

# New England Lace Group Retreat & Workshops 2023

Our annual retreat and workshops will be held from Thursday, May 4 to Sunday, May 7, 2023. Once again, 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:

- **Louise Colgan** who will be teaching **Milanese Lace**.
- **Holly Van Sciver** will be offering **beginning, intermediate or advanced Torchon, Bedfordshire, Bucks Point, 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 January 22 through April 15.** Paid registrations received by March 1 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 and a negative COVID-19 test must be submitted within 24 hours of arrival. If positive, admittance will not be allowed.
- Masks are optional.
- 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.

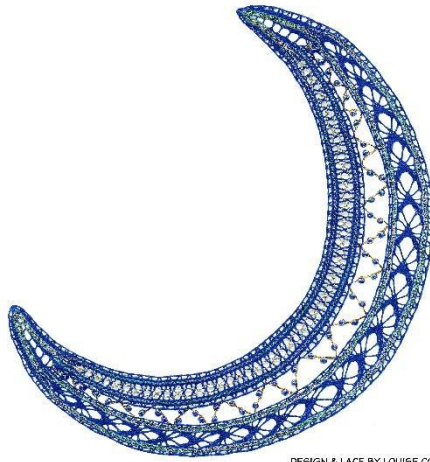
# MILANESE LACE

Louise Colgan

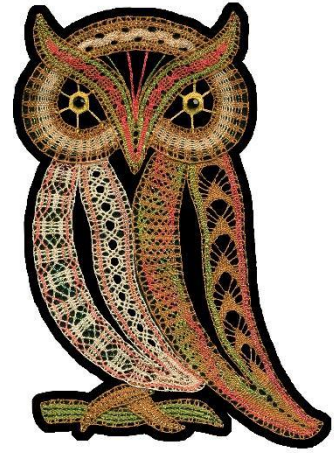
Milanese is a free-flowing form of tape lace characterized by special decorative stitches that become integral features of each design. The creative nature of this type of lace makes it suitable for both traditional and contemporary interpretation. This course will cover all levels of Milanese skills. A variety of patterns will be provided to suit both new and continuing Milanese students. Lacemakers will be given the option of using colored threads to make their own unique pieces from the selected patterns. As with other similar free-style laces, individual interpretation of each design is part of the learning process. A solid foundation in basic bobbin lace skills is required. Ability to read diagrams is also recommended.



DESIGN & LACE BY LOUISE COLGAN



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Louise is a lacemaker, designer, and teacher with experience in a broad range of bobbin lace techniques. She began making lace in 1985 and has been teaching for over 30 years.

Louise is an Honorary Member and Past President of IOLI, currently serving as the Proficiency Program Chair. She has taught classes at IOLI Conventions for many years, plus workshops for U.S. members of OIDFA. Overseas events include the Australian Lace Guild's National Conference and classes for New Zealand's Bridge Lace Group. She also travels regularly to teach workshops for numerous guilds throughout the U.S.

In her capacity as a lacemaker and designer, Louise has exhibited her work both locally and internationally, including as a participant in the renowned International Poppy Project. Her designs have been featured in the *IOLI Bulletin* and *Lace Express* magazine. Additionally, she has published three books of original patterns and made an instructional video on Milanese Lace through Hensel Productions.

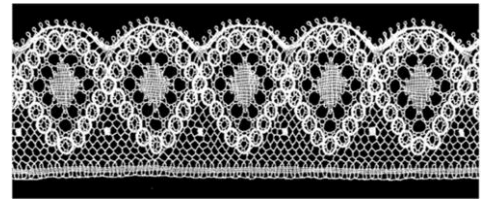
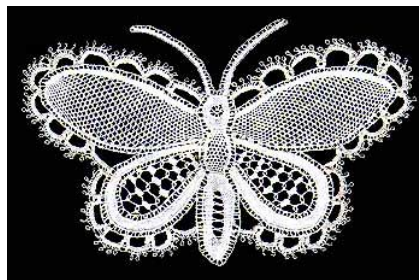
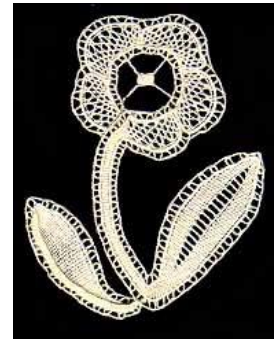
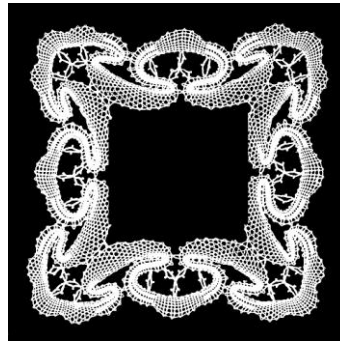
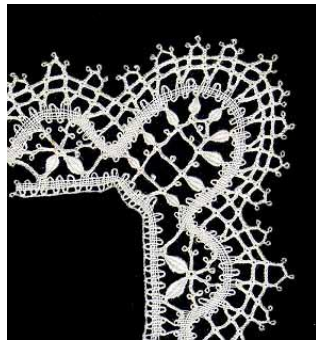
**Website:** <http://www.colganlacedstudio.com/>



# TORCHON, BEDS, BUCKS, HONITON, RUSSIAN, CONTEMPORARY 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 (large and small), 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 me. 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. Beginners most welcome!



Holly has been a student and teacher of lacemaking for 49 years. Originally trained in England, she specializes in teaching the 19<sup>th</sup> 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@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:vsblace@twcnny.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 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

<b>REGISTRATION FEE (non-refundable)</b>	\$25
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ROOM AND BOARD	Price thru March 1		Price after March 1	
	Single room	Shared room	Single room	Shared room
<u>Arrive Thursday, May 4 pm</u> 3 nights lodging Dinner Thursday 3 meals Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$600	\$510	\$610	\$520
<u>Arrive Friday, May 5 am</u> 2 nights lodging Lunch & dinner Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$480	\$420	\$490	\$430
<u>Arrive Friday, May 5 pm</u> 2 nights lodging Dinner Friday 3 meals Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$400	\$340	\$410	\$350
<u>Arrive Saturday, May 6 am</u> 1 night lodging Lunch & dinner Saturday 2 meals Sunday	\$285	\$255	\$295	\$265

DAY VISITORS	Price thru March 1	Price after March 1
<u>Day commuter</u> - Tea/coffee & lunch	\$100/day	\$110/day
<u>Day commuter</u> - Tea/coffee, lunch & dinner	\$130/day	\$140/day
<u>Meeting attendance (Saturday)</u> - Tea/coffee & monthly meeting only	\$30	\$40
Shopping only	No charge	
WORKSHOP	Price thru March 1	Price after March 1
Workshop (15 hours total)	\$350	\$360
Beginner workshop (15 hours total)	\$175	\$180

BOBBINS	Bone	Ebony	Lemonwood
Midlands spangled	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Honiton		\$14.00	\$14.00
Binche		\$18.00	\$16.00
Bayeux		\$18.00	\$16.00
Square (short)		\$18.00	\$16.00

## **New England Lace Group – Retreat Fine Print 2023**

### **Check In / Check Out**

Check-in time at the Retreat House is **after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 and bedrooms need to be vacated by 10am on Sunday, May 7, 2023**. 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 1 will receive an Early Bird Discount on accommodation and workshop fees. Online payment or check payment must be received on or before March 1 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.**

### **Registration fee**

All registrants will be charged a non-refundable registration fee of \$25.

### **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.

*Updated January 2023*