



Doole Bobbin Lace Circle

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EDITORIAL

I have had another of these interesting phone calls last week, from a lacemaker's husband. Does the name 'Doreen Fudge' mean anything to you? It didn't to me until John turned up with two boxes of bobbins for our sales table and a few old 'Lace' magazines. In there I found the first ever 'Personality Profile' the Lace Guild had printed. Doreen was the 'keeper of Art and Textiles' for twenty four years at Luton Museum until her retirement in the early nineties. They now live in Ferndown and unfortunately Doreen broke her hip before Christmas and cannot make lace any more. They had some busy times travelling for lace talks and made connections all over the world, and John was a very supportive 'lace-husband' I gathered from the chat we had. He also asked to see some of my lace – that must have been a bit of a shock, as I only had modern, large and experimental pieces handy to show him.

TODAY'S MEETING

Hazel Wilson, 'Undercover Agent', presents a talk on 'Ladies' Underwear. I wonder what surprises she uncovers for us. Jean Turner is selling bobbins and turned pieces (please see her recall notice for pin cushions further down) and Jackie Barton's students display their lace for us to admire. Hopefully some of you have brought your pillows with work in progress and recently finished lace for the accomplishment table.

Lace Day tickets are on sale today, and a sample of Jan Tregidgo's 'LetExist' work is on show with the possibility to book a place on her course on the Sunday after Lace Day.

LACE DAY, Saturday, June 7th 2008

Lace Day tickets are on sale today. You should all have had an application form attached to the last newsletter. The Speaker is Jan Tregidgo, a fine lacemaker and teacher, who won the 'Award for the best Bedfordshire Lace' in last summer's Lace Guild Competition for a beautiful collar. She also experiments with combining her lace with other textile techniques with stunning results. We have many suppliers vying for your trade and David Howell is coming to collect the charity cheque on behalf of the RNLI. The Lace Day competition this year is: **Colours and Texture.**

LetExist - A new look at Contemporary Lace Textiles

Tutor- JAN TREGIDGO, 8th June 2008

Using interesting knitting yarns, torn up fabrics and beads in a **colour scheme** of your choice, you will work a piece of bobbin lace creatively. Rules will be broken and anything goes.

You will create a sumptuous surface onto which you will design and make a textured piece of contemporary bobbin lace. These can be integrated using an embellisher, hand sewing or machine embroidery.

This is easier than you think! Everyone will go home with a contemporary piece of LetExist which can be framed, used as a wallhanging or as the front of a book or bag.

Join us for a lively workshop, Cost £20. Sign up today and you will receive the full requirement list.



NEW LACE MAKING GROUP

Would you like to make lace in company with other people but don't generally need help? We are setting up a 'self-help' group to meet on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. The place will be decided when we have some idea of the number of people who would like to join us and the cost will need to cover the cost of the venue.

The idea is that you come along with your lace. You do not need to be an expert lace maker as, if you occasionally need help, you will be able to ask other members of the group for their advice. This group is not intended to replace any teaching group that you already attend but to be an optional extra!

If you would like to join us please contact

Jenny Lewis 01202 676398 or aandj.lewis@btinternet.com

Or

Eve Morton 01202 709818 or eve@chez-morton.com

NEW SCRAPBOOK FOR PBLC

Barbara Jackson is our keeper of the new scrapbook, and she is looking forward to receiving photos, photocopies, newspaper articles and anything else that gives an insight into our Circle, so we and future generations can have pleasure in thumbing through and discover what went before.

PROPOSED TRIP TO THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF NEEDLEWORK

Unfortunately the afternoon slot on October 16th had been taken by another group by the time we tried to book our outing, with the next possibility being in November. Not a good time to spend half a day in the gardens at that time of year. So we have deferred this visit to a later date, sometime in the spring of 2009.

However we have booked a coach to take us to the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace in London on Thursday, October 9th. We will leave Poole at 7am to get there in good time and start the return journey at 5pm. Price for travel and entry to the show will be £25. Gill Kingsbury is organising this trip and will take bookings.

CRAFT MATERIAL SALE

Dear fellow crafters,

I got your name off the internet and thought I would drop you a line to say that we are closing our shop at the Courtyard Craft Centre in Dorset. We are in Huntick Road at Lytchett Minster which is near Poole.

We have a lot of craft materials all at reduced prices. Everything has 30% off AT LEAST - some as much as 50%. We have card stock, scrap book paper, quality stamps, decoupage, wool including fashion yarns, dolls houses, sewing thread, Aida, books, DMC and Anchor threads and much much more. If you and your craft club would like to grab a bargain, and live near by, please come and say hello.

If there is a group of you, and you can only do evenings, we could open our shop for you at an agreed time - but would need a minimum of 8 people to do this. Just contact us by email and we will be in touch.

We are closing on March 30th so be quick!

Good luck with your crafting Nikki and Mandy

PRODUCT RECALL

Jean Turner - bobbin maker - has informed us that one batch of polyester wadding used in 2006 as the filling in her Porcupine Pincushions has failed. This appears to have been due to a delayed chemical reaction between the wadding and the fumes from the glue used (Bostick All Purpose) in the pincushion construction. This is the first and only time this has ever happened, and Jean feels a product recall is necessary to maintain her high standards in the making of heirloom quality lace-making equipment.

Several of these pincushions were sold to the PBLC in the last quarter of 2006, and Jean invites all purchasers of 'flat' or 'hard' or otherwise 'unsatisfactory' polyester-filled pincushions to return them to her while attending the next lace meeting (15th March 2008) for a replacement pincushion.

Jean apologises for any inconvenience caused by this unexpected and uncontrollable circumstance. Questions may be directed to her on jean@jeanturner.co.uk or by phone on 01980 610537.

GRACE WINCH

As some of you may know Grace Winch, a longstanding member of PBLIC, passed away last year. She was often seen at Demonstration Venues and was an enthusiastic lacemaker. Her nephew gave me all her lacemaking equipment to go on the sales table and raise funds for us. The last project on her lace pillow was a mat from the book 'La dentelle Torchon de Cholet' which I have finished for him to have as a memento of his aunt. The book is for sale and the lace is on the accomplishment table today.

HANDY TIP

When you are working with very slippery thread or other materials which refuse to stay on the bobbin while you are working, try this easy and cheap method of prevention of a lacemaker's paddy. Cut up a straw into lengths corresponding to the neck on your bobbin, slit it open along its length and slip it over the thread wound onto your bobbin. Problem solved.



FOR YOU COMPUTER LITERATES

If you have come across the book 'Bobbin Lace' by Kaethe and Jules Kliot, which covers a modern take on lace in the seventies, you may like to know of this website: www.lacismuseum.org. Kaethe and Jules Kliot opened a shop in Berkeley, California in the sixties which soon became famous as a source of lace and other textiles and included their personal collection of lace and textiles. The museum was opened in memory of Kaethe in 2004 and is financed entirely by the museum shop and 'Lacis wholesale'. There are some exquisite antique pieces to be seen. Information found in 'fibrearts' magazine, Jan/Feb 2008. Have fun.

LIPSTICK SCARE

Did you know that some lipsticks (mainly the expensive ones) contain lead? Scary thought, that. There is an easy way to check this: Smear some lipstick onto your hand, now rub a gold ring through it. If the colour turns black it contains lead.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Two more venues have been added to this year's list for your choice of event to visit.

Upton Country Park	Sunday/Monday	March 23 rd and 24 th
Kingston Lacy	Saturday, Sunday/ Monday	May 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th
Lulworth Castle	Saturday, Sunday	August 9 th and 10 th
Kinson Common	Sunday	August 10 th
Kingston Lacy	Saturday/ Sunday/ Monday	August 23 rd , 24 th and 25 th
Upton Country Park	Saturday/ Sunday	November 22 nd and 23 rd

EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

- March 15th -June 15th **Art of the Stitch**, Embroiderers' Guild international exhibition, Birmingham, Gallery of Modern Art.
- March 21st -Oct. 31st **Kingston Lacy Costume Exhibition** at the Priest House Museum, Wimborne High Street, Mon-Sat 10am-4.30pm.
- March 22nd -May 31st **Beguiling Time**, 10th anniversary exhibition by the '98 Lace Group', The De Morgan Centre, 38 West Hill, London SW18, Tues, Wed: 12.00-18.00; Fri-Sat: 10.00-17.00. Entry free See their website.
- April 1st -27th **Lace, Flora and Fauna**, Exhibition by the Lacemakers' Circle, Wallsworth Hall, Museum and Art Gallery, Tigworth nr. Gloucester, GL2 9PA, off A38. Tues-Sun 10-5, Adults £4.50, Conc. £4, family £13
- April 24th -27th **Stitch and Creative Crafts Show**, Thurs-Sun, 9.30-5pm, £7 (Concessions. £6).
- til April 27th **East weaves West: Basket Making from Japan and Britain**, Hove Museum and Art Gallery, 19 New Church Road, Tues-Sat 10-5. Sun 2-5, www.virtualmuseum.info.

LACE CLASSES, COURSES, WORKSHOPS

- Great Escapes 2008** Wonderful Weekends in Country Houses, Lacemaking, Embroidery, Beading and Silver Jewellery, prices £295-£315, Information from Jane Dickinson, Tel 01825 733422/ mobile 07711 348208, e-mail: jane.dickinson@talk21.com, www.greatescapes-weekends.com.
- Saturday, April 5th **Fantasy Flowers** with Mainly Lace at Burton Green Reformed Church Hall, 10am-4pm, Christchurch Lace Society members £10, Visitors £12. Fee with booking to Mrs. Maureen Woodruff, 2 Brownsea View Avenue, Lilliput, Poole, BH14 8LQ, please enclose SAE.
- August 2nd -9th **Bruges Week**, A Lace Week held at the English Convent in Bruges with two lace tutors from the Kantcentrum, Details from Grace Jones on 0208 643 5633.
- June 8th **LetExist – Contemporary Lace Textiles**, Day course at Broadstone Community and Art Centre, 10am-4pm, Cost £20. Contact Lily Wills

NEXT MEETING

We next meet on May 2nd, a Friday evening, with Tim Parker our supplier and Speaker on 'Threads'. Di Pemberton's group display their lace and this year's competition entries will be collected. Lace Pillows will be welcome – we hope there is some time to work on them. If you have won a trophy last year, this is the day for it to be returned, please.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Please send any information, articles or notices for inclusion in the next Newsletter to: Lily Wills, 14 Highland Road, Wimborne Minster, BH21 2QN or by e-mail to lacewills@talktalk.net