

New England Lace Group Lace Challenge - 2014

This year's Artist Trading Card (ATC) lace challenge will be a 2 ½" by 3 ½" card embellished with your handmade lace inspired by the poem "Let Me Grow Lovely" by Karle Wilson Baker. The lace must be made by you and can be any form of lace. It should be 2-D and fit in the space of the card. (The card must fit in its envelope.) **The finished design must include some linen thread.** A length of Bockens linen 120/2 is included in the packet, but you may use any linen thread you like. Aside from that there are no restrictions. You may combine your lace with other media. On the back of your card include your name, the year, contact information, and the title of your piece.

Due to possible copyright restrictions, we cannot reproduce the poem for the Newsletter or website, but it will be included in the Challenge Pack along with the blank ATC, envelope, and thread.

Free Challenge Packs will be available at the January NELG meeting and by mail after January 18. Email Bryce Wolf (nelgprograms@gmail.com) or call her at 781-259-8529 to request a pack (one free per member). Each pack will include the materials you need to get started. The rest is up to you!

At the NELG Annual Retreat in May 2014, we will display the ATCs and all persons in attendance will vote by secret ballot for several winners: Favorite ATC, Best Imagery for Poem, Most Unusual, and Most Technically Impressive. Winners will receive splashy coverage on the NELG website and in the July newsletter, the admiration of their peers, and a \$20 gift certificate to a lace vendor.

Note: Your ATC will be returned to you after the Retreat – the "trading" part of the ATC is optional.

Details:

1. You must be a current NELG member to participate.
2. Your ATC must be at the May Retreat for display and voting. If you won't be there, arrangements can be made to send it. Contact Bryce Wolf.
3. The back of the card must include your name, the year, contact information, and the title of your piece.
4. All reasonable care will be taken to safeguard entries. However, NELG, its officers and Retreat organizers, and Bryce Wolf will NOT be responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen works entered in the Challenge.
5. NELG covers costs (ATC, return mail) for one entry per member. However, you can enter more than one at your own expense.