

Freeway Lace Guild Newsletter

The Freeway Lace Guild

Charter Chapter of
International Old Lacers, Inc.

The guild's purpose: Promote interest in fine old laces and to preserve them for posterity; study the history of lace; learn the names of laces; make laces; and hold lace exhibits.

Meetings are held from **9:30am to 3pm** on the **third Saturday of the month** at:

Pasadena Christian Church
789 N. Altadena Drive • Pasadena, CA 91107

There are two exceptions: Annual FLG Lace Day replaces the November meeting and the December meeting is held on the first Saturday of December.

President: Julia Brock

Membership VP: Joanne Andre

Program VP: Maria Provencher

Secretary: Lynn Oliver

Treasurer: Alan Brown

Historian: D'Ann Barton

Refreshment Coord: D'Ann Barton

Demonstrations: Bill McConnell

Demo Hour Queen: Rita Taylor

Lace Day Co-Chairs: Julia Brock

Joanne Andre

Newsletter: D'Ann Barton

Librarian: Vibs Clausen

Website: Rayne & Lance Wilcox

Please submit newsletter information:
Phone: 818.891.1526 or dannbarton@gmail.com by the
4th Saturday of the month.

For more lace information, see our website at

FreewayLaceGuild.org and our IOLI website at
InternationalOldLacers.org

Upcoming Meeting May 21st

"Tips to Perfection"

Tatting class with Priscilla and Nancy



May tatting class offered by Priscilla Hawthorne and Nancy Buchner. The class requires that you know rings and chains and uses thread size 20. No tatting novices for this class. We recommend that you use a light color for this delightful circular motif. Cost for the class is \$5/person.

There is room for one or two people who are new to tatting and would like help with the basics. Please call Maria if you would like to do beginning tatting.

Maria Provencher - 714.961.8698



Nancy

President's Notes:

What a glorious spring! I hope all of you got all the chocolate you could eat this last week. My roses and amaryllis are in great bloom.

My friend's grandbaby looks great in the pink baby coat I knitted based on the "onesie" pattern shared in February. I may be doing more doll coats, they seem to be addictive.

A great big thanks to Priscilla and Nancy who are going to teach tatting this month. Dust off your shuttles and get ready for some fun.

For those of you who wanted the knitted lei pattern, I will bring it to the meeting. Bring 9-11 circular needles and 2 skeins of eyelash yarn. (I find that multicolored works best for at least one of the pair.)

Is your pillow cleared for the Spring Retreat at the end of May? I have to work to clear mine, but I am excited about going.

I hope to see all of you on the 21st. for our meeting. Please bring a memory or a piece of lace that honors your mother.

See ya soon.

Julia



Julia's Knitted Baby Coat

THANK YOU to Joanne Andre for teaching the Hawaiian Leis class this month!

Minutes:

The April 16, 2011 meeting of the Freeway Lace Guild was called to order at 10:55am by VP Maria Provencher. President Julia was off Saluting Veterans.

Welcome to new member Adrienne Mora!

Note: Libby's last name is Wilcox, although Maria would be honored to claim her as a grandchild.

Feel better soon to D'Ann whose foot is injured.

Officer Reports:



Demo Hours: Rita's report to IOLI is due soon, so email, call or snail mail the info to her before the May meeting.

Membership: Joanne will have the updated directory ready in May.

Demonstrations: Many members are off to the Scandinavian Festival today with Vibes.



Treasury: Alan reports a balance of \$14,800. This includes some funds from the Spring Retreat which is about 1/2 paid. Lucie has about \$3,000 more that needs to be deposited. Alan has created a Balance Sheet Form for officers and event chairpersons to aid in recordkeeping. This way folks won't just be handing him miscellaneous monies and bits of paper.

General:

A gentle reminder that the business meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:15a. The room is generally open by 9:30a (traffic & gremlins permitting) for setup and chit chat. Business should be conducted prior to programs so that officers/committee members can partake in classes without interruption.

Lucie noted that FLG is in a deficit income phase lately with higher monthly rent, significant Lace Day losses in several areas for a variety of reasons and membership and newsletter costs have been impacted. Spring Retreat has yet to be figured into the scheme of things. Remember that dues are tied to newsletter costs via bylaws. It was suggested that board and committee members meet to reevaluate our fiscal situation.

In addition, the importance of records storage has been observed, along with records safety and making sure that signers on accounts are both current and logical. Lynn would like past FLG Secretaries and other officers to check their closets for a couple of three-ring binders that contain copies of the minutes, some membership directories and correspondence, etc. Don't worry about them being current. These are record books from the beginning of the Guild through about 2000 that didn't get passed along to a new secretary at some point or perhaps went to a historian instead? Thanks!

In honor of long time FLG treasurer Kathie Schulz who tragically died April 1, members decided to establish the annual **Kathie Schulz Service Award**. This would be equivalent to a one day class. Several Guild members attended her memorial service. Kathie was a good friend and a dedicated Freeway Lacer. We will miss you LaceyK8.

Valuable advice to all members: Change the batteries in your smoke detector twice yearly when you change your clocks. (Those of you who didn't get around to it DO IT NOW!) Joanne Andre offered these fire tips given to safety officers:

1. Get on the ground, on your hands and knees, and crawl out beneath the smoke.
2. Put a wet cloth over your nose and mouth (spit on it if necessary.)
3. If you suspect there may be a fire, don't open the door. Just place the back of your hand near the door or wall to feel for heat. Don't touch door handles or glass (they're hot.).

Old Business:

Spring Retreat: Louise Colgan's class is full. Alexandra Stillwell's class has 1 opening. Kim Davis' class has 6 students and Dale Pomeroy's class has 5. Both classes are considered closed. Snacks and raffle items are requested. The design for the commemorative bobbin is a cute squirrel amongst the lavender (\$15). Anyone may attend the Friday Tea & Tour (\$20). Maria has information about the post-Retreat classes. For anyone considering Alexandra's class she has a copy of her Drafting Torchon Patterns book for perusal. Forms were in the April newsletter. Deadline is end of April to allow teachers time to get info packets to students.

Sale Table benefiting the scholarship fund has earned about \$40 so far. Books, peace lilies and assorted "garage sale items" were highlighted today.

Maria urged members to consider ½ price workshops for child FLG members. Alan Brown made a motion to that effect and Priscilla Hawthorne seconded it. Lynn pointed out that a few resolutions benefiting children have been

implemented over the years (please locate the secretary's notebooks someone). Members decided to postpone any action until May when a greater number of members would be present to participate in the discussion.

Future Programs: "Tips to Perfection" is the May tatting class offered by Priscilla Hawthorne and Nancy Buchner. Knowledge of rings and chains is requested please. No tatting novices for this class. The circular motif is delightful, worked in any color (not dark) size 20 thread of your choice.

Lacers needing assistance finishing any bobbin lace project may contact Maria.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am to a Hawaiian Lei class by Joanne Andre. (They did get rowdy beating them on tables. All took home at least one finished project!!!)

Submitted,

Lynn L. Oliver, Secretary

Maria's Corner: Spring Retreat Update



Commemorative Bobbin

We have just over 40 people attending with one person from Texas and one from San Diego. This is your last chance to order the commemorative bobbin (large squirrel, bottom right). Cost is \$15.00. Also by now you should have been contacted by your teacher, if not let

me know. Per Lucie, she has sent the final bills to everyone, so if you have not received yours please contact her. Payment should be in to us by Early May.

We have a few openings in the extra days with Alex—Saturday is full. Call Maria if you are interested to be sure there is still place in the day you choose.

We also can use Goodies for a raffle. Anything that is useful and nice is acceptable—it does not have to be lace related.

Also, if everyone can bring either cookies, fruit or finger foods to share with the group for our breaks, that would be great. There will be no food allowed in the classrooms, but just outside the room there will be a table to put goodies and enjoy them. Coffee, teas and water will be available. If you need something else to drink for breaks, we suggest you bring it.

In the spirit of conservation, please bring your name tag holders from other events so that we can recycle them.

Any questions don't hesitate to call Maria or Lucie.

The Farm tour with tea following is at noon on Friday. Class will begin at 9:30am on Saturday and Sunday and 8:30am on Monday. Extra classes start at 9:30am.

Recycle and Reuse

Our monthly “garage sale” has brought in over \$50 total and will do this again in May. Just bring any items that are cluttering your home and that others might use to the meeting and we will recycle them for a small donation to go to our scholarship fund. Last month there were some house plants that went rather quickly, so anything goes.



Pictures:



Joanne teaching Hawaiian leis class



Priscilla, Elizabeth and Lupe tatting



Hawaiian Leis Class—so pretty!



More Hawaiian Leis



Priscilla's tating



Ramza showing her Hardanger heart to Alan and Lynn



Maria and Andrienne
our newest member



Priscilla tating

Priscilla tating



Andrienne enjoying herself

Sunshine and Sorrows

I am sad to share the news that Doretha Albee has passed away. She died suddenly this past weekend after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She would have turned 76 this Thursday.

We all will miss her helpful attitude and willingness to share her love of tatting with everyone. We, of course, will remember the exquisite tatted lace that she made. She also made bobbin lace and, lately, was very happy to be learning to make Greek finger lace. Quilting was also something she loved to do.

Doretha was a long-time member of the Silvergate Lacers and, in the past, served as a member of the executive board of the International Old Lacers, Inc. She shared the technique of tatting with many people.

Her family will be planning a memorial service on Saturday, May 7th, 2011, starting at noon. It will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at:

10052 N. Magnolia Ave., Santee, CA, 92071

Regular conservative attire is appropriate, long pants are acceptable. There is no need to wear a dress or a skirt.

Those who would like to make a donation, in lieu of flowers, should make it to M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), in memory of Doretha.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need further information at **858.672.1833**

This notice is being sent to current and former Silvergate Lacers, Chula Bobbin Lacers, as well as some others, whom I believe knew Doretha. If you know of someone whom you believe should be notified, please feel free to forward this email.

Sincerely,

Linda Knott
President, Silvergate Lacers

P.S. Attached are pictures of Doretha's tablecloth on display at the San Diego County Fair. There is also a picture taken of Doretha with her awards, including a certificate from her assemblyman, and the tablecloth. It was taken at the September Silvergate Lacers' meeting.



Doretha Albee with awards



Doretha tablecloth and awards

Tatting in 150 thread in memory of Doretha Albee 2011

Tatters around the world were saddened recently to learn of the passing of well-known tatter, long-time member of the Silvergate Lacers, "Tatting Knots & Notes" editor, and past member of the executive board of the International Old Lacers, Inc. (IOLI), Doretha Albee (1935-2011.)

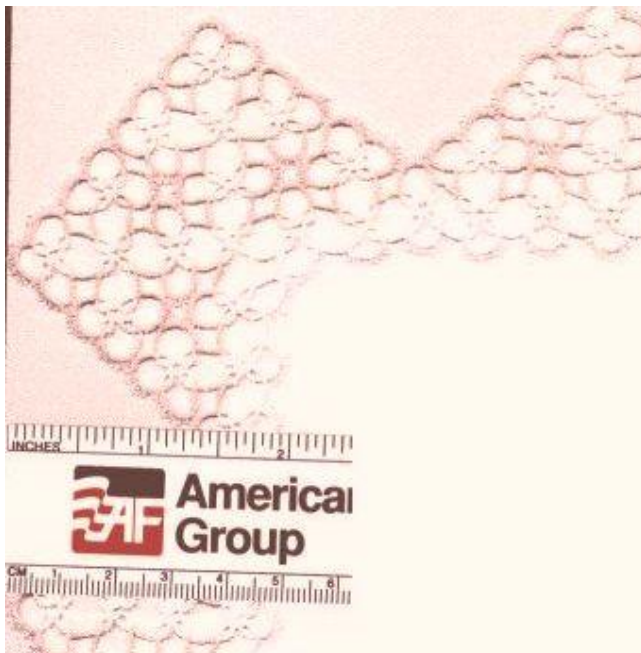
Doretha Albee of Santee, California began tatting in 1982 while attending some classes at Brigham Young University. She took tatting classes from Marie Craig of South Carolina. Doretha became "addicted" immediately and has been an avid lacemaker ever since. Of the more than 150 awards she has won at the local and state fairs, nearly half are for tatting! In 1995 she also won Best of Show at the California State Fair. From 1994-1997 she was always been among the top winners.

Doretha's love of tatting encouraged her to become co-editor of *Tatting Knots and Notes* with Pat Perry in 1988. Since Pat's death from cancer in 1991, Doretha has continued to share tatting with hundreds of tatters as the editor of the newsletter. Tatting and the newsletter kept her informed about the state of lacemaking throughout the world and has brought her many friends. Among her other interests are quilting, crocheting, knitting, bobbin lace, Hardanger and Battenberg lace, however, tatting remains her #1 hobby and first love.

I met Doretha through "Tatting Knots & Notes," in the late '90s. She and her son Don spent 2 happy weeks with my family in Alaska, Doretha and I tatting in the sunshine and Don and my husband fishing on the Kenai River. Later we spent time with Doretha at her home when I taught at the 2000 IOLI convention and later we visited for a week during the 2002 IOLI convention.

Her work was always exquisite. She was a participant in my 5th book of the Ribbon Winners Series, "Tatting with Friends." She was very fond of tatting with tiny thread. I once imported some thread from Japan in size 120, 150, and 160. Doretha prepared a sample of the size 150 thread using a very familiar pattern to show us how tiny the finished tatting would be.

In her memory I enclose that photo and a diagram (attachment) showing how the pattern is worked.



Sincerely,

Sheila Brooks



Future Programs (all classes \$5):

May 21 - Tips to Perfection (tatting) - Priscilla H & Nancy B.

Bring finished and unfinished UFO projects or come prepared to get help to finish one so you can have that free pillow for the retreat. Let Maria Provencher know if you need help with your project and we will try to hook you up with a teacher.

Maria Provencher
maria@provolace.net or 714.961.8698

June 18- Knit/crochet necklace, Virgadeen R.

July 16 - TBD

July 23-24 - Lia Baumeister-Jonker - Bobbin Lace

Lia from the Netherlands will be teaching bobbin lace at Marilyn Niven's home. The cost: \$35/day. Save your pennies! She is a fabulous teacher. **Registration forms will be out at the May meeting.**

August 20 - Show and Tell from Convention and help with unfinished projects.

September 17 - Bobbin lace for the UFO candleholder.



UFO Candleholder

November 5 - Lace Day

December 3 - Annual Potluck and Gift Exchange