with bright colours, but because it was for the wedding the item had to be in cream and white colours with plenty of over-the-top decoration which is part of crazy patchwork.

I was also able to include in the decorations some small pieces of my tatting as well as purchased lace. So, these were presented to the wedding party on the day of the wedding.

For the little flower girl, I handmade a church pew dolly from soft cotton and lace to keep her occupied during the wedding ceremony. The handkerchief for the dolly was all handmade.

Hopefully all female members of the wedding party will have something to keep to remind them of Yvette's and Garrad's wedding.

Robyn Cocks

