

2022

New England Lace Group Lace Challenge

In honor of our current NELG Ipswich Lace project, this year's Artist Trading Card (ATC) lace challenge will be a 2½" by 3½" card embellished with your handmade lace that incorporates **Black Silk Thread**.

The lace must be made by you and can be any form of lace. There must be *at least* one 4 cm strand of black silk thread on your ATC, the remainder can be any thread or color. It should be two dimensional and fit in the space of the card. (The card must fit in the plastic sleeve provided.) 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.

Email nelg.atc@gmail.com to request a free ATC Challenge pack (one per member). Each pack will include the card and plastic sleeve. The rest is up to you!

At the NELG Annual Retreat in May 2022, we will display the ATCs and all persons in attendance will vote by secret ballot for several winners:

- Favorite ATC
- Best use of black silk thread
- Most unusual
- Most technically impressive

Winners will receive all the honors and benefits occurring thereto: splashy coverage on the NELG website and in the August 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 nelg.atc@gmail.com
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 will NOT be responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen works entered in the Challenge. NELG covers costs (ATC, return mail) for one entry per member. However, you can enter more than one at your own expense.