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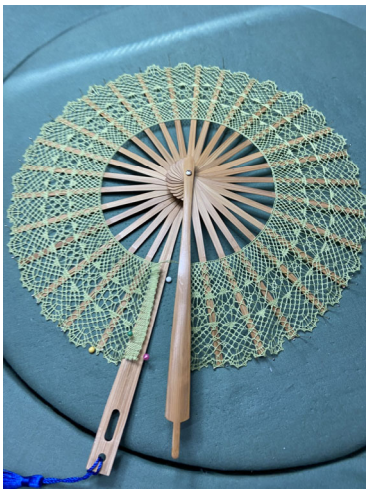


NEWS

From the Committee

Dear Members

Welcome to the July edition of Lace E News. We're looking forward to meeting on Sunday, 3rd August for Lace Day from 10am at Linnwood House.

Please get in touch with the committee if you have anything you'd like to share for our future newsletters by emailing: laceguildnsw@gmail.com

Thank you, NSW Branch Committee

From the President

Winter is really here! Ice skating rinks are popping up in country towns and winter festivals are in full swing. Hoses are frozen of a morning, and fogs are the thing. At night it is nice to snuggle under the quilt with the electric blanket on.

Shorter days give us more time to make lace as the garden is slowed down until spring.
I hope you are staying warm and making lace.

August Lace Day
Sunday 3 August 2025 is the next lace day at Linnwood House, and the NSW Branch Annual General meeting. To stand for a position on the committee and to vote, you must be a current financial member of the Lace Guild. Membership forms are available in multiple locations on the Australian Lace Guild website – including the Home page by clicking on the words **forms** or **membership**, or by navigating to the Join page via the Membership tab on the main menu or top bar depending on your device layout. The forms are also collated on the **Members Only** section (accessed via a password provided by the Webmistress) where the magazines are archived for your convenience. The forms have been placed in multiple locations to make it as easy as possible for members to find. Eventually the forms will allow for people to fill them in online but will also be printable for those who prefer to have a hardcopy. Should you require a copy to be posted to you, please get in touch with the Guild. We have elected to do this as magazine inserts are cost prohibitive. If, as a member, you select receiving your magazine electronically, there is a substantial discount on your membership fee. This is well worth considering. Also, all members have access to the current digital magazine and an online archive of previous editions. Please contact the Webmistress webmistress@australianlaceguild.com.au for more information on accessing the digital magazine.

Lace Day Workshops
Along with Isa's workshop, Barbara Stokes will be holding a mini workshop on Japanese Braiding. There will be a small charge for this workshop to cover the cost of materials.

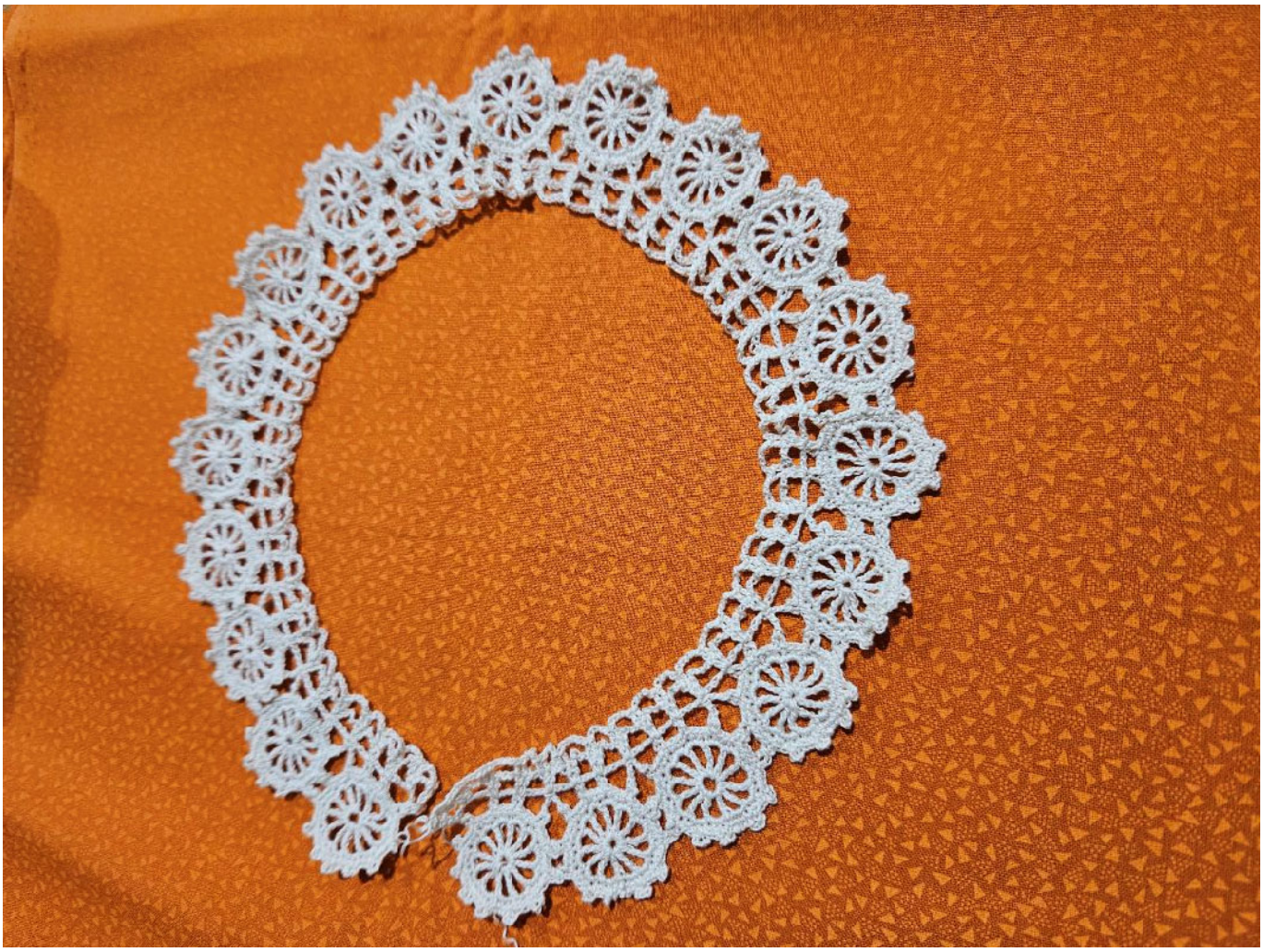
Post Conference Idrija Lace Workshop
There is one space left in the Idrija Lace Workshop to be held on Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 October 2025 at the NSW Embroiderers Guild Headquarters'. The cost is $ 60 for the 2 days. Payment is required prior to the workshop.

NSW Display at 2025 National AGM: The Sheep - a Flock or a Mob?

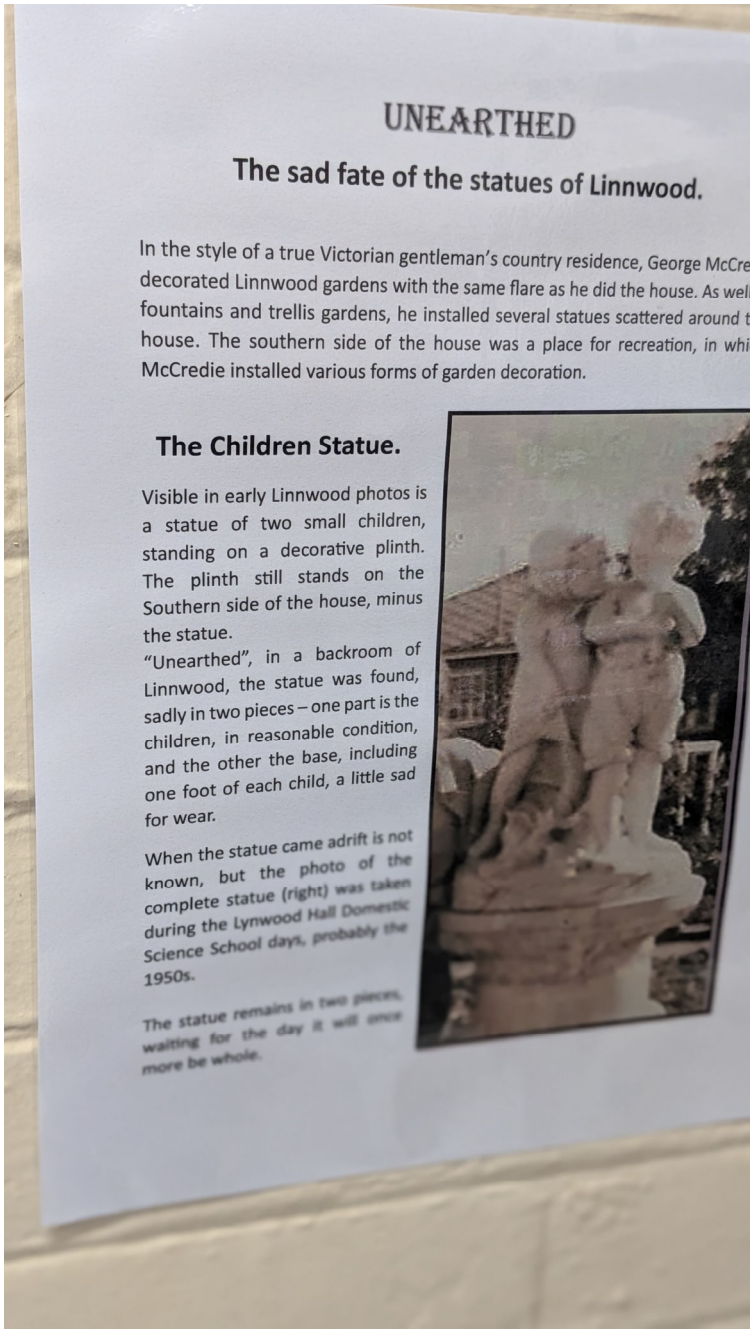
This is a reminder that the theme for the NSW display at the National AGM in September is sheep. The photo shows some of the sheep on display at the June Lace Day at Linnwood. The deadline for contributions has been extended to the August Lace Day and while most of the flock so far have been made in conventional "sheep-ish" colours, at least one has had an encounter with a whole lot of coloured paint and our single black sheep has since gained a couple of companions. The lace for the sheep may be in any colour, lace style or thread that you fancy. It is a great opportunity to test out a ground or other thread/pattern idea on a small scale and contribute to the NSW display at the same time. The lace needs to be 8cm x 10cm - no smaller and preferably not much larger. All lace will be returned to the contributor (or retained in a stash for future group displays if the maker doesn't want it back).

Member's Lace and Updates

Barbara was up 12:30am until 2:45am 16th July joining the Bobbin Lace Along Idrija Zoom lesson! This is a group on Facebook accessed via
https://www.facebook.com/share/g/16nYZGsdim/?mibextid=NSMWBT
It is lovely to see that lace sessions are continuing to run online.
In the meantime, Pauline is sharing photo of her crochet lace collar.



Look out for garden statues on display at Linnwood. Thanks Sheila!



UNEARTHED

The sad fate of the statues of Linnwood.

In the style of a true Victorian gentleman's country residence, George McCre decorated Linnwood gardens with the same flare as he did the house. As wel fountains and trellis gardens, he installed several statues scattered around t house. The southern side of the house was a place for recreation, in whi McCredie installed various forms of garden decoration.

The Children Statue.

Visible in early Linnwood photos is a statue of two small children, standing on a decorative plinth. The plinth still stands on the Southern side of the house, minus the statue.

"Unearthed", in a backroom of Linnwood, the statue was found, sadly in two pieces – one part is the children, in reasonable condition, and the other the base, including one foot of each child, a little sad for wear.

When the statue came adrift is not known, but the photo of the complete statue (right) was taken during the Lynwood Hall Domestic Science School days, probably the 1950s.

The statue remains in two pieces, waiting for the day it will once more be whole.