

## 2023 New England Lace Group Lace Challenge

In appreciation of the beautiful shoreline location our retreat is being held at, this year's Artist Trading Card (ATC) lace challenge will be a card embellished with your handmade lace that represents the theme "*By the Sea, the Beautiful Sea*".

### Guidelines:

- ◇ The lace must be made by you and can be any form of lace.
- ◇ The final piece must be two dimensional and fit in the 2½" by 3½" space of the card.
- ◇ The card must fit into the plastic sleeve provided.
- ◇ You may combine your lace with other media.
- ◇ On the back of your card, include:
  - Your name
  - The year (2023)
  - Contact information (email and phone #)
  - Title of your piece

Free ATC Challenge packs (limited to one per member) are available by emailing [nelg.atc@gmail.com](mailto:nelg.atc@gmail.com). Each pack will include the card, envelope and plastic sleeve. The rest is up to you!

At the NELG Annual Retreat in May 2023, we will display the ATCs and all members in attendance will vote by secret ballot for several winners:

- Favorite ATC
- Best representation of the theme
- Most unusual
- Most technically impressive

Winners will receive the respective honors and benefits: 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](mailto:nelg.atc@gmail.com).
3. The back of the card must include your name, the year, contact information, and the title of your piece.

*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.*