

Show Me Lacemakers Newsletter

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Greetings Lacemakers,

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas. We have some exciting things planned for the coming year. I hope you include lacemaking in your New Year resolutions.

Every stitch accomplished is one stitch closer to completion of your project.

Though we came up with a great storage idea for my pillows, I plan to leave one pillow out on my pillow stand for easier access throughout the month to work on my current project. Being intentional about lacemaking will result in increased numbers of projects completed and improvement in my skills as a lacemaker.

Thanks to my wonderful daughter for blessing me this Christmas, I now have even more lacemaking projects to make. This month we will be working on our Schmeerberger projects. I hope you will all plan on joining us for our meeting and I look forward to seeing all you can accomplish in the coming year.

Happy New Year!!!

Julie, President

The Show Me Lacemakers are meeting in person. We will be wearing masks and social distancing. We want everyone to be welcome, feel comfortable about being around others, and be as safe as possible.

Calendar:

January			
January 8	Monthly Meeting	9AM-3PM	Shirley's home.
February			
February 12	Monthly Meeting	10AM-2PM	Library
March			
March 12	Monthly Meeting	10AM-2PM	Library

Note that our monthly meetings have been changed to the second Saturday of the month.

Monthly Programs:

January 8: We will work on Schneeberger patterns (butterfly, wreath, and swirl bird) that we started this past fall.

February 12: Start an Easter Egg from 16 Vel'konocnych Vajicok.

March 12: Finish the Easter Egg.

April – December: Milanese giraffes. There are 11 giraffes. Every month we will continue to work through the 11 giraffes until we finish them. Working through all 11 giraffes will result in a nice selection to frame a group of giraffes.

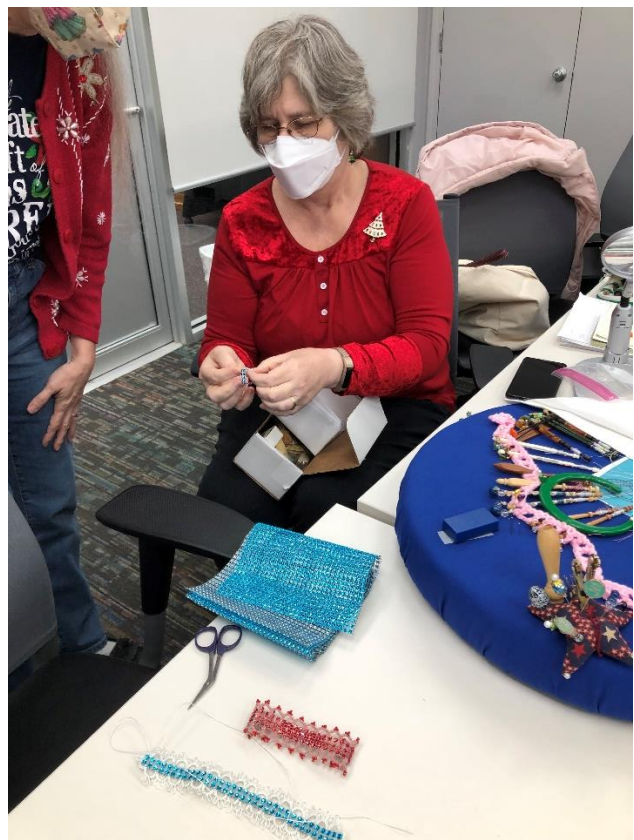
January Meeting:

On January 8 we will meet at Shirley Stone's home (139 Royal Dornoch Drive in Branson, Missouri). Let Shirley know at showmelacemakers@gmail.com if you need directions to her home. Notice that the hours are extended to 10 AM until 3 PM. We will take a break at lunch for enchilada soup with chicken (not spicy hot because Shirley doesn't do spicy hot). You are welcome to bring something to eat to go with the soup.

Lace from our members:



Julie shows a wreath storage bag from Menards' that works great as a storage bag for a lace pillow. The transparent top is perfect to see what is in the bag. The cost was a little over \$6.



Joan shares lace project ideas using rhinestone mesh.



Julie shows tating items that she received from Marilee Rockley at yarnplayer.etsy.com

‘Recycled’ Lace Art Mary Elizabeth Barron Australian lace maker

Julie shared the following link:

<https://www.bobbinlace.org/blog/recycle-lace-art-mary-elizabeth-barron-australian-lace-maker>

The article is about a lacemaker using recycled clear plastic packaging to make bobbin lace. Her website wouldn't let me copy any of her pictures. Check it out.

Challenge for 2022:

Many people make new year resolutions. What about making a lacemaking new year resolution? Lacemakers are notorious for having unfinished lace projects, we all want to improve our current lacemaking skills and learn new lacemaking techniques. What about striving to make 10 stitches a day. Strictly an honor system, so no record keeping and nothing to turn in to prove that you did it. Miss a day, no problem, just make it up when you can. Miss a whole week, no problem, just make it up when you can. We all tend to make lace in spurts.

What will you gain by attempting to do this? Repetition will improve your lacemaking skills, you will finish more lacemaking projects during the year, and you will have more time to learn new techniques. All you have to do is let Shirley know at showmelacemakers@gmail.com that you are going to give it a try, and then at the end of 2022 if you were able to average approximately 10 stitches a day for 2022. I will anonymously share your comments at the end of the year. I suspect that even if you don't make the average 10 stitches per day, you will benefit by your increased activity. Am I Right?

Remember Show Me Lacemaker's member Kelli Slack when you need lacemaking supplies. Kelli's business partner Tina Johnson is also a member of the Show Me Lacemakers.



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