

2017

New England Lace Group Lace Challenge

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 theme "Birds of a Feather". The topic may be taken either literally or figuratively and need not necessarily contain anything relating to birds at all. Let your imagination run free, but do maintain a connection to the topic: "Birds of a Feather".

The lace must be made by you and can be any form of lace. It should be two dimensional and fit in the space of the card. (The card must fit in the plastic sleeve provided.) 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.

Free Challenge Packs will be available at the January and February NELG meetings and by mail. Email Jim Martin (nelgac@gmail.com) 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 2017, we will display the ATCs and all persons in attendance will vote by secret ballot for several winners:

- Favorite ATC
- Best Imagery for "Birds of a Feather"
- Most Unusual
- Most Technically Impressive

Winners will receive all the honors and benefits occurring thereto: 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 Jim Martin.
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 Jim Martin 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.