

Chesapeake Region Lace Guild

Where lacemaking lives on



Happy International Tatting Day! April 1, 2020

Best wishes to you all as International Tatting Day draws to a close. Typically this day is observed by tatting in public and eating chocolate. Well, this year called for a bit of creativity, since public activities are not an option for those of us in the Chesapeake Region with Maryland, Virginia, and DC all under strict stay at home orders. I changed the cover photo on my Face Book page and posted a "Happy International Tatting Day" greeting. And I may yet eat some chocolate before this day is over.

The CRLG Board does hope all of you are safe and healthy and coping with the physical distancing required to slow the spread of this novel corona virus, Covid-19.

I hope many of you are finding this a time to do some beautiful lace-making. Maybe this is the year to enter several lace pieces in the local county fairs and the Maryland state fair. If you are like me, you have supplies on hand to keep you happily making lace for several months!

Stay healthy. Stay home. Stay connected.
Happy Lace-making to one and all!

Peace, Mary Kay Totty, CRLG Board President

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR CRLG MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020???

While a number of members make it a practice of renewing their membership at Fall Lace Day, not everyone chooses that option. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please take a moment, print out the attached membership form, write your check and send it to the CRLG Treasurer (address on the form). [Click HERE for Membership Form](#)



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CANCELLATION AND POSTPONEMENT

Spring Lace Day 2020 is cancelled. All across the



Chesapeake region people are under stay at home orders and our venue has cancelled all reservations for all events through at least mid May. The Board has decided to not try and reschedule. We will simply see you all at Fall Lace Day on October 24, 2020. We are checking to see if our speaker for the spring, Elena Kanagy-Loux is available for Fall Lace Day.

March Ipswich Class

Due to the pandemic, Karen Thompson's historic American Ipswich Lace Class has been postponed until a later date - still to be determined.

[IOLI Website](#)

CRLG Members Share the Love of Lace



Nailed It

Anita Barry recently shouted, "I nailed it!" when she received the "Master" bar for the Tatters Across Time, Inc. Tatting Proficiency Program ©. Anita finished the third and final portion of the Tatters Across Time program. Tatters Across Time is a program designed to help tatters improve their proficiency in tatting skills, techniques, and/or knowledge.

Anita started this three-phase program in 2014. Also that year she completed Phase I, the Apprentice Phase. She completed Phase II, the Artisan phase in 2016, and now completed Phase III, the Master phase. Each of the three phases



Modern Celtic Blessing for Tatters

Bless to me, O God, my tatting shuttle
Bless to me, O God, my days

Bless to me, O God, the winding of
the thread around my shuttle that the
thread may not become too twisted
Bless to me, O God, my thoughts that
they may be clear, wise, & discerning,
and never too twisted.

Bless to me, O God, the making of
the knots, that the shuttle move in,
through, around carrying the thread
with smooth ease
Bless to me, O God, that I may move
in, through, around carrying grace into
each moment of my day

builds on the phase before it. Tatters Across Time offers team members who are contacts, mentors and also evaluators.

Anita tatted patterns provided in the program. When she completed a phase of the program evaluators analyzed her tatting and provided written feedback for making improvements and suggestions on how to create an impeccably tatted item.

“Tatters Across Time has been a great way for me to learn an array of progressively more challenging projects. In this program I used my basic skills and I learned to applied new methods and techniques to my tatting.” Anita said.

For more information about Tatters Across Time see <https://www.tattersacrosstime.org/>

Bless to me, O God, double stitches side by side, moving with ease, closing into rings, lock joining ring to ring in a pattern of beauty
Bless to me, O God, companions by my side, rings of family & friends, connected by love & loyalty into a web of blessing

Bless to me, O God, my tatting shuttle as I knot the last stitch may the lace created be a thing of beauty and delight

Bless to me, O God, the living of my days, that as I breathe my last, the life I've inhabited will pass on as blossom & fruit*, and loved ones will remember me with joy and delight.

--MK Totty, 2018

*hat tip to Dr. Dawna Markova, "I Will Not Die an Unlived Life"

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November Milanese Class

Louise Colgan has agreed to teach Milanese Lace November 19-21. Yes, that is a Thursday-Saturday time frame that will be something new to try. Yoko Barr has graciously agreed to host the class. Registration will be available closer to the date. Check Louise's website to see many of her patterns.



Remember to email volunteer hours to Tamara Webb
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Remember to mark your calendar for
October 24, 2020 for the CRLG
Spring Lace Day

Don't forget your annual membership dues!

