

New England Lace Group Retreat & Workshops 2019

Our annual retreat and workshops will be held from Thursday, May 16 to Sunday, May 19, 2019. Once again, we will be at [Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center](#) in North Andover, Massachusetts.

Our teachers for this year will be:

- **Carolyn Wetzel** who will be teaching **Frisado de Valladolid Needle Lace**
- **Holly Van Sciver** will be offering **beginning, intermediate or advanced Torchon, Bedfordshire, Bucks Point, Lester, Honiton, Russian, Hungarian, contemporary lace and more.** Holly will also be our vendor.
- **Jill Hawkins** will be teaching a beginner bobbin lace class for those who are new to lacemaking, or those who have been away from lacemaking for a while and need to go back to basics. This class will be subsidized by NELG.



Our presentation on Saturday evening will be **Glorious Gold and Silk: Frisado de Valladolid Needle Lace of Spain.** Carolyn will share images of this rare needle lace, describe its history that starts in the 1500s, and introduce you to who is continuing the tradition in Spain today. She will also relate the adventures she and a few other lace makers had while travelling in Spain to study Frisado in 2017.

Registration is open from February 1 through April 15. Paid registrations received by March 15 will receive up to \$20 early bird discount on accommodations and workshop fees. Workshop fees are unchanged from 2018, but accommodation fees have changed slightly to reflect the 7% MA sales tax that was not included last year.

Our bobbin this year is from Chris Parsons and features a painting of the Rolling Ridge retreat house. Please note that to guarantee delivery for retreat, the deadline for ordering a commemorative bobbin is **March 1.** Late orders will be accepted, but these will be delivered after retreat.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Single rooms are very limited and will be assigned on a **first-come first paid** basis
- Check in time is no earlier than 5pm on Thursday for afternoon arrivals
- All lunches and dinners are “Chef’s Choice”, and are served either buffet or family-style.
- Meal times are: Breakfast 8.00am; Lunch 12:00pm; Dinner 6:00pm
- Class hours are 9am to noon and 2pm to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, and 9am to noon on Sunday
- We are welcome to bring wine/beer to enjoy in the evenings, but **no bottles or cans in their trash**, please. We will need to take them home.
- Checkout time from guestrooms is 10am on Sunday morning
- Lake Cochichewick holds the drinking water supply for North Andover. Swimming is NOT permitted; however, kayaks and canoes are available for use on the lake. Please visit the retreat house office to complete the paperwork.
- Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center is located at:
600 Great Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845. Office phone: (978) 682-8815.

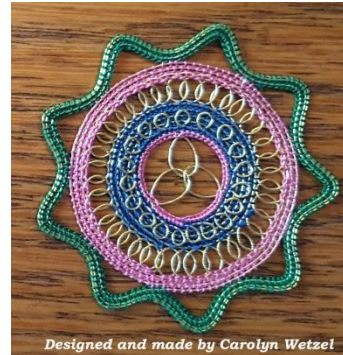
FRISADO DE VALLADOLID NEEDLE LACE

Carolyn Wetzel

Frisado de Valladolid is a rich needle-made lace of colored silk stitched over real gold or silver passing thread. It was made in and around Valladolid (north of Madrid) starting from the 1500s, when Valladolid was the political and royal seat of power in Spain. It is characterized by loops of gold or silver thread that embellish the surface and edges of the lace. Motifs were elaborate floral and/or geometric styles.



In this class beginning students will make a small 3-lobed medallion that can be used as a pendant, in order to learn all the steps of the process during the weekend so that it can be completed at home. The instructor will provide authentic Spanish gold thread for the project and show examples of domestically-available gold thread alternatives. There will be a \$5.00 kit fee to cover the cost of the needles, pattern materials, and gold thread (payable to teacher in class)



Continuing students will work on a more elaborate design based on a historical piece (contact instructor before class for details). Suitable for beginners, as well as more experienced needle lace makers.

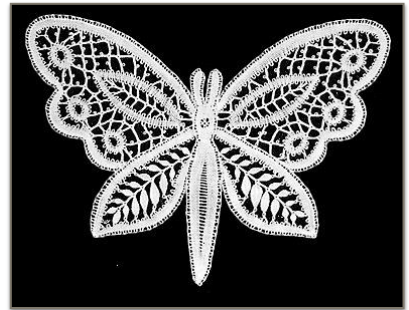
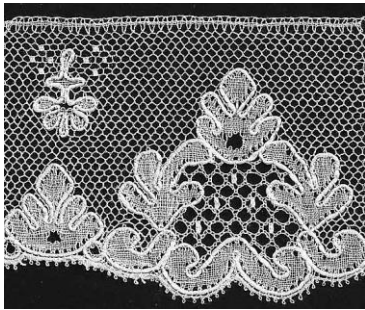


Carolyn has been exploring the techniques of needle-made laces for over 25 years, and teaches needle lace throughout the USA. She travelled to Spain twice to study the history and technique Frisado de Valladolid. She has written lace-related articles for *Piecework Magazine* and the *IOLI Bulletin*, and frequents the online discussion forum NeedleLaceTalk.ning.com. Carolyn is a member of the Finger Lakes Lace Guild, the New England Lace Group, and International Organization of Lace, Inc. (former Eastern Director).

BEDS, LESTER, BUCKS, HONITON, and MORE!

Holly Van Sciver

There is something for everyone in this course! Choose from beginning, intermediate or advanced Torchon, Bedfordshire, Bucks Point, Lester, Honiton, Russian, Hungarian, Contemporary lace and more. You can start at the beginning with the basics (complete novices should consider taking the Beginning Bobbin Lace class also being offered), continue at the intermediate level or move onto something more advanced. Not interested in the traditional, then select a contemporary Martine Bruggeman pattern or a design of your own and add a little color and texture.



Have your own idea? Then contact Holly. The instructor will consult with each student to select an appropriate pattern that will advance your skill. Whether you start a new project or continue an ongoing project, this course is tailored to your lacemaking level and interests.



Holly has been a student and teacher of lacemaking for 44 years. Originally trained in England, she specializes in teaching the 19th century English laces. She has taught and lectured in the United States, Canada and Europe for the International Old Lacers, regional lace guilds, national lace conferences, museums, historical societies, universities and professional organizations.

Holly is a leader in teaching the fundamentals underlying lacemaking theory and design. She is the founder of the Finger Lakes Lace Guild and owner of Van Sciver Bobbin Lace, which has served to promote lacemaking worldwide since 1981.

Please contact Holly to select an appropriate pattern that will advance your skill in one of these laces. Holly can be reached at vsblace@twcny.rr.com or (607) 277-0498.

BEGINNING BOBBIN LACE

Jill Hawkins

This class is designed for those who are brand new to bobbin lace or those who have been away from bobbin lace making for a while and need to go back to basics.



You will learn the foundation of bobbin lace including pattern preparation, various pillows and bobbins, bobbin winding, selection of threads and pins and lacemaking terminology. Students will first make a sampler to learn the basic stitches and will then move on to use those techniques to create a flower, which has been designed by the teacher.

The workshop will be subsidized by NELG and all supplies will be loaned by NELG. Students will have the opportunity to purchase their own supplies from Van Sciver Bobbin Lace during retreat.



Jill learned lacemaking in Glastonbury, England in 1985 and has been teaching lacemaking from her home since 1995. In addition, she has given presentations to various organizations in the UK and US.

She has been a member of NELG since 1986, serving twice as President. She is a member of the Lace Guild in the UK, as well as the International Organization of Lace in the US.

Her favorite bobbin laces are Bucks Point, Bedfordshire and Milanese.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Guests should arrive no earlier than 5 pm if registering for an afternoon arrival

ROOM AND BOARD

	<u>Price thru March 15</u>		<u>Price after March 15</u>	
	<u>Single room</u>	<u>Shared room</u>	<u>Single room</u>	<u>Shared room</u>
<u>Arrive Thursday, May 16 pm</u> 3 nights lodging Dinner Thursday 3 meals Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$495	\$430	\$505	\$440
<u>Arrive Friday, May 17 am</u> 2 nights lodging Lunch & dinner Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$410	\$365	\$420	\$375
<u>Arrive Friday, May 17 pm</u> 2 nights lodging Dinner Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$330	\$285	\$340	\$295
<u>Arrive Saturday, May 18 am</u> 1 night lodging Lunch & dinner Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$245	\$220	\$255	\$230

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DAY VISITORS

	<u>Price thru March 15</u>	<u>Price after March 15</u>
<u>Day commuter (half day/4 hours)</u> Tea/coffee & lunch	\$55	\$65
<u>Day commuter (all day)</u> Tea/coffee, lunch & dinner	\$85	\$95
<u>Meeting attendance</u> Tea/coffee & monthly meeting only	\$25	\$35

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WORKSHOP

	<u>Price thru March 15</u>	<u>Price after March 15</u>
Workshop (15 hours total)	\$280	\$290
Beginner workshop (15 hours total)	\$140	\$145