Chesapeake Region Lace Guild

Where lacemaking lives on



Detail from Herschel's book.

~ *A message from the president* ~

See you tomorrow at CRLG Fall Lace Day! Registration is open at 9:30 am as you see in the schedule below. Members have demonstrated six days already this month so there may be some first time visitors wanting to learn more about lace and its many aspects. Be sure to introduce yourself to anyone you don't know.

Bring your cyanotype prints to share as well as lace pieces that maybe have a fair ribbon on them or you have completed recently. Not everyone made it to all those events but will enjoy looking at the lace display tomorrow.

One of the business items is to review the scholarship potentials that have been discussed by the Board so that financial concerns are not a hindrance for anyone wanting to continue their lace journey.

Lastly, save postage by bringing your membership renewal check along with the membership form available in this newsletter.

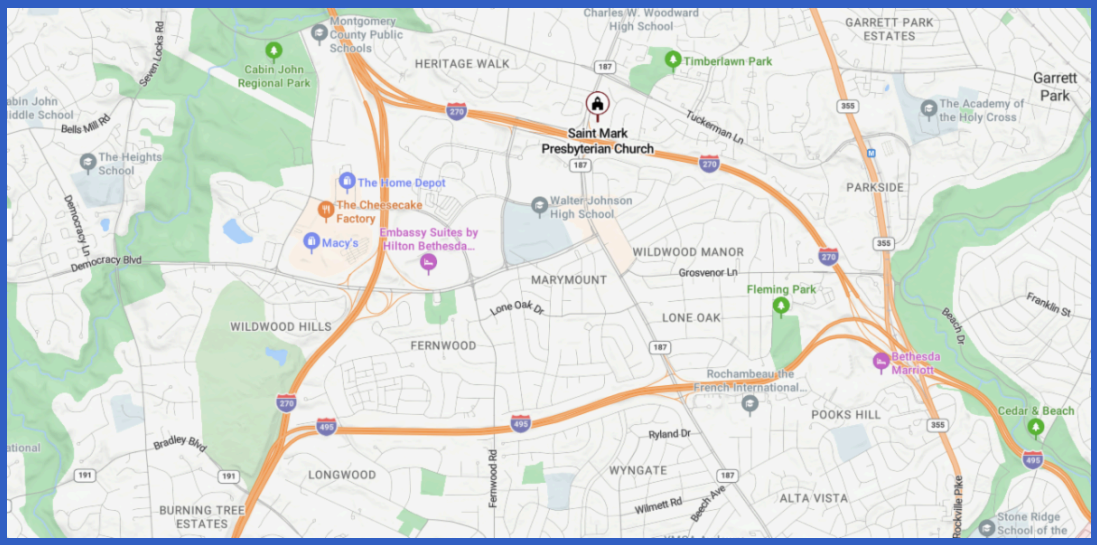
-Linda Kay Benning
CRLG President

~ Fall Lace Day ~

Saturday, October 25, 2025
9:30 - 3:30

NEW LOCATION!

St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd, North Bethesda, MD 20852



Lace Day Schedule:

9:30 am - Register and Shop
10:00 am - ***Annual CRLG Business Meeting***
11:00 am - Break
11:15 am - ***Beth Saunders' 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

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10 am: CRLG Business Meeting

The General Business Meeting for the Chesapeake Region Lace Guild will start at 10 am. Click the buttons below for the agenda, minutes from our last meeting in April, drafts of scholarship forms, or to join remotely via Zoom.

Click Here to Join Meeting Via ZOOM at 10 am on Sat, Oct 25

CRLG Business Meeting Agenda 10-25-25

Minutes from Spring Lace Day Business Meeting 4-26-25

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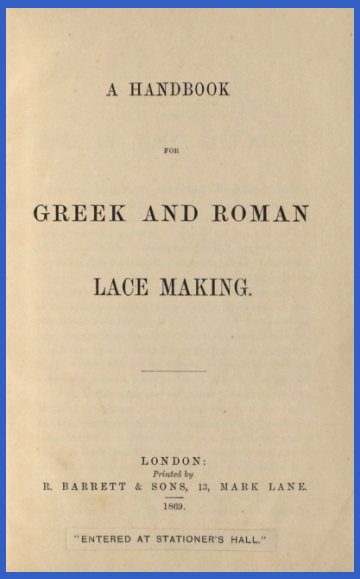
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11:15 am Speaker: Beth Saunders



Tangled up in Blue: Julia Herschel's Handbook for Greek and Roman Lacemaking and the history of cyanotypes of lace.

This talk delves into the historical relationship of lace to the cyanotype, or blueprint, a method of photography employing light-sensitive iron salts that was invented by the British scientist Sir John Herschel in 1842. Learning the technique from family members, Herschel's daughter Julia later made cyanotypes to illustrate a remarkable book *A Handbook for Greek and Roman lace making* (1869) that she self-published. Although only ten copies of this handmade book survive, it holds an important place in the long, enmeshed history of cyanotype photography and lace imagery.


A HANDBOOK

FOR

GREEK AND ROMAN

LACE MAKING.

LONDON:
Printed by
R. BARRETT & SONS, 13, MARK LANE.
1869.

"ENTERED AT STATIONER'S HALL."

This talk will discuss Julia Herschel's publication in the context of nineteenth-century lace pattern books and handbooks. It will also address how the development of commercial cyanotype papers shortly after her publication led to the blue print's adoption within both the machine lace industry and among lace makers to create and distribute their patterns among factories, merchants, and students of lace making.



Beth Saunders is Associate Director and Curator of Special Collections and the Library Gallery at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She is a specialist in the history of photography and holds a PhD and MPhil in Art History from the CUNY Graduate Center and a BFA in Studio Art from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research on Julia Herschel has been supported by a Sloan Fellowship in Photography at the Bodleian Libraries, Oxford and a Peter E. Palmquist Memorial Fund for Historical Photographic Research Grant.

Mini Workshops: 1-3 pm

We have a variety of sessions available in the afternoon to learn a new type of lace, work on a current project, ask an expert for help, and many others. Click on the button below to see the details.

Afternoon Mini Workshop Details

Bring your lace for Show and Tell!

We will have a table set up for display so everyone can see your lovely work.

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 Mary Tod with any questions or if you are uncertain of your status at Marytod@me.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25, CRLG Fall Lace Day, 9:30-3:30
December 20, *Couvige* at GW Textile Museum,12:30-4:30 pm

2026
January 31, 2026 Lace Identification Bingo
March 14-16, 2026 Tønder Lace Class with Bobbi Donnelly
April 25, 2026 Spring Lace Day, Greenspring Village, Springfield
July 19-24, 2026 IOLI, Durham, North Carolina
August 6-9, 2026 World Lace Festival, Bobowa-Nowy Sącz, Poland

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

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.

Colonial Lacemakers - Williamsburg, VA
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
Contact: Linda Kay Benning

Lacemakers of Greenspring Study Group
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: Yoko Barr

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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