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a.m. during school term time)  
Lacecargot (Kallaroo) (Alt. Saturdays 2-5)  
Leschenaultia (Mt Helena) (Every Wed.7-9p.m.)  
Mandurah (Every Thurs. 1-3.30)  
McDougall (Como)  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sats. 2-4.30)  
Ocean Reef (Mon. Mornings)  
Ring of Tatters (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. each month 10-2)  
Shelley Lace (Every Friday 9.30 –12.00)  
Wanneroo (Weds. 10-1)  
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Albany (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mons. 10-4)  
Bunbury (alt. Weds. 10-3)  
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Please ensure the Secretary has up to date contact details for your group, including email address if available. Thankyou



LACE YARNS  
July 2010



“Fish of the Great Barrier Reef”  
Australian display at OI DFA in Kobe, Japan

## President's message

Hi everyone

It was great to see so many members at our AGM on July 24<sup>th</sup>. I hope you enjoyed our Japanese theme and the talk from those members who were able to attend OIIFA this year. Thank you to our speakers and demonstrators on the day, and to Bev Blackwell who was able to lend us a data projector for the day, so we could share our photographs with you.

I am pleased that the committee for 2009/2010 are willing and happy to continue for 2010/2011. Those continuing with me on the committee are Brenda Law (Vice president), Josephine Digweed (Treasurer) Beverley Clark (Secretary), Helen Armstrong, Britt Fairchild and Ros Joyce (Committee members).

At the AGM we discussed Lace West for 2011. The venue we have chosen is Avalon Homestead in Toodyay. The dates we were able to secure are Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>. Helen Armstrong and I have been out to look at the Homestead and were very impressed by what we saw. The accommodation is twin share; each very comfortable room has an en-suite, with all the usual hotel extras. (They even make the beds for you). The workshop may be a little cosy but is well lit and there is a lovely undercover area we could also use for classes. We expect the weather to be perfect in April!

Also at the AGM, it was voted that we should give 3 scholarships of \$250 to members heading off to the National AGM in Queensland this year. Congratulations to Britt Fairchild, Olwyn Scott and Christie Wareham-Norfolk. I hope you enjoy the workshops and would like some feedback for Lace Yarns when you return.

A huge belated thank you to the ladies at Lacecargot for a really enjoyable lace day in June. It was so nice to catch up with everyone there. I had been looking for a gift for my tutor in Japan so was delighted with my raffle prize which was a mug with a Wattle design on it. The tutor loved it too

Happy Lacedmaking

Kate Gentelli

## LACE DAYS 2010

AUGUST 28	BUNBURY
10:00 am – 3:00 pm Morning and afternoon teas plus lunch will be provided. We will also have a small project available for a small fee to do at home plus the usual raffle and we may just throw in a door prize.	Eaton Baptist Church Hall Corner Hamilton Road and Bobin Street, Eaton. Less than 2 hours from Perth by the new Forrest Highway so we hope to see many city dwellers pay us a visit.
SEPTEMBER 18 9:30 am – 1:30 pm BYO lunch and cup please	Queens Park Recreation Centre Cnr Centre & George Streets Queens Park
OCTOBER 23	MANDURAH Transport available from the railway station
NOVEMBER 27 Don't forget the Cattern's Day Challenge!	CATTERN'S DAY

Contrary to rumour, Ron Law is still making lace bobbins. A selection can be available at Lace Days on request. Please contact Brenda on 9310 6974

## LACE IN FASHION

Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria

23 July 2010-23 January 2011

*Lace in Fashion* addresses some of the most important phases in the history of lace as a fashionable commodity. The exhibition features works dating from the sixteenth century and spanning several hundred years and draws on the National Gallery of Victoria's collection with several works from private lenders. <http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/exhibitions/face-in-fashion>

## **Shelley Lace**

Shelley Lace Group continues to meet each Friday at different houses. When all are present we are 12 but we are not often all present, being like many lace makers, ardent travellers.

We had a very successful lace day – thank you to all those who attended.

We have welcomed Chelle Long to our group and Rose our part-time member from Singapore. Sadly Annalies lost her husband Tom.

We hope that in-between travelling and family commitments we will continue on.

Mary Wiederman

## **Wire Lace Group Report 2009-2010**

The Wire Lace Group continues to meet quarterly. Although we lost a couple of members in the past 12 months, we have 2 new ones, Jo Digweed and Winnie Song. Congratulations go to Kate Gentelli and Helen Armstrong, both of whose entries in last year's Australian Lace Guild Triennial Competition contained Wire Lace – Kate's being the winning entry in the 3D Class. Both pieces drew a lot of positive comments. We have another meeting on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> and then our Xmas lunch in early December.

B Fairchild & R Joyce

## **Library Report, 2009-2010**

A selection of library books have been available most Lace Days, with the help of Kate, who took them while I was away. Thanks Kate.

Members have the opportunity to browse and also borrow books. An average of four books per month are borrowed, which isn't a huge number. Members were very good at returning books in the previous 12 months, at times asking a friend to take them if they were unable to attend the next Lace Day.

I am in the process of doing a "cull" of books which rarely are taken out and techniques which are no longer popular (eg sprang). When completed, there may be some books which can be offered to members.

No new books were purchased this year, partly because I didn't see any which I felt would be suitable. There is a gap in Proficiency Stage 1 Torchon books, which I hope to remedy, and I would be interested to hear whether there are any particular styles of lace which members would like to see in the library.

Helen Armstrong Librarian.

## **MANDURAH MUTTERINGS**

We have welcomed two new members recently, although one of them is a transient traveller who divides her time between her daughter here in Dwellingup and her daughter in NSW. Jan is a veteran lace maker and it has been a joy to have her with us. The other new member, Beryl, is a learner who is making really great headway in this interesting craft.

The demonstration weekend we had in Mandurah during our Stretch (stretching the imagination) Festival in May was a great success and we had a lot of interest taken in lace making, however it did not result in any new members but at least the public know that lace making is not a dying art.

We are looking forward to our Guild day on October 23rd and we will have arrangements in place for all who want to ride the rails to be picked up at the station. The new Freeway extension has also greatly reduced travelling time down to here.

Judith Jones

## **BUNBURY BALDERDASH**

Our group has grown yet again with another 2 ladies beginning lace. Welcome Sara and Sandra. One of our regulars decided to give it a go, but couldn't get a liking for it. Oh well! Can't win em all???

I've also had a young 10yr old doing lace these past couple of months – unfortunately school seems to be getting in the way.

We had Robin Hueppauff recently for a Bedfordshire workshop. Some of us met in Mandurah soon after to continue trying to master some of the techniques.

One of my original lace makers 'Rhona Dunleavy' lost her beloved husband suddenly on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May. Our sympathy's to her and her family.

Also we are very very sad to be losing one of our favourite ladies to the deep south. Sheila Evans has sold up after losing her husband not so long ago and is moving to Denmark to be closer to some of her family. We gave her a lovely send off with a cake and wine and group photos. Plus a lovely afternoon tea at another venue, after lace. We shall miss her greatly.

I've just had the most wonderful weekend at 'Lace West' Point Walter. Everything about it was just fantastic. The food, weather, accommodation, tutors & the company could not be faulted. The committee did a superb job. Let's hope we can have it again. Also it was a lovely keep sake presented to all who attended (small wooden bobbin key ring) to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The array of flowers in the 'Wild Flower' challenge was amazing. Well done to all those who won a mention.

With winter just around the corner, I've decided to rip out all my front gardens and get a fresh new look! A complete new drive-way has been installed, and with a new fence on the agenda and new bricked garden edges to be built soon – I hardly recognise my own home. As the old saying goes...A change is as good as a holiday!!!!

Happy lacing ladies

Zetta McCormack

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#### LACE DAY AT LACECARGOT



"The ladies in black"

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#### CATTERN'S DAY CHALLENGE

Don't forget the Cattern's Day Challenge. The pricking was printed in the last issue of Lace Yarns.

#### Mandurah AGM report:

Mandurah has had a good year with three new members, one of whom has re-married and given up lacemaking for a while. Several of our ladies are travelling and sightseeing at the moment and we are hoping to see them return fairly soon. We gave a very popular demonstration at the Mandurah Stretch (stretching your imagination) Festival in May and have now been asked to demonstrate at the opening of an Art show at Fairbridge Farm in Pinjarra.

Planning for our lace day in October is in full swing and we are also offering to ferry lacemakers from the railway station to our rooms on that day.

#### McDougall Lacemakers 2009-2010

The group has had another satisfying year of lace making and friendship.

Numbers are very stable and we welcomed Michelle Long when she arrived from Chile and joined the group.

Members have positions on the South Perth Art and Craft Society so we are asked to help with the fund raising efforts that help to make McDougall House an attractive place to meet. This year we had an art display in the Dairy and members mounted a display and demonstrated lace. This was well attended but we did not gain any new members as most seemed too busy to want something new in their life. The Society ran two car boot sales and our members contributed to the day.

In April this year we had Pat Milne return to give workshops in coloured lace, fans and rectangles. We had such a good time with her last April for our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday that we immediately booked her to come again this year. We had workshops over two weekends and some beautiful lace was made during that time.

As some of our members were booked into the Temari workshop at OI DFA in Kobe this July, we ran a one day workshop in making Temari balls with Rebecca Armstrong so that they had an idea of what to do. With a large group in Kobe, one could wait some time for assistance, and a little knowledge could be very useful. This proved a popular day and we are looking at organising another time with Rebecca.

Many members of our group contributed lace fish for the Australian display at OI DFA whether they were OI DFA members or not. This was greatly appreciated.

We look forward to another happy year of lacemaking.

Shirley Burbidge



We have a new member to our group this year. Lyn had seen us demonstrating at the Convention Centre some time ago and she joins us when she is able. Being a busy mum family sports get in the way! The "Great Storm" of Perth affected our meeting place The St Ives Retirement Centre. The whole ground floor was flooded and many residents had to be evacuated. Thankfully it has not stopped us meeting together though we still have a concrete floor at our feet as the carpet has not yet been replaced.

Our Lace Day was a success with 24 ladies from north and south of the river getting together to make lace, eat and drink and make merry. We thank you all for coming to visit us and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Several of us attended the Lace West weekend which was instructive and entertaining for us all.

Maureen Goffroy and fellow gastropods.

#### **Leschenaultia Lacemakers Annual Report 2010**

With 5 regular members and 2 part timers, we continue to be a small but enthusiastic group.

Members of our group have attended most lace days this year and enjoyed welcoming many lacemakers to our lace day in May. We seem to have a reputation for choosing wet and wintry days which fortunately don't seem to stop lacemakers coming to the hills to enjoy some time together.

Our group has demonstrated at the various craft shows this year, encouraging potential lacemakers and fielding the various comments we are so used to hearing!

Congratulations to Helen Armstrong on being awarded her Stage 1 Torchon proficiency. A well deserved award for her lacemaking skills.

We are very proud of our entry in the 2009 triennial competition, even though we didn't win; it has opened up unexpected doors for us. We are now preparing to display our lace at the Mundaring Arts Centre in December, and hope that we can attract many other lacemakers to come and see the exhibition and even demonstrate on the weekends

Welcome back Helen Constable, Josephine Digweed, Beverley Clark and Kate Gentelli who have recently attended the OI DFA Congress in Kobe Japan, and have returned to the group with increased enthusiasm.

Thank you  
Kate Gentelli

#### **AUSTRALIAN LACE GUILD AGM IN BRISBANE**

Beverley Clark, as the WA delegate, would like lace from Western Australian lace makers for display on a banner at the National AGM. Lace can be collected Bunbury Lace Day, August 28th, or given to one of the other members attending Brisbane Lace week.

Thank you  
Beverley

#### **AIRING OF THE QUILTS IN NORTHAMPTON**

**9 October 2010**

If any one is interested in Quilts/Patchwork they have a great display throughout the town with a fair like atmosphere. The following day there is also a display of quilts happening in Dongara.

The Geraldton group has been asked to demonstrate. If anyone is interested they can contact me via email at [kasp@wn.com.au](mailto:kasp@wn.com.au) or Mobile 0447 646 136. We may also be able to organise several billets for people if interested.

Should be a great day as 3 lace makers from Bunbury have already confirmed they are coming to join us.

Thanks  
Kate Patience

#### **ALBANY 2 DAY LACE WORKSHOP**

##### **Russian Lace – Tutor, Zetta McCormack**

Place: Vancouver Arts Centre  
Vancouver Street  
Albany WA 6330

Date: Friday 10 September and Saturday 11 September

Time: Friday 9:00-5:00  
Saturday 10:00-3:00

Fee: \$55.00 to be paid by 30 August.

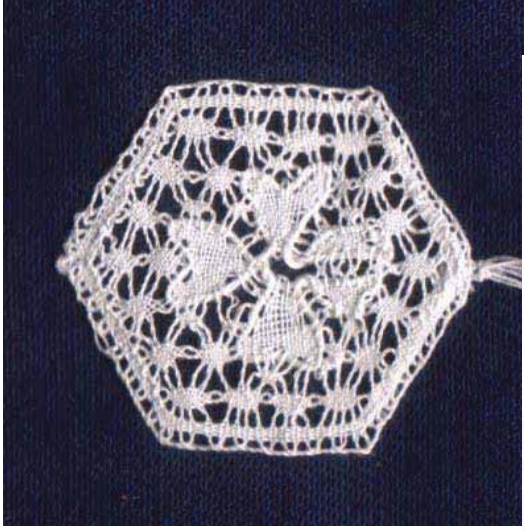
Enquiries: Helen Abbey 9841 3878

“Leschenaultia”  
Kate Gentelli

Inspiration from OIDAFA design course.

The pricking needs to be reduced to 25% to use 100 thread or 40% to use 50 thread.  
The design needs 40 pairs + gimp.

The finished piece is about the size of 20c coin  
Hope it all works  
Kate



Geraldton had a very busy 12 months, however not a lot of lace has been made. August/September saw myself jetting off overseas to UK and Europe for seven weeks, had a great time, with highlights which included Lace in Brussels. A side trip to Burano Island near Venice, the elderly ladies were amazing to watch, working with their needle lace. There fingers worked so fast it was difficult to keep track of what they were doing, i was so intrigued nearly missed the Ferry back to Venice. Also spent some time in the lace museum on the Island. The wallet was a little lighter by the time we left. A trip to the Hollies in Stourbridge was also well worth the effort of trying to find them, again the wallet was a little lighter by the time we were on the road again.

Back home again Margaret and I spent the day demonstrating at the airing of the Quilts in Northampton, lots of interest, but no new members, most people thought it was far too complicated for them to even try on the practice pillow we had.

Jean our newest member is progressing well, still working her way through Rosemary Shepherd's book. Margaret has completed a hankie edging and has started another. Ollie is working on a supper cloth, and is about halfway, I'm still plodding on with my table cloth edging, have passed the 7 metre mark so not a lot more to go.

I attended the Lace west with Dot, we both had a great weekend, Dot attended Olwyn's needlelace workshop, while I attended Margaret's Milanese lace, have almost completed my piece. I would like to thank all the people involved in organising the weekend.

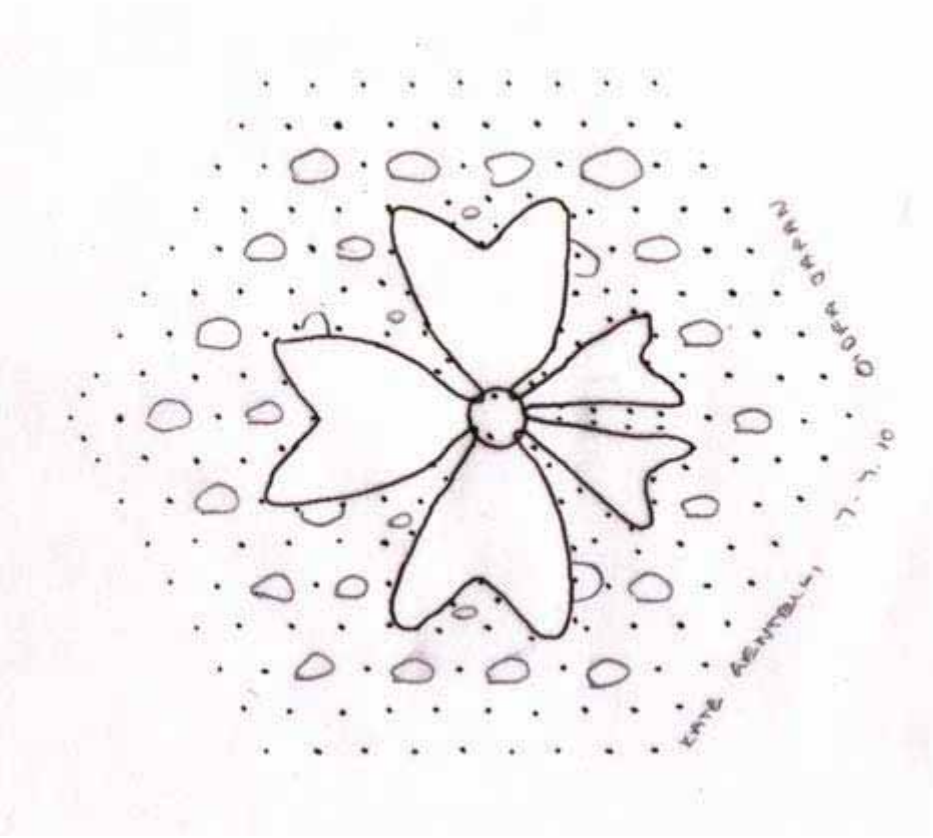
Margaret has welcomed a new granddaughter into the family, and Ollie has become a proud great gran to a little boy.

Kate Patience

### Lacecargot

Rather than being called a lace group this year it would be more appropriate to call us the Lacecargot Travel Group as many of us have been packing our suitcases and taking off to varied climes. Sue has been to South Africa and the US, Chris to England, France and Queensland, Colleen to Australind, Estelle to Tasmania, Britt to Melbourne, Tasmania, Queensland and Japan. I have been to Thailand, the Red Centre and to Karratha to visit my daughter. As a result it has been difficult to get us all together for a chat and to make lace.

We managed to get together to demonstrate at Claremont last year and I demonstrated lace making to a craft group in Karratha. I had intended to teach one or two ladies each time I visited my daughter, but my daughter needed looking after after an operation and I felt sick while I was up there which meant this did not eventuate. I did have the pleasure of meeting Kate Lyons, Jo Weirs daughter while there as she was the deputy at the school that my granddaughter was attending.



said collar is now on display in the extremely well known family's archives with documentation on the age, wearer etc. Ooooh! Do I like a challenge!!

Sadly Rhona Dunleavy lost her husband suddenly and is now moving to Bunbury from Harvey to be with her daughters.

After that we had Loretta attend and show us all how to do the invisible finish which she learnt at the 2005/6/7 Lace West. We had a great day. The week after we had a farewell luncheon for Sheila Evans who has now moved to Denmark to be with family also. We miss her immensely.

We have just had our half year outing which was a 'Mystery Bus Tour' to the Margaret River region. After a quick!!! stop off at the Capel Bakery and Chocolate Factory (Oh dear! we were forced to go there!) we finally arrived at the Margaret River Golf Club for a wonderful meal and drinks. On the way home we stopped off at the "Old Cheese Factory" (which is between Busselton and Capel) for a little cheese top up. They sell the most divine Vintage Cheddar you could ever taste.

The year is almost gone again, but we do have a few things planned for the remainder of 2010. Like our big 'Lace Day' in August and a trip to Albany in Sept, Geraldton in Oct, and hopefully another workshop before we finish the year.

Zetta McCormack

#### **Ellenbrook group 2009-2010**

We have one guild member. The three of us meet monthly at one of the local villages for fellowship and support.

Beverley Clark

#### **Embroiderers' Guild 2009-2010**

Our numbers have remained at 26 again with approximately 16 lacemakers attending each week.

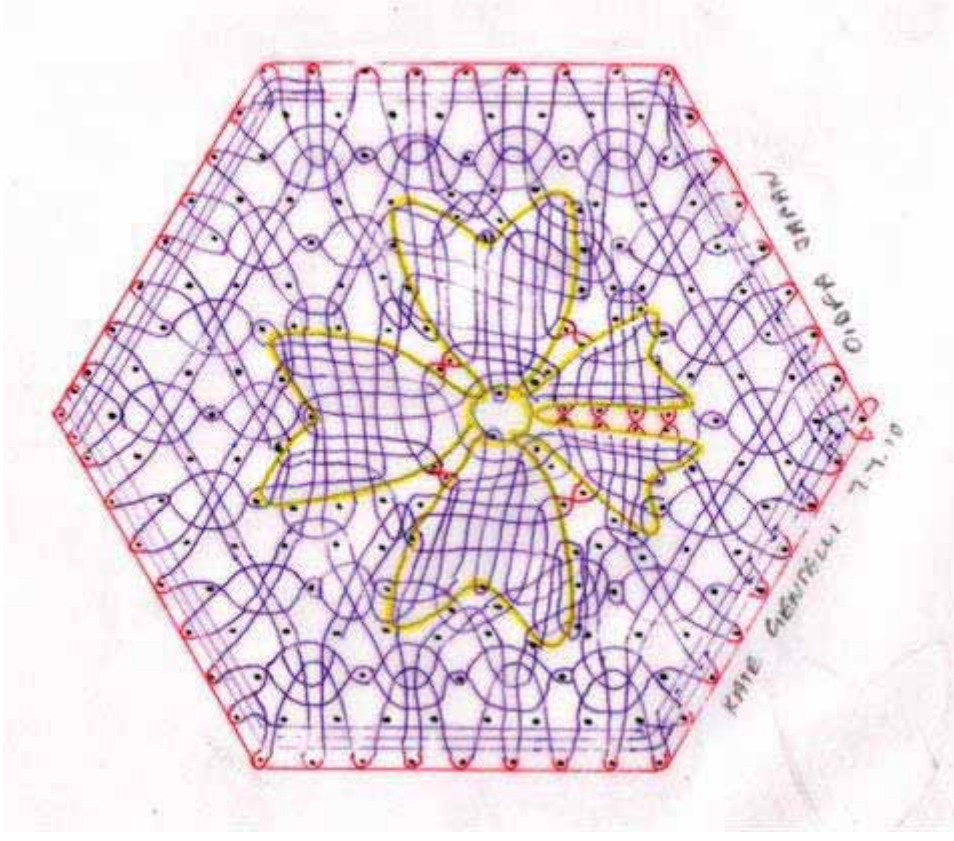
Our exhibition of lace last year at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Embroiderers' Guild attracted considerable attention. This was displayed at Catterrn's Day.

This year many of us are working towards the Embroiderers' Guild Challenge to be exhibited at the annual dinner in October.

Olwyn Scott, Marijke McNally, Kath Shadbolt and Marijke's two granddaughters entered the Triennial awards 2009.

Kath Shadbolt Group Leader 23/7/2010

#### **Geraldton Lace Group**



#### **PERTH ROYAL SHOW 2010**

If you are unable to deliver your entries to the pavilion, please give to Kath Shadbolt, Lace day August 28th, Bunbury.

#### **30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOBBINS.**

Available from Britt Fairchild

The bobbins will cost \$15 each.

Please place any bobbin orders with Britt



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS

President's report for 2009 – 2010

It is with pleasure that I present my report for the year 2009/2010.

During this year, the West Australian Branch has celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Lace West weekend and Anniversary Dinner at Point Walter. The weekend gave us the opportunity to enjoy the company of our fellow lacemakers while participating in Torchon, Milanese or Needle lace workshops. My thanks go to our tutors Pat Milne, Margaret Arandle and Olwyn Scott for sharing their knowledge and skills with us during that weekend. The Anniversary dinner gave us the opportunity to show our appreciation to Margaret Lewington and Margaret Arandle, who were both members of the first WA Branch Committee, and we thanked them for their on going support of the Branch and the Guild over the last 30 years.

The lace competition "Wildflowers" was judged during Lace West. We saw many entries in this competition, giving the judges a very difficult job. Congratulations to our winners, Zetta McCormack, Elsa van Baaren, Beverley Clark, Michelle Bedford and Kath Shadbolt.

Congratulations to our members who were successful prize winners in the Triennial Awards and the 2009 Perth Royal Show. I am looking forward to more Show entries in 2010.

Congratulations to Helen Armstrong on gaining a Stage 1 Proficiency in Torchon lace this year. A well deserved award.

Lace making in WA is thriving. We have seen good attendances at all our meetings. I would like to thank all the groups for hosting lace days during the year and providing us with the opportunity to socialise and make lace in a variety of locations while enjoying the local hospitality.

I would like to personally thank the committee for their hard work and support over the last year, especially the secretary, Beverley Clark and the treasurer Josephine Digweed, who have kept us all on track.

I would also like to thank the editor Bev Blackwell for bringing us all the news in Lace Yarns. This year we have seen Lace Yarns in colour available via email. Many members have taken the opportunity to receive lace yarns this way.

Thank you to Helen Armstrong our Librarian for continuing to ensure the library is available at each lace day.

Thank you also to our Demonstrations Coordinator Estelle Dearden, who has kept us in touch with demonstrating opportunities.

Thank you to our Royal Show representative Judy Glencross who has worked hard on our behalf make changes to the show schedule for this year, hoping that we can encourage more entries in the classes available.

Thank you to Elsa van Baaren our Proficiency Coordinator who liaises with the National Committee on our behalf in relation to proficiency assessments.

Last but not least I would like to thank all members for participating in events and activities organised by the Branch, without your enthusiasm and motivation we would not be able to continue as such a vibrant Branch.

Thank you

Kate Gentelli  
President WA Branch  
20.07.2010

## Bunbury Annual Report 2010

Bunbury has had a very interesting 12 months to say the least, with some little in house squabbles, which is bound to happen from time to time with having a large diverse group. However, it helps to keep the group alert!!! Aside from that, we still seem to get along fine.

It has been a constant struggle to get the ladies interested in anything other than ordinary 'Torchon'. BUT that may change now that we have an influx of new blood to the group. Yes I've had 4 new lace makers join. One is doing extremely well while the others are just plodding.

After attending the 2009 AGM in Brisbane, my husband and I continued to travel on for a further 6 weeks. It was a break I really enjoyed and needed. While away I caught up with some lace makers in Grafton and spent a wonderful day at the Hobart Royal Show demonstrating with the local ladies. I arrived home in time for a lovely Xmas Dinner at the 'Harvey Stirling Cottage'. The food was fabulous.

Earlier this year I was asked to demo at the 'Rosa Brook' hall for the local CWA. Sheila Crozier and Barbetta Garman from the Busselton group helped on the day, which was great as nearly every woman that turned up wanted to have a try. I'm so glad I made up 3 beginner pillows.

Also the group did our yearly demo at the 'Dardanup Heritage Park' and received (as always) massive interest from the hoards of people who attended. At this demonstration a young lass came with a '100 year old collar' which I was able to borrow, and Olwyn Scott was able to identify it as "Soutache Braid". From this, I set about making a bust for it to rest on. May I gloat and say it turned out fabulous and the