

New England Lace Group Monthly Meeting

September 19, 2020

Executive Board Attendance: Carolyn Wetzel, President; Kate Moore, Vice President; Barbara Morrow, Treasurer/Membership; Gail MacLean, Newsletter Editor; Bryce Wolf, Librarian

Members and Guests: Carmen Bartholomew, Rita Bartholomew, Laura Bensley, Marjorie Dashef, Linda Dumas, Kathy Draves, Sally Duscha, Evelyn Gant, Judith Goodwin-Lennem, Judy Jeon-Chapman, Mary Mangan, Sharon Sacco, Winann Steinmetz

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order by President Carolyn Wetzel shortly after 11 a.m.

Carolyn requested someone to take the minutes—Gail MacLean volunteered. Carolyn also asked for approval that the meeting be recorded for ease of preparing minutes—everyone agreed.

Carolyn did a quick review of the agenda and then all attendees introduced themselves, as did others who joined the meeting later. Carolyn reminded the members that next June the **positions of President and Member at Large** will be up for election, urging anyone interested to consider running.

1. Approval of minutes

Carolyn asked everyone to review the minutes from the June 20, 2020 meeting. After minor corrections were made, Bryce Wolf moved to accept the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Barbara Morrow and passed unanimously.

2. Officer and Committee reports

a) Programs – Kate Moore

October: Presentation by Kate Moore about **Elizabeth Isham**, an English lace maker from the 17th century

November: **Diagonal half-stitch** with Sharon Sacco

December: **Holiday party** with gift exchange. To manage the gift exchange in our current environment, Kate will send out an email asking everyone who wants to participate to submit their names to her by October 31. Kate will send each person the name of their gift recipient within 2 weeks. The gift (a piece of made or collected lace) should fit into a regular envelope and be mailed so that the recipient gets it before the December 19 meeting. Donor and recipient should take a picture to submit to the website and newsletter. Attendees of the December (and maybe January) meeting can display their gifts then.

January: **Lace-in**

[Carolyn noted that NELG now has its own Zoom account. It is paid for out of our Program budget, since we're not having any paid programs. It can be used by any of our regional groups, as well as for the monthly business meeting, as long as the meeting times don't conflict. Contact her for instructions.]

b) Retreat – Winnan Steinmetz

The retreat house is still closed. The initial payment of \$2,500 made for 2020 has been transferred to 2021 when our teachers will be Susie Johnson, Holly Van Sciver and Jill Hawkins. Holly will be our vendor.

The guest teacher for 2022 is Louise Colgan. Since Allie Marguccio was unable to come this year, we should consider her for 2023.

c) Scholarship – Barbara Morrow

No report. Barbara had to leave the meeting for a while due to technical difficulties.

d) Treasurer – Barbara Morrow

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e) Newsletter – Gail MacLean

Gail expressed her appreciation for all member submissions.

f) Website / Facebook – Sharon Sacco

The **Virtual Creative Arts Exhibit** has been added to the website; there are 22 entries. All are anonymous so that the items are still eligible to be entered in the Creative Arts competition at the Big E next year.

g) Library – Bryce Wolf

Bryce has ordered a new book from Anna Provencher's website, a 2018 publication from OIDFA with a wide variety of lace heart patterns. She recommends this website as an alternative to Holly's because there is a different selection of books.

Bryce encourages people to use the library during this time of quarantine. It is easily accessible on our website. Feel free to contact her with any questions.

Also, please plan to return those items that have been out on loan for a long time. If you want to be reminded of what you have borrowed, just send Bryce an email.

3. Announcements

a) Upcoming IOLI Virtual events include Dagmar Beckel-Machyckova on October 18 speaking on **Lace Beyond the Pattern**, Fiona Harrington on October 31 speaking about the **Headford Lace Project** in Ireland, and a presentation on **St Catherine's Day** history and lore in November at a time to be announced. These live events are available to all IOLI members. You will need to register; an email will be sent to all members to register. Recordings of some past events may be available to anyone accessing the IOLI website Member's Only area.

b) Doily Free Zone's **Lace Camp 2021** in June has been moved online. Access to the events is available for a reasonable fee. Selection of classes and teachers is outstanding.

c) Please complete and return the **IOLI survey** about the 2021 convention.

d) Allie Marguccio is interested in coming to give us a workshop in 2021. If anyone is interested in arranging this event, please contact Jill Hawkins or Carolyn or Kate Moore.

e) Ronald McDonald **Trees of Hope** fundraiser—members are encouraged to send Jill strips of lace that are 8 inches long and a half-inch wide in white thread. Other color accents are acceptable in the gimp. See details on the website or in the August newsletter.

f) The NELG Instagram account has been set up and linked with our Facebook page. Nothing has been posted there yet.

g) Judy Jeon-Chapman is looking for someone to take on the last 5 types of lace for her **Miracle of Thread** project: Renaissance Spanish Lace, Point d'Alençon, Spanish Blonde Lace , Point

d'Angleterre, and Chantilly. Kate Moore is interested in Renaissance Spanish Lace; Jim Martin has made Chantilly and might be a resource.

h) Denise Kinsley gave Judy an assortment of tatting supplies for anyone in NELG who could use them—thread, books, and shuttles and other items. They will be available at our next silent auction.

i) There is a new feature on the website—a map that shows the location of all members.

4. Adjournment

Kate Moore moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail MacLean
NELG Newsletter Editor