

New England Lace Group Meeting 20 January 2018

Executive Board Attendance: Rita Bartholomew, President; Jim Martin, Vice President; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Carmen Bartholomew, Clerk

Members and Guests: Barbara Kirk, Denise Kinsley, Linda Lane, Mary Linden, Nancy Neff, Carolyn Wetzel, Winann Steinmetz, Sharon Sacco, Marjorie Dashef, Marlene Therrien, Julie A. Wood

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

Carmen has agreed to serve as the clerk. She will be using a voice recorder to better take minutes. Because of this, we need to acknowledge names of people speaking.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 2017 meeting were presented for approval. No corrections were offered; the motion to accept the minutes was made by Carolyn Wetzel and seconded by Jim Martin. The motion was unanimously accepted.

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Vice President's Report

17 February 2018 - Jim will be giving a look at Knipling software (bobbin lace pattern-builder).

17 March 2018 - Sharon will be teaching "Tatting Without English" - what to expect from various language publications, how to approach patterns even when presented in another language.

21 April 2018 - Jeri Ames will be presenting and discussing lace from her collection. If anyone has requests to see anything specific, email her and she will try to bring those items.

17-20 May 2018 - Retreat.

June 2018 - Business meeting, annual elections; bring WIP to work on.

Lace ATC - Artist Trading Cards are available from Jim. They will be voted on at the retreat. Extra credit vote for using supplied thread. One change from last year: one award per individual. If you win in multiple categories, you get the award for the category you score highest in; the other goes to the next person.

MA Sheep and Wool

Demonstration opportunity the weekend after retreat (Memorial Day weekend) will be held in Cummington, MA. Rita is point-of-contact.

Nominating Committee

We need a nominating committee (2-3 people). If you're willing to, contact Rita. Offices up for election are Vice-President, Member-at-large, and possibly Treasurer.

Retreat - May 17 - May 20

This year's retreat will be held at Rolling Ridge in North Andover, MA; the associated cost of attending is higher. Everything is within one building, 2 floors (bedrooms upstairs, classes / vending downstairs, food provided in room / board cost, served buffet style). Let Winann know when you sign up if you have any allergies!

Bargain for room / board for signing up before 15 March (distinct from bargain for bobbin order - watch the dates). Single rooms are available, but in limited supply and higher cost - first ordered, first served. Bathrooms are in halls or adjoining multi-person rooms.

Two teachers: Holly will be vending and teaching; Bobbi Donnelley sells her book as PDF / download and will be teaching Tønder lace.

No part-time students - you pay for the whole time or cannot take the classes. Day-commuters can go for half-days - \$55, includes lunch and meeting. Jill Hawkins will be speaking Saturday night about lace-life in England. The whole day (with dinner) is \$85; coming just to the meeting is \$25. This year there is no charge to shop or wander around.

The premises are owned by Methodists and are alcohol-free - you can bring your own bottles / glasses, but be sure to bring the empty bottles home.

Documentary on Lace

Blog post from 19 Dec 2017 mentions Allie Marguccio, Idrija teacher, and lace documentary available online: <http://wpsu.psu.edu/tv/programs/pennsylvania-folklore-woven-together/>

Hunterton Museum in New Jersey

Do we contribute for the lace exhibit in the Fall?

How do our finances look? Rita will check with Barbara Morrow.

Are there ways to support outside of donation? Carolyn will text Devon Thein about applying for a scholarship.

How much must be donated for donor to receive recognition? Nancy will check on this.

Close meeting

Marjorie moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Gail seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.