

Show Me Lacemakers Newsletter

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Greetings Lacemakers,

We had a great time at the last meeting at the Branson Sewing Center. The lemonade was a special treat in support of Alex's Lemonade Stand. Thank you to the Branson Sewing Center for supporting such a worthy cause. The Milanese lessons are progressing well. It was fun to have so many of you join us.

We are making a lot of progress on the Christmas tree project as well. Thank you for all your hard work. Time is flying by and it will be Christmas before we know it.

I have included my story of lacemaking for this newsletter to inspire you all to send your stories to Shirley, so we can all get to know each other better. We included several questions in last month's newsletter to serve as a starting point for you. Don't feel like to you have to answer them all, just tell us a little bit about yourself. Don't forget to include pictures, if you can. We love to see what you have made or are working on.

Hope you can join us at the next meeting.

Julie

President of the Show Me Lacemakers

July Meeting:

At the July meeting we will work on Macramé to cover jars and bottles. Bring jars and bottles (preferably with lids) that you have been collecting, and jute (58m). Shirley will bring a hot glue gun, and she has extra jars and bottles if you don't have any.



Bottles and jars collected by Shirley.

Close up of the bottle with the macramé purchased as an example.

August Meeting:

At the August meeting we will start a bobbin lace pattern to cover a Christmas ball. We will do pattern # 5 from Brigitta Gornik's *Christmas Ornaments* book. Please let Shirley know if you will need for her to bring you a pricking. Shirley already has metallic thread (silver, gold, gold/black, red, and green). Shirley will purchase the DMC 60 Cordonnet Special in white and the DMC 80 Special Dentelles in colors at the IOLI Convention. Please let Shirley know if you would like for her to purchase thread for you, and what colors you would like.

Book Review:

***Discover Torchon* by Ulrike Voelcker**

This book is written in German and translated into English. It explains how thread size matters, what size of pins to use, gives basic information on stitches and grounds, discusses special techniques such as leaves, tallies, gimps, using multiple colored threads, sewings, edges, footsides, picots, starting a pattern, and ending a pattern. The prickings will allow you to put into practice the information given, the thread drawings are easy to follow, and the pictures of the finished samples are very helpful. This is the best technical Torchon book that I know about.

The only glitch is that it is printed on European size paper instead of U.S. size paper, and it has four punched holes instead of the three punched holes that we are familiar with in the U.S. I had to order a special binder to put it in. It was worth it.

Submitted by Shirley Stone

If you would like to submit a lacemaking book review for the newsletter, email it to Shirley at showmelacemakers@gmail.com.

Pictures from our members:



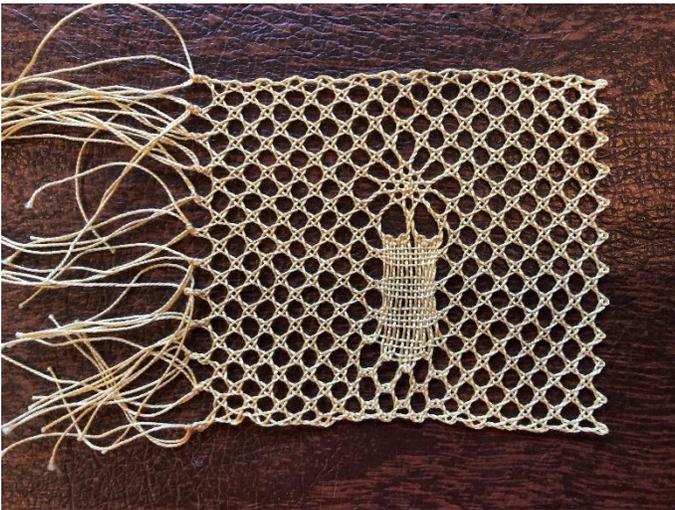
Violet with a handmade “tube” pillow.



Julie’s tatted bell ornament.



June meeting at the Branson Sewing Center: Janet, Julie (helping Janet), Pat G., Carol, and Violet.



Julie's bobbin lace candle.

Calendar:

June			
June 20	"Make Lace"	4:30PM - 6:30PM	Shirley's house
June 27	"Make Lace"	4:30PM - 6:30PM	Shirley's house
July			
July 4			Enjoy the 4 th with your family and/or friends
July 6	Monthly Meeting	9:00AM - 3:00PM	Branson Sewing Center
July 11	"Make Lace"	4:30PM - 6:30PM	Shirley will be in Santa Fe, so at Janet's house.
July 18			Enjoy making lace on your own.
July 25	"Make Lace"	4:30PM - 6:30PM	Shirley will be at the IOLI Convention, so at Janet's house.

Janet's House: Traveling on highway 65, turn west onto highway 248. Turn left onto South Street at Branson North Subdivision. Go one block and turn right onto Briarcliff Drive, then go one block. Janet's house is the last house on the left at the "T". Their driveway is on Westwood. Their address is 117 Briarcliff Drive. If you get lost call Janet at 417-593-4219.

Remaining Monthly Projects for 2019:

July – Macramé to cover jars and bottles

August – Lace to cover Christmas balls

September – Milanese Giraffes

October – Wrap up for CAM donations

November – CAM demo

December – CAM demo

Getting to know member Julie Evans:

I have been making bobbin lace for about 5 years now. My husband started me with lessons from Shirley as a Christmas gift. I first was introduced to bobbin lace at a Harrisburg guild meeting before we moved to Missouri. At the time I was just learning about tatting and took a class on needle tatting at the same guild meeting. I didn't think bobbin lace was something I could afford to do at the time but it was fun to learn about a different type of lace making. I did not know anyone who did bobbin lace before. Since taking lessons from Shirley I got hooked. I enjoy the challenge of bobbin lace. I have been making lace for many years though mostly done as crochet. I have been crocheting since I was 13 years old. I had always wanted to learn tatting but did not know anyone who tatted. My mother had a lot of workbasket books with pretty tatting patterns in them that I wanted to try. Then on a family trip to Williamsburg VA I bought a tatting kit with an instruction sheet included. I could not figure it out on the ride home, so I put it aside for a while until that guild meeting that I went to in Harrisburg and took the needle tatting course which inspired me to pick up the shuttle and try again. The internet was becoming more popular since then and I found more instructional information on the Handy Hands website and others that were more helpful than my little sheet of instructions.

I also learned how to knit just before we moved to Missouri and have enjoyed the challenges it brings. I like figuring out how to do new things. I still need more practice at my knitting. I have done needlepoint, cross stitch, crewel embroidery, and macrame as well. I have to say crochet is my first love but I enjoy anything thread related. My favorite thing to crochet is snowflakes. I have over 700 snowflakes on my trees at Christmas. I have designed some of my own patterns but mostly follow other designer's patterns.

Bobbin lace is great fun, there are so many different types. I don't yet have a favorite but am drawn to the tape laces for their fun shapes. They appeared to be quicker until we got to Milanese. It does take more time with tinier threads. I enjoy learning all the different techniques. I am very much enjoying getting to know others who share the same interests and best of all I get to share the hobby with my daughter Violet.

Editor's note: Julie was a founding member and currently is the President of the Show Me Lacemakers. She has been to two IOLI Conventions. She is a nurse at the VA Clinic in Branson, Missouri, and her mailing address is Forsythe, Missouri.

Getting to know member Shirley Stone:

I live in Branson, Missouri and I have been making lace since 1995. I saw lacemakers demonstrating lacemaking at a festival in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. As I grew up, I didn't learn to do any handwork because there was always someone in my family ready to make something for me, so I had no reason to learn to make anything. But I had never seen anyone making bobbin lace before, and I knew when I saw it that I wanted to learn to make bobbin lace.

I also enjoy reading, and I volunteer at the Free Medical Clinic as a receptionist. I have been a school teacher teaching math and science at the Junior High, High School, Junior College, and University levels. I worked with computers in the oil industry doing Artificial Intelligence.

My main interests in lace right now include Sandi Wood's color blending in making bobbin lace and designing Chantilly with Ulrike Voelcker. I have enjoyed spending the last year working on Milanese and I'm looking forward to doing the "giraffe pattern". At the IOLI Convention in July, I will be taking a class from Holly Van Sciver to work on a contemporary "lion" that I started working on a couple of years ago with her.



A paper copy of the pattern showing Shirley's color scheme.

Shirley's work in progress.

I give my lace away. Lace makes lovely gifts to say “Thank You”, “I’m thinking of you.”, “I care for you.”, “You are special.”, ... I make samples of lace as a teaching tool for my lacemaking students. Currently, our group of lacemakers is making ornaments for a Christmas Tree for the CAM (Christian Action Ministries) Festival of Trees to raise money for their food pantry.

I teach lacemaking because it is a delightful hobby and it is unique, and to keep the hobby alive.



Ina Carleen Slack is a future lacemaker. The rumor is that she will attend her first IOLI Convention this coming July.

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member Kelli
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need lacemaking
supplies.



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