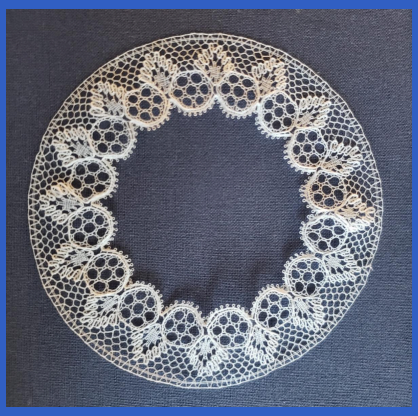
Chesapeake Region Lace Guild

Where lacemaking lives on



Tønder lace by Bobbi Donnelly

~ A message from the president ~

Happy New Year!

CRLG has a number of classes and events planned this year. Some details are in this newsletter and others will be coming later. Be sure to mark your calendar for those of interest to you using the Calendar of Events. Questions about any of them can be sent to me and I will try to answer promptly.

A special shout-out to Kazuko Nagashima for hosting the upcoming Stash Sale/Swap Meet on January 24th. It is always fun to look through all the items organized so well in her home. If you have things you want to eliminate from your stash, be sure to let her know you are bringing an item. Nothing is priced; make a donation if you can.

CRLG thanks Mary Tod for her years of service as a member and also on the Board. She has resigned her Board position as of January 1, 2026, because of family matters. Her inspiration for developing the "Cherishing the Chesapeake" banners that many of us were able to view in person at Fall Lace Day has been so fun for all the members to create over the past few years. More recently, she served as the CRLG membership chair, putting together the directory and creating member name tags. Mary, you will be missed for your leadership.

In other Board news, Kristen Smith was elected incoming Treasurer to assist with the membership files. A big Thank You to Kristen for being willing to assist with this volunteer job for CRLG.

-Linda Kay Benning
CRLG President

Stash Sale/Swap Meet
Saturday, January 24th!



CRLG is fortunate to have many former members donate their gently used materials to us to pass on to others. Additionally, members discover materials they no longer are using. To this end, mark Saturday, January 24, from 11-2:00 pm for the Stash Sale/Swap Meet.

Bring what you are no longer using; find something new that you need for your lace journey.

Nothing is priced - a big envelope will be available on the kitchen counter to leave a donation if you can. We appreciate your generosity.

Kazuko (KK) Nagashima will again host this event at her lovely home.

17109 Barnstable Drive
Derwood, MD 20855-2529

Parking is available on the street. CRLG members thank KK for her wonderful organizational skills for this popular event.

Lace Identification

via Zoom

Saturday, January 31st
10 am

Join CRLG members to look at 80 different styles of lace as you learn to distinguish some of the characteristics that make them unique.

Mark Saturday, January 31st, from 10 -11:00 am, as a chance to expand your knowledge - and maybe see one you will want to try to make.



What kind of lace is this?

Rather than play Bingo as we did last year, we will use these amazing pictures collected by Devon Thein, as a Study Session with the help of CRLG Member Karen H Thompson. Her more than 20 years of work with the Smithsonian lace collection will be useful as we look at these laces without leaving home.



P.S. We may not make it through all of them.

Zoom Link for Lace ID 1/31/26

THREE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Chesapeake Region Lace Guild is delighted to announce three scholarship opportunities designed to support our members in beginning, learning, connecting, and advancing their lace practices.

Membership Scholarship: This award covers the cost of annual CRLG membership, helping new and returning lacemakers undergoing financial insecurity to join our community and access resources, events, and networking opportunities. Recipients will remain anonymous.
Link here: https://forms.gle/tK2zzwWBuNHZgd1n6

Guild Workshop Scholarship: Designed to encourage hands-on learning, this scholarship provides funding for one member to attend a CRLG-sponsored workshop. One scholarship will be available per workshop.
Link here: https://forms.gle/BbxQ15EZDLHKaE9k8

IOLI Convention 2026 Scholarship: This award supports attendance at the International Organization of Lace, Inc. (I.O.L.I.) Convention in Durham, North Carolina. It offers recipients the chance to participate in specialized classes and engage with the broader lace community. Applications are open from January 1, 2026 – January 30, 2026.
Link here: https://forms.gle/NtPv4VADioRoumV48

Together, these scholarships reflect CRLG's commitment to nurturing creativity, skill, and fellowship among lacemakers and textile artists.

Tønder Lace Class

March 13-15, 2026



Registration

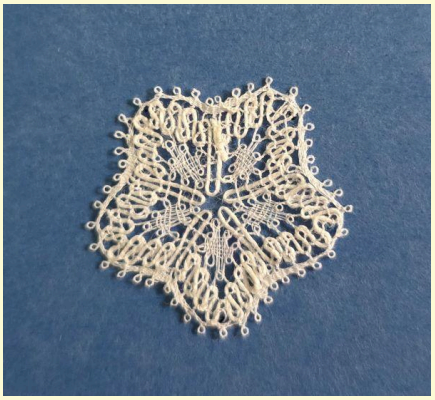
- members $150
- non-members: $170

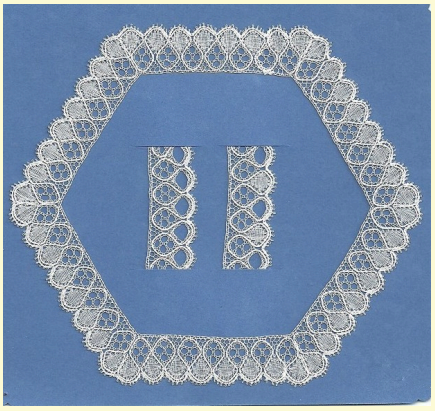
FIRST: Email Carolyn Cerini at **WbrgLaceMaker@cox.net** to reserve your space in the class **by February 20th.**

THEN: Mail your fee to

Kristen Smith
6571 Flagmaker Ct
Falls Church, VA 22042

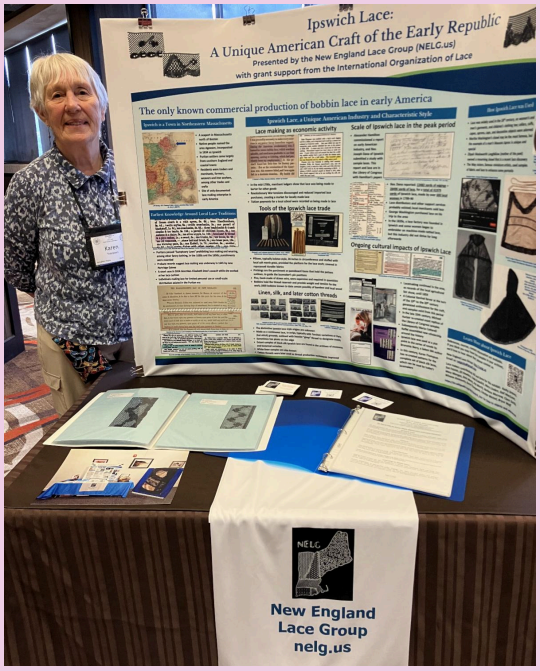
Bobbi Donnelly has been making lace since 1991 and has studied with teachers across the world. She started to focus on Tønder lace in 2005 and has taught that since 2007. She continually works on reconstructions of old Danish laces from personal photos taken at the Tønder Museum in Denmark for her classes. She has taught at IOLI Conventions, Lace at Sweet Briar in Virginia, Winter Lace Conference in California and a number of other smaller venues throughout the States.





Bobbi has published several books with Michael Giusiana on Tønder Lace:
Spiderwebs and Dreams in 2013,
A Study in Tønder Lace in 2014,
Point Ground and Picots in 2016,
Tallies and Pin Chains in 2019.

Her latest book was published last year through Amazon: Tønder fusion Rauma.



IPSWICH LACE
and the
COLONIAL ECONOMY

Saturday, March 7, 2026
11:00 am - 12 noon

Prince William Central Library
Community Room
(separate entrance to the right of the main library doors)

8601 Mathis Avenue
Manassas, VA 20110

Karen H. Thompson will give a presentation that explores the vital role of handmade bobbin lacemaking in Ipswich, Massachusetts, during the late 1700s and highlights women's essential contributions to the economic welfare of their community. In the years following the American Revolutionary War, lace making became the primary source of income for Ipswich families and a cornerstone of the local economy.



Tour of Cotsen Textiles Traces Study Collection at GWU
Friday, April 17
1-3 pm

CRLG members are invited to view lace in the Cotsen Textiles Traces collection. The group maximum is 20.

Please email Linda Kay at BenningLK@gmail.com if you are interested in attending this event. If you have to cancel on that date, also let her know as there will probably be a wait list.

701 21st Street NW
Washington, DC

Near the Foggy Bottom Metro. Click the link below to see the digital archives.

Collections at GW

** UPCOMING EVENTS **

2026
January 24 - Swap Meet at KK's house
January 31 - Lace Identification Bingo
March 7 - Karen H Thompson's talk at the Prince William Library
March 14-16 - Tønder Lace Class with Bobbi Donnelly
April 17 - Tour of the lace collection at the GWU Textile Museum
April 25 - Spring Lace Day, Greenspring Village, Springfield, Virginia
July 19-24 - IOLI, Durham, North Carolina
August 6-9 - World Lace Festival, Bobowa-Nowy Sącz, Poland

2027
April 19-25 - OIDFA Congress, Lanzarote (Canary Islands)
TBA, IOLI - Spokane, Washington

SAVE THE DATE:
~ Spring Lace Day ~
Saturday, April 25
9:30 - 3:30

Lace Day Schedule:

9:30 am - Register and Shop
10:00 am - ***CRLG Business Meeting***
11:00 am - Break
11:15 am - ***Presentation***
12:15 pm - Brown Bag lunch and Shop
1:00 pm - Mini Workshops - Round One
2:00 pm - Scholarship Drawing
2:15 pm - Mini Workshops - Round Two
3:15 pm - Clean Up

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Now you can join the lace guild, or renew your membership, on our updated webpage: **CRLG.org**

Annual Dues: $20

Visit our website

Click Here for Membership Form

Contact Kristen Smith with any questions or if you are uncertain of your status at kristen.leigh.smith@gmail.com

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CRLG Volunteer Hours Needed

Keep up with your hours and send them to Karen any time throughout the year.

Karen Thompson
KarenHThompson@gmail.com

Click Here for Volunteer Hours Form

Study Group Contacts

Study groups typically meet once a month either virtually or in person. Please consult the Membership Directory for contact details or email CRLGBoard@gmail.com.

Colonial Lacemakers - Williamsburg, VA
Meet monthly in members' homes from 10-3.
Contact: Mary Drew

D.O.L.I.P. (Dept. of Lacing in Public), Washington, DC
Meets (typically) 2nd Thursday of each month
at the MLK Library Conference Center 901 G St NW from 6:45pm - 8:30pm
Contact: Sarah J. Hull

Doily Madisons - Virtual
Meets the first Saturday of the month at 10 am via Zoom
Contact: Tamara Webb

Lace Wings - Virtual
Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 1pm via Zoom
Contact: Linda Kay Benning

Lacemakers of Greenspring
Meets Tuesdays from 9:00 -11:00 am
Greenspring Retirement Village
Contact: Karen H Thompson

Log Cabin Lacers - Baltimore and Ellicott City, MD
Contact: Susan Kuvelker

Montgomery Moonlight Lacers - Montgomery County, MD
Meets the first Wednesday of the month, at 7pm, via Zoom
Contact: Janet McKee

Queen Anne's Lace - Fairfax, VA
Contact: Sherri Bertrand

International Organization of Lace, Inc.

The Chesapeake Region Lace Guild (CRLG) is an educational non-profit association. As a Charter Chapter of the International Organization of Lace, Inc., the objectives of the Guild are to promote interest in the fine old laces, to preserve fine laces for posterity, to study the history and characteristics of lace, to teach and promote lacemaking and lace identification, to promote and encourage lace exhibits, and to encourage museums that own lace collections to exhibit their collections and make them generally available for viewing by the public at large.

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