

## **New England Lace Group Meeting, 16 November 2013**

**Executive Board Attendance:** Sharon Sacco, President; Bryce Wolf, Vice President; Patty Foley, Treasurer and Membership

**Executive Board absent:** Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Librarian, Clerk, and Member-at-Large unfilled positions

### **Member and Guest Attendees:**

Rosalie Bares, Rita Bartholomew, Susan Landry, Linda Lane, Mary Linden, Jim Martin, Barbara Morrow, Winann Steinmetz, Lynne White

The meeting was called to order at 11:00

### **President – Sharon Sacco:**

- Attendees introduced themselves.
- Treasurer's report will be available at the December meeting.
- The minutes from the September 21 meeting were passed around. There was no formal meeting in October. Bryce Wolf moved to approve the September meeting minutes, and Rosalie Bares seconded it.
- Open Board Positions
  - Librarian – the person would oversee which volunteers have which books and mails out any book requests.
  - Member at Large – Mary Linden has all the materials and it is organized and ready to go.
  - Clerk – Until this is filled, one meeting member fills the position for that meeting.
- NELG has talked about non-profit status on and off for many years. We are not a non-profit organization so donations cannot be taken off taxes. Bryce Wolf said it makes our group more legitimate to be non-profit. There may be advantages to being non-profit. Sharon Sacco is going to talk to other groups and find out how to become non-profit. Sharon Sacco will put a time line and task list together. With non-profit status, you do not pay Federal taxes. The organization can have a lot of money in their account. How much charity do we do? How much do we have to do? We have to decide which states it would be for. Incorporate in one state online and 1023 for exemption status, then the 501c3, 501c4, 501c5, etc. Our hours to IOLI help prove that IOLI is non-profitable (charitable). Sharon Sacco will do more research on non-profit status.
- The newsletter is scheduled for release at the beginning of December.
- The status of the website was given. Things are pretty stable; we'd love more traffic on the web especially by our members. What goes on in the Blog is different than the usual Arachnid site. Sharon Sacco recommends we read the Blog. Any problems, let Jill Hawkins, our webmistress (NELGwebmaster@gmail.com), know, and she'll fix it.
- Most of the stars and snowflakes for Sr. Claire have been made. By early next week she will have at least 31 stars and a few more have been promised. It looks like she will have the 40 that she needs. Thank you all!

### **Librarian (temporary) – Patty Foley**

- No one has asked for any books.
- Ten new books were bought, two were first editions. Next month we'll have a list of the new books.
- There is no insurance on the books because they are split up to go to different homes, so the risk is reduced. Three boxes of books go home with each volunteer. The boxes are rotated regularly.

### **Member at Large (temporary) – Patty Foley**

- NELG demonstrated in place of our October meeting, at Tower Hill. Some people were interested in lace in the demo. It was a beautiful site to demonstrate.
- Linda Sheff did the Holiday Festival Demonstration and was pleased with the turn out.
- The Fibre Festival at the Big E area was attended by Bryce Wolf, Patty Foley, Rita Bartholomew, Jeanne Goodwin, and others. People knew about lace making, very informed visitors, highly recommended to do this again.
- Patty Foley did a lecture called 'Lace is Everything'. Doris Schick, Gail MacLean, and Rita Bartholomew demonstrated how to make lace. Patty Foley did this three times in the last month and she picked up three new people. Patty Foley's scout leader attended, then came back to give her a European made doll making lace. The lecture contains the history, pictures of lace, lace tools, and types of lace. The lecture takes about 30-40 minutes. Patty Foley has 6 more lectures planned for January, some in Connecticut, some in Massachusetts. Patty will be sending emails with invitations. Patty Foley was asked to put the schedule of the lectures in the Newsletter.

### **Retreat Committee – Winann Steinmetz**

- It will be May 15 – 18, 2014 at Wareham, MA with Holly Van Sciver and Ulrike Voelcker teaching.
- There has been some discussion of overseas teachers in the lace community on the web. We discussed that topic.
- Possible teachers for future retreats were discussed
  - Patty Foley suggested we have a teacher who teaches Idria Lace from Pennsylvania. Her husband makes bobbins and pillows. It is a tape lace that beginners could also do.
  - Another suggestion was Betty Manfred teaching Cantu.
  - Another suggestion was the Houle brothers who teach tatting.
  - There was a suggestion to have a needlace teacher, maybe just for a day.
- Ideas for expanding the retreat classes were discussed. If there are sides available for the tent that is outside the breezeway at the retreat house, it was suggested it could be used for a short class. It was also suggested that a bedroom could be used for a class, as well as the hall between the chapel and the vending room.
- Bryce Wolf has agreed to do the Silent Auction.

**Vice President - Bryce Wolf**

- December 21 – Holiday Party with a gift swap of any fibre or lace related gift. Bring any food you would like to share.
- January 18 – Continuation of Rita Bartholomew's net lace class and Tag sale from our closets and UFO's.
- February 15 – A Tenerife class with Sharon Sacco. The piece we will be working is from Alex Stillwell and she has given her permission to use it for the class.
- Are we interested in a class on Lace Identification? Doris Schick has suggested it. We could use our own books and collaborate. Everyone liked this idea.

**At 12:12** Bryce Wolf motioned we end our meeting and Barbara Morrow seconded the motion.

*[Meeting notes were recorded and compiled by Winann Steinmetz. Edited notes were compiled by Sharon Sacco]*

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Sacco