Chesapeake Region Lace Guild

Where lace-making lives on.

Dear Lace-Makers,

We have so much going on this summer and fall I wanted to reach back out to you to make sure you had all the details on classes and events.

Especially exciting are two tours now scheduled for the lace collection at the Smithsonian American History Museum. Don't miss it.

See all the specifics below.

-Karen Witt
CRLG President

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** UPCOMING EVENTS **

2026

July 19-24 - IOLI Convention, Durham, North Carolina
July 29 - Smithsonian Lace Tour, led by Karen H Thompson
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 1 - Smithsonian Lace Tour, led by Karen H Thompson
October 24 - Fall Lace Day, Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, MD
Fall - Armenian Needlelace class by Mikayla Kurkjian

2027

April 10 - Spring Lace Day *Please note new date*
April 19-25 - OIDFA Congress, Lanzarote (Canary Islands)
July 18-23 - IOLI Convention, Spokane, WA

Behind the Scenes Lace Tour

Smithsonian American History Museum



Above: from the War Lace Collection.

You can preview some of the items from their online collection, but please don't miss seeing them in person.

Lace Collection | Smithsonian Institution

Karen H Thompson will lead two tours of the Smithsonian's amazing collection of handmade lace. Most of the lace is not displayed so this is a rare opportunity to see historic pieces.

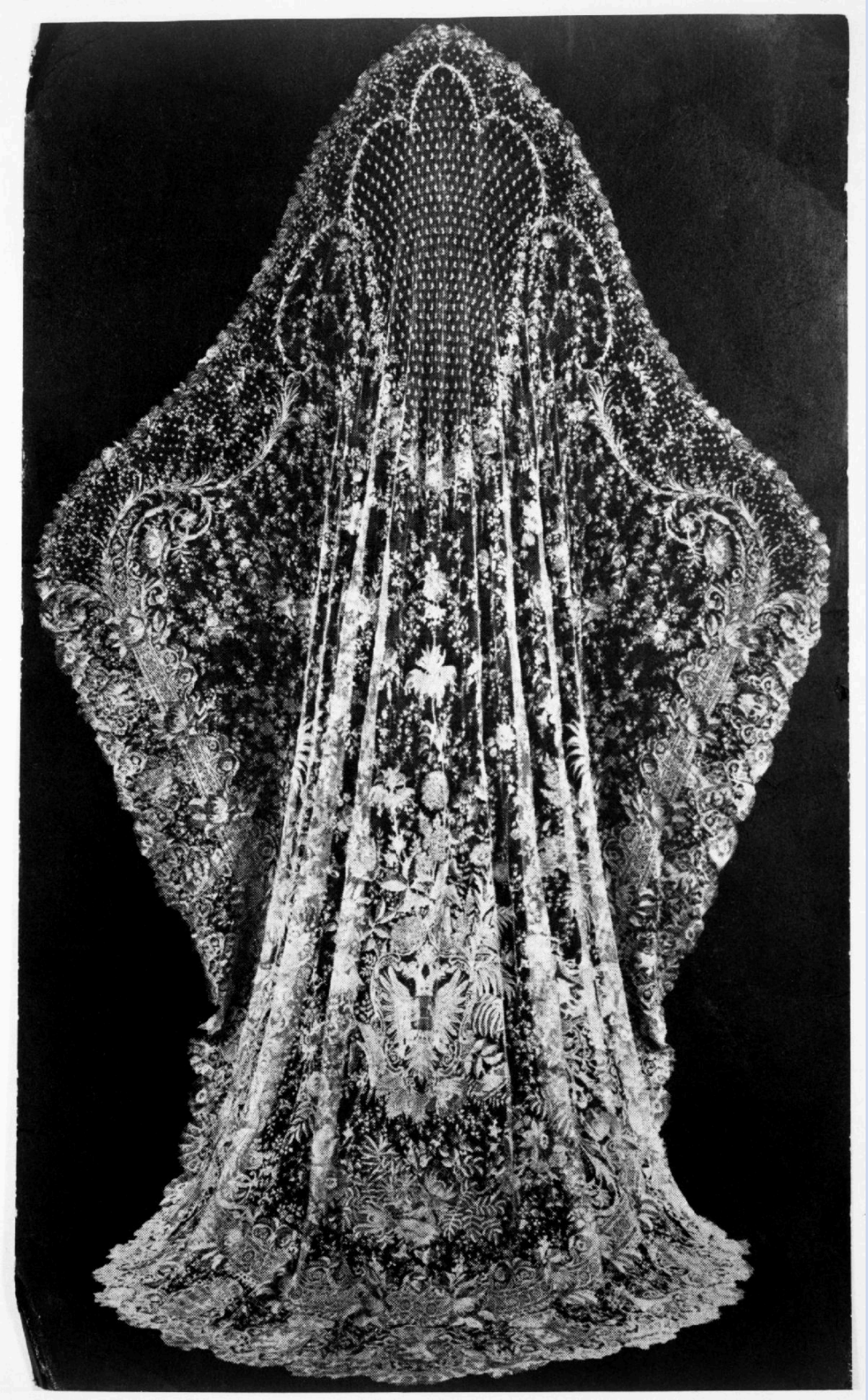
Each session is about two hours long, with no place to sit, so please plan accordingly.

- Wednesday, July 29, at 10 am
- Thursday, October 1, at 12:30 pm

Space is limited to 8 people per tour.

Email Karen directly at KarenHThompson@gmail.com to register.

Below: Wedding veil of Princess Stephanie of Belgium.



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 willing to add more.

Anne Arundel County Fair

Arlington County Fair

Great Frederick Fair

Maryland State Fair

Virginia State Fair

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Flag Day Colonial Fair & Ice Cream Social

June 14, 2026 in Vienna, Virginia



Emily Weston showing George and Martha Washington how she makes lace.



CRLG members from L to R, Ariel Flaster, Yitong Gao, and Nadia Grenier, talking about lace at the colonial fair.



Karen Witt, that "Try Me" pillow needs a little more work to be ready for future lace-makers.

We had lots of kids try their hand at making fish, and about a dozen adults who were interested enough to sign up for our newsletter.

It was a hot day, but nothing beats demonstrating lace-making in public to get people interested in the guild.

George and Martha Washington were impressed with our work.

Binche Lace Class



Teacher: Kamiko Nakazaki

Dates: September 25, 26, 27

Time: 9 am to 4 pm daily

Location: KK Nagashima has graciously agreed to host this class in her home in Gaithersburg, MD.

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

Beginning Lace Making



You've asked and it's finally happening!!

Our own CRLG member, Karen H Thompson, will be teaching a beginning lace-making class this fall.

Look for details coming soon!!

Email CRLGBoard@gmail.com to indicate your interest in this class so we have an idea of how many students we need to accommodate.

Armenian Needlelace Class

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.

Teacher: Mikayla Kurkjian

Dates: TBD, Fall 2026
Times: 1-5 pm over 2 days

More details coming soon.



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

Armenian Needlelace Initiative

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
Meeting time and locations vary, contact Susan for details.
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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