Chesapeake Region Lace Guild

Where lace-making lives on.

Dear Lace-Makers,

I am thrilled to be your new president.

First, ***a HUGE thank you to Linda Kay*** for leading this organization over the past few years. She truly has taken us to the next level, increasing membership, increasing the variety and number of activities the guild participates in, and adding Instagram to our online presence. Thank you, thank you, Linda Kay.

Second, I will do my best to give you what you need from the guild, so ***please let me know what you want from your guild***, and from me. Please email me anytime at CRLGBoard@gmail.com. If you have questions, ideas, suggestions, events we should participate in - anything - just reach out. A few people gave me ideas at Lace Day and we'll be discussing those at the next board meeting.

Third, ***please join the guild***!! We have over 300 subscribers to our newsletter but only 114 members. Annual dues are just $20! If you are age 80 or over, it's free to you - just let us know you are still interested and ensure we have your current contact info.

I am looking forward to leading this group through the next two years. Thank you for your support.

-Karen Witt
CRLG President

Visit our Website | Membership Form | Email the President

** UPCOMING EVENTS **

2026

June 14 - Flag Day Colonial Celebration, Vienna, VA, 12 noon - 4 pm
June 20 - Virtual Tour of the Raleigh Lace Museum, 10 am via Zoom
July 11 - Couvige at GW Textile Museum, 12:30-4:30 pm
July 19-24 - IOLI Convention, Durham, North Carolina
August 1-2 - Armenian Needlelace class by Mikayla Kurkjian
August 6-9 - World Lace Festival, Bobowa-Nowy Sącz, Poland
August 12 - 16 - Arlington County Fair, Thom Jefferson Comm Ctr, VA
August 14 - 22 - Montgomery County Ag Fair, Gaithersburg, MD
August 17-28 - OIDFA Virtual Congress

Aug 27-30 / Sep 3-7 / Sep 10-13 - Maryland State Fair, Timonium, MD
September 12 - “Celebration of Textiles” GW Textile Museum, 10-4 pm
September 16-17 - Demonstrate at Mt. Vernon for Homeschool Days
September 16 - 20 - Anne Arundel County Fair, Crownsville, MD
September 25-27 - Kumiko Nakazaki's Binche Lace Class, 9-4 daily
September 25 - Oct 4 - Virginia State Fair, Doswell, VA
October 24 - Fall Lace Day, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, MD

2027
April 19-25 - OIDFA Congress, Lanzarote (Canary Islands)
July 18-23 - IOLI Convention, Spokane, WA

Flag Day Colonial Fair & Ice Cream Social



Sunday, June 14th!
12 noon - 4 pm

Freeman Store & Museum
131 Church Street, NE
Vienna, VA 22180

Click Here for Details

CRLG lace-makers will be demonstrating at the Flag Day Colonial Fair in Vienna, Virginia this Sunday. Come mingle with guild members, get some ice cream, and make some lace.

George and Martha Washington are expected to attend!

VIRTUAL GUIDED TOUR OF THE RALEIGH LACE MUSEUM

ZOOM LINK FOR TOUR - CLICK ON JUNE 20TH AT 10 AM



Virtual Tour Saturday, June 20th
10 am - 11 am

CRLG is so pleased to provide a virtual tour of this new lace museum. The tour includes an introduction by the director, who describes the museum's origins and the foundation that manages this unique project on the east coast.

The permanent exhibit today includes 102 pieces spanning more than 400 years of lacemaking. The docent will explain the special pieces that represent different styles from different countries.

Virtual attendees can ask questions at any time.

The director will explain the historical documents for a piece of Bruges lace made in 1610 and show why it has survived this long. This is followed by a display of some of their unique 3D lace creations, which range from just a foot to 4 feet in height.

The docent will continue with ‘lace in action’ in the form of two works that were in progress before the lacemaker passed away. Some table pieces will receive extra attention, as will a shawl and a collar on mannequins.

The director will conclude with the other functionalities of the lace center with its classroom, library, and the Eunice Koon Collection room, currently under curatorial construction.

The presentation will last about an hour.

Raleigh Lace Museum

CLICK HERE JUNE 20TH AT 10 AM FOR ZOOM TOUR





Click HERE to view the Collections at GW

Armenian Needlelace Class

CRLG's own Mikayla Kurkjian teaching class August 1-2, 2026



You may have heard Mikayla's presentation at Lace Day about her own journey with Armenian Needlelace. She is now offering a class to teach you how to make this type of knotted needlelace.

Class will be two 4-hour days. Supply list provided.

Email WbrgLaceMaker@cox.net for details and to register.

Armenian Needlelace Initiative

Are you working on your fair exhibits?



Enter your lace in your local fair!

Many local and state fairs have lace classes for you to win ribbons and prize money. CRLG sponsors special awards at the *Montgomery County Ag Fair* and the *Maryland State Fair*. If you would like CRLG to sponsor awards at your local fair please email CRLGBoard@gmail.com.

Click on the links to the fair catalogs for entry details. Please read the rules carefully...some fairs allow people from out of the county or state to enter, others do not; some require advance registration, some have entry fees.

CRLG will be demonstrating at the Virginia State Fair this fall. Email CRLGBoard@gmail.com if you can join us in Doswell, VA between September 26 - October 4. They currently have only one weird lace category...but the new superintendent is open to adding more.

Anne Arundel County Fair

Arlington County Fair

Great Frederick Fair

Maryland State Fair

Virginia State Fair

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Binche Lace Class



Teacher: Kamiko Nakazaki
September 25, 26, 27
9 am to 4 pm daily

Save the dates!

Email WbrgLaceMaker@cox.net for details and to register.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Chesapeake Region Lace Guild is delighted to announce 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

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

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 crlg.ksmith@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE:

~ Fall Lace Day ~

Saturday, October 24, 2026

CRLG Hours Volunteer Needed

After many years in this role, Karen Thompson is stepping down as the hours coordinator. Please email CRLGBoard@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering to fill this role.

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 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:45pm - 8:30pm
at the MLK Library Conference Center, 901 G St NW
Contact: Sarah J. Hull

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

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

Lacemakers of Greenspring, Springfield, VA
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

SuperNoVa Constellacers, Falls Church, VA
Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2 pm
at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library, Falls Church
Contact: Kristen Smith

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.

Next Upcoming Convention:

2026 I.O.L.I. Convention

Co-hosted with the

North Carolina Regional Lacemakers

Sunday, July 19 to Friday, July 24

Durham, North Carolina

For more information, see the **2026 Convention Website**.

IOLI Convention Webpage

SEND YOUR PHOTOS TO SHARE!

Please send photos and articles to post on Facebook
to Holly Lacusky at **hclacusky@gmail.com**

When sending in your items for reposting to Facebook, please note how you would like you and your work to be tagged and linked to your social media account so that we can ensure proper attribution/credit.

The guild is now on Instagram too!! @chesapeakelace

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