

New England Lace Group Retreat & Workshops 2022

Our annual retreat and workshops will be held from Thursday, May 12 to Sunday, May 15, 2022. This year we will be at [Mercy by the Sea](#) Conference Center in Madison, CT. The retreat house is located on Long Island Sound and all rooms have a private bathroom and air conditioning.

Our teachers for this year will be:

- **Allie Marguccio** who will be teaching **Idrija Lace**. Tom Marguccio will also be vending Idrija lace supplies.
- **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 once again 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.



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.

Our commemorative bobbin this year is from Chris Parsons. 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:

- Everyone attending will require to be fully vaccinated and boosted with a WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccine. Proof of vaccination is required upon arrival. A rapid COVID-19 test will be required upon arrival. If positive, admittance will not be allowed.
- Masks will be worn at all times, unless eating or drinking.
- Single rooms will be assigned on a **first-come first paid** basis
- Check in time is no earlier than 4pm on Thursday for afternoon arrivals
- All meals are generally served buffet-style; dietary restrictions can be accommodated
- Meal times will be confirmed a few days prior to the event
- Class hours are 9am - noon and 2pm - 5pm on Friday and Saturday, and 9am - 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 10 am on Sunday morning
- All guests are invited to remain on the property and enjoy the grounds until 4:30pm, common areas and gift/bookshop before check in and after check out
- Mercy by the Sea Conference Center is located at:
167 Neck Road, Madison, CT 06443. Office phone: (203) 245-0401.

IDRIJA LACE

Allie Marguccio

The Idrija Lace workshop is designed for those students new to Idrija narrow tape lace or the repeat student that wants to reinforce the basic skills used to make Idrija narrow tape lace. The patterns that will be available are comprised of the following stitches: cloth stitch tape, half stitch, double stitch, gentle turns and various types of corners, Idrija double vein edging, sewing edge, plaits and single picots and various turning stitches and inserting beads (this is done differently in Idrija lace). Strong emphasis is placed on reading the patterns and understanding pattern markings. The instructor's goal is a simple one – to give you the skills to be able to successfully work many of the Idrija narrow tape patterns that are available.



Allie will also be happy to help with unfinished projects or Idrija patterns you may have purchased or found in books. While the Narrow Tape remains the most popular lace at her workshops, she will also bring a Broad Tape pattern for those who might be interested.

At the start of class, each student will be given a packet of materials that will include a variety of patterns of different levels.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PRICK YOUR PATTERNS! You will also receive a newly revised booklet of diagrams and helpful tips for the components of each piece. Most of the class patterns are from the Slovenian pattern designer, Irma Pervanja. Irma is a former design teacher of the Idrija Lace School.

Each student will receive a detailed email message approximately 1 month prior to the workshop, which will outline what you need to bring to class and the specific patterns that Allie will be bringing. If you want to customize your workshop experience, you can discuss it at that time.

The great-granddaughter of a Slovene bobbin lacemaker, Allie's passion is evidenced by her continued study and research of the lace of her heritage. Idrija lace has long been a favorite and treasured gift when sent by her Slovene relatives. She has traveled to Slovenia numerous times to tour the lacemaking centers of Idrija, Železniki, Žiri and Cerkno. Allie has studied under the tutelage of Metka Fortuna, director of the Idrija School of Lace and Stana Frelih, Master Teacher.

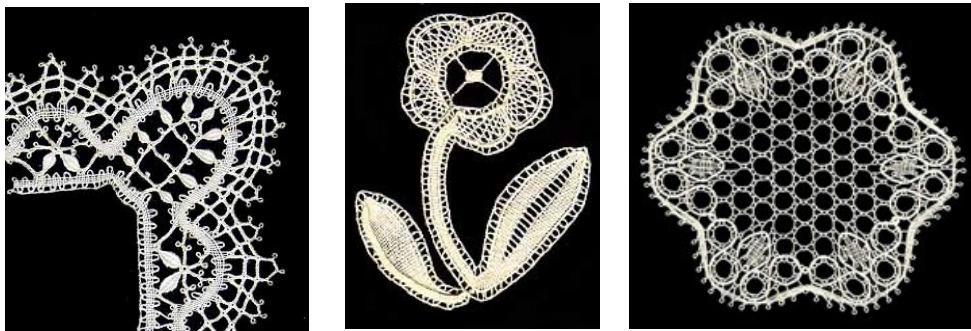
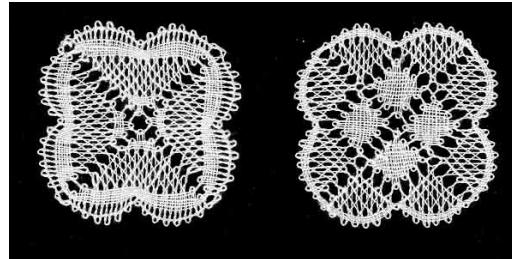
Along with teaching workshops to individual lace groups in the USA, she has also taught Idrija lace at various lace events such as Ithaca Lace Days (Ithaca, NY), the Winter Lace Conference (Costa Mesa, California), North Carolina Regional Lace Guild's Spring Lace Day (Chapel Hill, NC) and the Northwest Lace Conference in Oregon.



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, 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, who 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. Beginners are most welcome!

Holly has been a student and teacher of lacemaking for 46 years. Originally trained in England, she specializes in teaching the nineteenth century English laces. She has taught and lectured in the United States, Canada and Europe for the International Organization of Lace, 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 4 pm if registering for an afternoon arrival

ROOM AND BOARD	Price thru March 15		Price after March 15	
	Single room	Shared room	Single room	Shared room
<u>Arrive Thursday, May 12 pm</u> 3 nights lodging Dinner Thursday 3 meals Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$595	\$505	\$605	\$515
<u>Arrive Friday, May 13 am</u> 2 nights lodging Lunch & dinner Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$475	\$415	\$485	\$425
<u>Arrive Friday, May 13 pm</u> 2 nights lodging Dinner Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$395	\$335	\$405	\$345
<u>Arrive Saturday, May 14 am</u> 1 night lodging Lunch & dinner Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$280	\$250	\$290	\$260

DAY VISITORS	Price thru March 15	Price after March 15
Day commuter - Tea/coffee & lunch	\$95/day	\$105/day
Day commuter - Tea/coffee, lunch & dinner	\$125/day	\$135/day
Meeting attendance (Saturday) - Tea/coffee & monthly meeting only	\$25	\$35
Shopping only	No charge	
WORKSHOP	Price thru March 15	Price after March 15
Workshop (15 hours total)	\$325	\$335
Beginner workshop (15 hours total)	\$160	\$170

BOBBINS	Bone	Ebony	Lemonwood
Midlands spangled	\$20.50	\$19.00	\$17.00
Honiton		\$15.50	\$15.50
Binche		\$19.00	\$15.50
Bayeux		\$19.00	\$15.50
Square (short)		\$19.00	\$15.50

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Check In / Check Out

Check-in time at the Retreat House is **after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022 and bedrooms need to be vacated by 10am on Sunday, May 15, 2020.** If you are arriving after 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, please make advanced arrangements with the Chairman of the Retreat Committee for late arrival.

Allergies

Be sensitive to those with allergies and refrain from wearing perfumes or highly scented cosmetics. Please do not bring fresh flowers to the event.

Reservations

Fully paid reservations received on or before March 15 will receive an Early Bird Discount on accommodation and workshop fees. Online payment or check payment must be received on or before March 15 to receive the discount. Any reservation that remains unpaid for more than 2 weeks may be canceled by the Retreat Committee. Single rooms will be assigned based on a first-come, first-paid basis. If you are paying for a shared room, **please name a room mate.**

Commemorative Bobbins

To guarantee delivery of commemorative bobbins for the retreat, **the order must be received no later than March 1.** Bobbins can be ordered after that date and through the end of retreat, but will be delivered at a later date.

Payments

Online payments with a credit card can be made on the NELG website. Checks are deposited as received by the Retreat Chair. Post-dated checks will not confirm your reservation until the date of the check. Any reservation that remains unpaid for more than 2 weeks is subject to cancellation. If your check is returned or online payment is declined, there will be a \$25 charge.

Cancellations due to class minimums not met

Classes are set for a minimum of 6 students. If less than 6 students have registered, NELG reserves the right to cancel the class.

Cancellation of Accommodation Reservation and/or Class Reservation

Notification of cancellation of your ACCOMMODATION reservation must be sent to the Chairman of the Retreat Committee. NELG will make every effort to refund the accommodation fees, but only if NELG can receive a refund for the reservation paid, or have another individual take over your reservation. Notification of cancellation of your CLASS reservation must be sent to the Chairman of the Retreat Committee. NELG will make every effort to refund the class fee provided that your cancellation does not make the class attendance go below the class minimum of 6 students.

Shopping with the Vendor

There is no charge for entering the Retreat House to shop with the vendor, but shoppers may not disrupt classes or those retreating.

Attendance for the NELG Meeting that is scheduled after lunch on Saturday

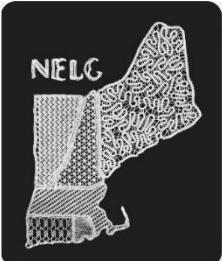
Those individuals who have paid the Day Commuter or Meeting Attendance fee may attend the NELG Meeting that is scheduled after lunch on Saturday. Those who have paid the Meeting Attendance fee only may not attend the lunch nor be allowed to stay past the end of the meeting except to shop with the vendor.

Day commuters

Those individuals who have registered and paid the Day Commuter fee with lunch only are not permitted to stay through dinner.

Wait List

If class registration reaches its maximum of 10 students, we will maintain a wait list. If a place becomes available you will be notified, but in order to secure your space you will be expected to pay the class fees the same day on our website unless other arrangements have been made in advance.



New England Lace Group

COVID-19 policy for 2022 Retreat

approved by the Executive Board in December 2021

Our concern is for the safety and health of all who attend our retreat. Due to the current fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NELG executive Board is instituting the following policy for NELG's 2022 retreat:

- Everyone attending will require to be fully vaccinated and boosted with an approved COVID-19 vaccine
- Proof of vaccination is required upon arrival
- A rapid COVID-19 test will be required upon arrival (test kits will be provided). If positive, admittance will not be allowed and registration fees will be refunded
- Full vaccination is considered
 - 3 shots of Pfizer/Moderna
 - OR
 - 1 dose of the J&J vaccine + 1 shot Pfizer/Moderna/J&J.

We ask everyone to consider the risks to others if you have any symptoms or have been in contact with an active case of COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to your arrival.

During the retreat, at a minimum, we will follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines in effect at the time. Because this will be an indoor venue, to minimize the spread of infection everyone will be required to wear masks in the classroom and all public spaces (except when eating and drinking).

Please BRING a supply of masks (N95 or KN95 preferred) with you to retreat so that you can wear a fresh one each day. Masks should cover the nose and mouth. CDC also recommends social distancing for everyone, especially for those who are unvaccinated. We will work with the retreat venue to ensure we have adequate space in all shared areas.

We realize the COVID situation is fluid. CDC guidelines, as well as the retreat center's requirements may change by May 2022. We will keep you informed of any policy changes.

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