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HLG CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

Designed especially for HLG'S 20th Anniversary, the Front Page Heart is a gift to our members by **Lise Thomsen**.

The pattern for Lise's heart can be found on page 4.



APPRECIATION AWARDS – LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHT

In a surprise presentation during Heartland Lace Guild's 20th Anniversary celebration, two members were honored for outstanding contributions to the Guild.

HLG Charter Member, teacher and designer, **Lise Thomsen**, *right*, was presented a Lifetime Membership.



President of HLG, **Pam Crouch**, *left*, was crowned a "Duchess of Paducah" for her enthusiastic and tireless contributions toward the advancement of lacemaking. For more details on the Luncheon, see story beginning on page 5.



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The Heartland Lace Guild Logo was designed by **Christa Burr** and laced by **Lise Thomsen**.

Heartland Lace Guild

Headquarters and Library
Grace Episcopal Church,
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As a Charter Chapter of [International Old Lacers, Inc.](#) The Heartland Lace Guild is a non-profit organization. The mission of the Guild is to promote interest in fine old laces and preserve them for posterity. We meet regularly to motivate and encourage each other to make lace and to learn from each other.

Anyone with an interest in making or collecting lace (of all kinds) is invited to join. Contact any member for more information or click on www.hlg.org for information and an application. Membership fee for one calendar year is \$12.00. Newsletters are emailed or posted. (For addresses outside the USA, please add \$4.00 for extra postage.) Commemorative membership bobbins are \$8.00. For payments from Europe, check out our webpage. Members are also entitled to borrow books from the HLG Library.

2011 Members Handbook and **Library List** will be published with the Feb 2011 Pillow Talk. If you wish to be included, please pay your dues (\$12) by January 5, 2011. Look for the membership notice and form in the Nov Pillow Talk.

Contributors to this issue

Lise Thomsen – The 20th Anniversary heart pattern, photos, lace retreat course information

Dorcas Newkirk - Photos and info about Evansville area lacemakers & tatters, IOLI Convention

Pat English – HLG Historical information

Doris Weaver – Fall Retreat Information

Sara's daughters **Elisabeth Meyer** and **Katherine Weckman** created the new template for PillowTalk coached (and coaxed) the new Editor through the inner workings of WORD 2007

Pam Crouch – Words from the President, Announcements, photos

Christa Burr– HLG Historical Information, Lace News

Tammy Turner-2011 Exhibit Tatted Garland Information

Brigitte Bellon's HLG Anniversary Greeting

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CALENDAR

HLG monthly meetings are held 10 AM – 2 PM on the 2nd Friday of the month, January – November, at Grace Episcopal Church in Paducah KY. On the 2nd Friday of December, a **holiday luncheon** is hosted by our Cape members in Cape Girardeau, MO.

2010

Sept 11 Demo @ Big Oak Tree State Park, MO - *Lise*

Oct 7 Demo @ a Paducah Homemakers Club - *Pam*

Oct 15-17 Demo @ Massac State Pk, Metropolis IL- *Pam*

Oct 16 Demo @ St. Genevieve MO - *Lise*

Oct 22-24 HLG Fall Retreat - *Doris* Class - *Lise*

WEBSITES

Heartland Lace Guild www.hlg.org

IOLI www.internationaloldlacers.org

HLG Yahoo Chat Group

<http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/group/heartlandlace/>

The "Arizona Site"

<http://www.cs.arizona.edu/patterns/weaving/lace.html>

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For the past 20 years,

To all who contributed food at meetings and offered their homes for Workdays, Lace-Ins and Christmas Luncheons;

To all who donated books, created patterns and lessons and/or patiently taught and shared their knowledge;

To all who encouraged imagination and perseverance by participating in Challenges, Raffles, 3 Yards Club and Tatting Proficiency projects;

To all who inspired by their leadership, inventiveness, awesome talent and generosity;

To all who quietly and diligently completed the necessary preparations to enable the Guild activities to run smoothly and to all who chip in to make the work load light;

To all who spread their enthusiasm about lace by sharing news, hints, photos and their presence at meetings and online;

To all relatives and friends who lovingly supported our activities and volunteered their time and resources to lacemaking;

To all who made bobbins, pillows, shuttles and tools and

To all who shared their lace experiences and lace life through photos and articles in the newsletter,

THANK YOU, GRACIAS, Danke schön, MANGE TAK, Merci !

Danish Birthday Cakes made by **Lise Thomsen** and enjoyed by all in attendance at the HLG 20th Anniversary Luncheon, August 13.



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, Lacers:

We are celebrating an amazing 20 years as a guild! Our members are scattered all over the world and while very different, we all share the love of Lace. I am thrilled to know we are part of a group of people dedicated to keeping this art form alive. If not for our continuing efforts our history could become a forgotten paragraph in an outdated history book no longer in circulation. This is why I love the next 3 months. I think of them as the Demo Months because the majority of our demo events are in Aug, Sept, and Oct. I love the opportunity to share lace making, I love to dress in the clothing of the period. I love meeting others who are interested in history and the young ones who think history is boring until they see it up close and alive. We hope we plant the seed that will one day become a lace maker

Go Forth and Lace!

Pam

Welcome to the new Editor and the new Librarian: Thank you to **Sara Lewis Meyer** for assuming the position of editor. I know she will do a great job. All members are encouraged to contribute items to the newsletter smeyer@apex.net . I would also like to thank **Claudia Hoff**, our newest member, who is taking on the job of Librarian!

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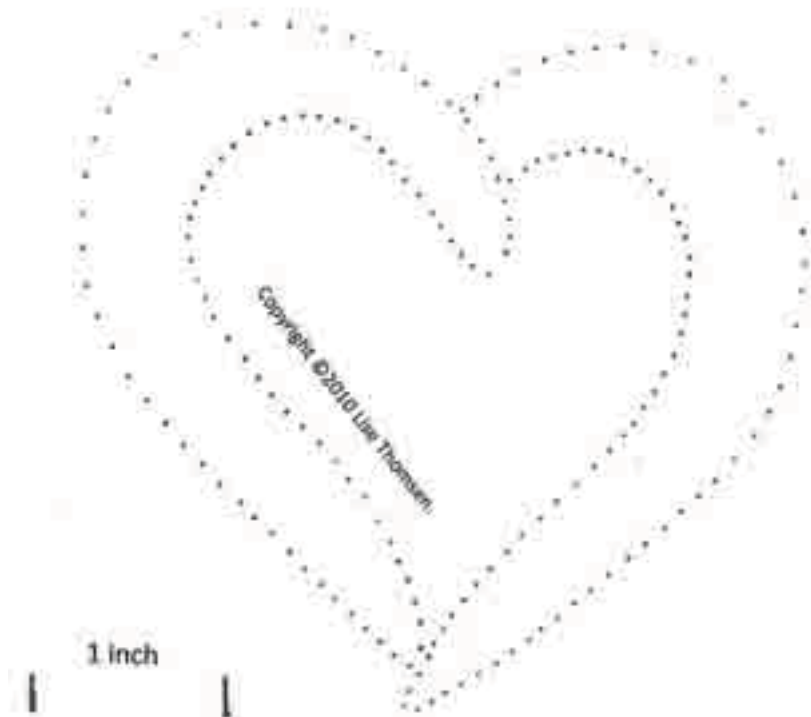
Many Thanks to **Lise Thomsen** for designing this heart on the 20th Anniversary of the formation of the Heartland Lace Guild.



Anniversary Heart

16 pairs of bobbins with DMC Broder machine cotton thread # 50.

Worked in Milanese braid Orchid 2 and Periwinkle from New Braids an Designs in Milanese lace by Patricia Read & Lucy Kincaid.



Please, as a courtesy to the designers, do not copy or reprint the original patterns in this newsletter without permission.

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20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and LUNCHEON August 13

The August meeting was a wonderful success. 17 persons attended including 3 founding members, an early member and a guest. Christa called from France. All had a great time and enjoyed a delicious meal. Thanks to everyone for working so hard for this event. -Pam Crouch



Front row: Jeanne Wills, Sara Lewis Meyer, Pat English, Cindy Hawthorne, Lise Thomsen and Claudia Hoff.
Back row: Carmen Richardville, Bonnie Kipper, Birdie Anderson, Tammy Turner, Joyce Macke, Pam Crouch, Sandra Humburg, Doris Weaver and Leigh Tiebout. Absent from the photo are Mary Scott, guest Harolyn Council and Christa Burr, who called from France.



Members gather around the luncheon buffet of curry chicken salad, vegetables and dip, summer salads, cheese, crackers, olives and smoked almonds, sun tea and plenty of coffee to drink with Lise's 4 -face" birthday desserts.

Vaersgo!
(Food is ready - in Danish!)

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20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION and LUNCHEON August 13, *continued*



Carmen Richardville with Mary Scott, Treasurer & Librarian during the early years



Leigh Tiebout, Birdie Anderson, Doris Weaver

20-jähriges Bestehen von HLG from Brigitte Bellon

Christa Burr forwarded a lovely, lovely anniversary greeting from **Brigitte Bellon**. (Do not miss page 16.) Many thanks to Brigitte for sharing her exquisite work. We wish her a speedy recovery following breaking her foot!



Yes, count them: 1-2-3-4 Desserts!



L to R: Guest Harolyn Council, Cindy Hawthorne, Jeanne Wills, Pam Crouch, Sara Lewis Meyer



The HLG banner used during the Lace Exhibit and Demonstration in April in Paducah KY.

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Christa Burr Tells the Story of How HLG Began!

It must have been in 1989 when I was strolling through the Quilter's Alley shop in Paducah KY admiring the projects hanging on the walls. The owner Pat told me that I could make quilts like that too because they offer classes to teach me. I replied that I was a lacemaker and was not to start another hobby as much as I would like to. Pat was very excited because she always wanted to learn to make lace and asked me to teach a class which I declined. When I told my husband, the wise man reminded me that I had been sooooo frustrated when I wanted to learn but could not find a teacher and the length I had gone through to find a way. So I did agree and taught a beginner's and an advanced beginners' lesson. And then we all said "What now?"

The need for a support group was apparent. I sat down with the IOLI membership book and a Rand McNelly and tried to find lacemakers in a radius of about 2 hours. This was before mapquest on the internet! It also was before telephone numbers in the IOLI membership book (because I initiated that at one of the annual IOLI convention meetings later) so I had to send a card to possible interested persons. There were several responses. Lise must have called me the very minute she received her mail the next day. And since then we had many wonderful experiences ... from Sam Burrage coming to our meeting to make a clip for the TV 6 news ... to workshops with many highly qualified lace teachers from all over the world.

We outgrew our first meeting place (the Quilter's Alley) quickly. Grace Episcopal Church, our present "headquarters" since then for many years now, has been very supportive too. You hear from other groups

how difficult it can be to find an appropriate meeting place, very often quite costly. We had the privilege to have storage for our extensive HLG library books, tools and other stuff which nobody had to lug around from meeting to meeting. And we had a continued place for all these years.



Grace Episcopal during Lace Exhibit

Over the years we have learned a lot from each other but the best of course are the friendships we have made far beyond lacemaking. The HLG is a support group in more than one way.

I am sad that I can not be there for the Anniversary Celebration but I will be with you in my thoughts. You know how important you are to me and I want to thank you all for your friendship all these years!!! See you soon, I hope. *—Christa*



Three of seven Charter Members attended the Luncheon:
L to R: Pat English, Cindy Hawthorne and Lise Thomsen.

Look for additional 20th Anniversary coverage in future newsletters.

CHARTER MEMBERS July 30, 1990

Christa Burr, President
Diane Thompson,
Treasurer/Membership
Pat English, Secretary
Ruth Russell, Editor
Cindy Hawthorne
Lise Thomsen
Mary H. Watts

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3 YARDS CLUB and TATTING PROFICIENCY HONORS

BOBBIN LACE 3 YARDS CLUB

NOVICE 8-12 pairs **Doris Weaver**



Left: Doris watches as Lise measures her lace. Lise joked, —~~It~~ enough"...but then quickly said Doris had 3 yards, PLUS 6 inches!



Doris with 3 yards+

ADVANCED 13-25 pairs
PROFICIENT 26-35 pairs
EXPERT 35 or more pairs



1000 – LEAVES & TALLIES

PATIENCE! (333 Leaves)
Pam Crouch, Paducah KY

Pam showing ALL her leaves

PERSEVERANCE! (666 Leaves)
PERFECTION! (1000 Leaves)



TATTING PROFICIENCY – Photos are welcome.

APPRENTICE

William Stem
Pam Crouch
Ginna Brummett
Sandra Benne

ARTISAN

William Stem
Pam Crouch
Sandra Benne

Pam's Tatted Butterfly

MASTER

Sandra Benne



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What's Happening in Our Lace World



Elizabeth Powell tatted a bookmark for each guest for her birthday July 17 in Henderson KY. Here she celebrates with **Georgia and Richard Seitz**.

Louis Oosthuizen shares his most recent project, *Voltoide Patroon*. Louis writes that his guild in Johannesburg, South Africa, the Witwatersrand Lace Guild, is celebrating its 30th Anniversary in October. Louis is the new Editor of his guild's newsletter. Congratulations to Louis for his new job and his guild for a significant milestone!



Lincon, Tatting & Ham and Bean Soup!



Left: Juanita Speicher, Georgia Seitz



Right: Mary Jane Brittingham, Teresa Wells

On May 15, eight tatters from the River City Tatting Club began their demo day with a ham and bean luncheon at the home of Georgia Seitz in Illinois. Afterward, they demonstrated for the Illinois Heritage Expo at the nearby Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site. Georgia arranged for a tent, table and chairs for the tatters next to **Mark and Kim Myers**.

Tatting and Bobbin Lace Demonstration at the Lincoln Amphitheater June 19

Brenda Leasure, Mary Jane Brittingham, Dorcas Newkirk and Joanne Hayes, all members of the River City Tatting Club, demonstrated tatting and bobbin lace at the Lincoln Amphitheater before the opening of the play, *Lincoln, Upon the Altar of Freedom*. They were joined by the cast who shared period children's games and performed music from the era. – *Dorcas Newkirk*



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What's Happening in Our Lace World *continued*

3 MEMBERS ATTEND 2010 IOLI CONVENTION in PORTLAND, OREGON

Sandra Benne, Mary Jane Brittingham and Dorcas Newkirk attended the 57th International Old Lacer's International Convention in Portland, Oregon July 24-31. Around 300 people attended. The Red Lion Hotel was on the bank of the Columbia River with Mt. Hood visible to the East. The temperature was in the high 50's in the mornings and the low 80's in the afternoons.



There was a change in the banquet seating this year. One signed up on a sheet of paper in advance with 10 names to a sheet. Each sheet had a table number. All you had to do was walk in to your table with the same number about 10 minutes before dinner instead of everyone waiting in line for an hour or more!

Left: Sandra; Right: Dorcas & Mary Jane



Those taking part in the Tat-Off were given a large Tatsy shuttle to use. Participants in the Lace-Off were asked to form a three person team, were given 2 pairs of very large bobbins (about 18 inches long and very fat) and were instructed to make as long a braid as they could, including one or two picots. — *Dorcas Newkirk*

The Longest Demo Day –8 hours+

Presentation and Show at Highland Presbyterian Church



In the late morning of August 7, **Pam Crouch**, accompanied by **Tammy Turner** and **Sara Lewis Meyer**, presented a program on the history and techniques of lacemaking.

Thirty- one people attended the presentation, asked questions and looked through the displays. A church sponsored BBQ lunch followed.

Tammy tatting in the middle of the display

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What's Happening in Our Lace World *continued*

3 Members Brave High Temperatures to Demonstrate at Downtown after Dinner



Pam Crouch, Tammy Turner and Sara Lewis Meyer demonstrated in downtown Paducah on the evening of August 7. Located across the street from the ice cream shop, the lacemakers drew quite a few folks who dropped by the tent to see what was happening. The best compliment of the day was from a teenaged girl who described lacemaking as **“cool!”**

Lise Thomsen gave a workshop for the Evansville River Bend Bobbin Lacerson June 26-27. Some laced Lise's Bobbin Lace Garland.

1st row, L to R: Dorcas Newkirk, Eva Weber, Juanita Spiecher, Brenda Leasure, Lise Thomsen.

2nd row, L to R: Teresa Wells, Agnes Watkins, Mary Jane Brittingham, Lora Becker, Jonne Hayes, Bev Cross.



Next Spring: 2011 HLG Exhibit and Demonstration: 'Christmas - Lacemaker Style'

It's never too early to start working on your lace Christmas ornament and other items to add to the member display in April! The special tatting exhibit theme is -Animals." Please consider **DONATING** your Christmas ornament to the Permanent Collection. Most of the Collection is white lace, but all lace is welcome. Any questions, contact **Pam Crouch**.



Also, we are asking for donations of sections for a **tatted garland**. (See directions next page)

Make a section and send it to add to the garland for use at the quilt show in 2011!

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TATTED GARLAND

Send completed pieces by April 1, 2010 to:
Tammy Turner, 3409 Central Ave. Paducah KY
42001

Thread: #10 White Crochet cotton

R= ring

P=picot

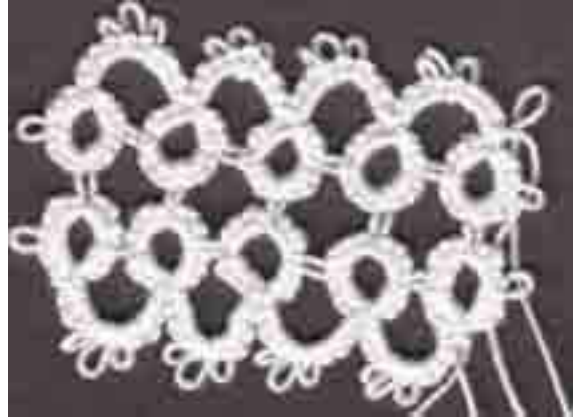
Cl=close

Sep=separated by

Ch=chain

J=join

Rw=reverse work



R: 4 ds, 3 p's separated by 4 ds, 4ds, cl, rw.

Ch: 4 ds, 3p's sep by 1 ds, 4ds, rw.

R: 4ds, j to last picot of previous ring, 4ds, p, 4ds, p, 4ds, cl.

Continue until you reach desired length.

2nd row (other/opposite half)

R: 4 ds, p, 4 ds, j to middle p of ring on previous (first) row, 4ds, p, 4ds, cl. Rw.

Ch: 4 ds, 3p's sep by 1 ds, 4ds, rw.

R: 4ds, j to last picot of previous ring, 4ds, join to middle picot on ring of previous row, 4ds, p, 4ds, cl.

Continue until desired length is reached.

NOTE: In order to join all the sections once they are completed, the pieces will need to begin with a ring and end with a chain. (Make certain that both sections are uniform ---ie. chains on both sections/rows on same end and rings on same end) Also, please just tie off and leave several inches on thread on the "chain" end so that we can join it to the next section.



Heartland Lace Guild Membership Pin

HLG Permanent Collection Goes Digital!

There is now a CD of the Christmas ornaments in Permanent Collection. Thank you to Pam Crouch who scanned the ornaments donated during the first 20 years of the Guild.

A copy is in the Library and available for check out.

If anyone is interested in owning a copy of the CD, please let Pam know. The cost will cover the CD and shipping.

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At the Meetings...



May: Claudia Hoff and Doris Weaver



May: Birdie Anderson, Tammy Turner, guest Wava Grandon and Sara Lewis Meyer



June: Sandra Humburg and Claudia Hoff



June: Jeanne Wills, Doris Weaver, and Shawn Crouch, Pam's daughter-in-law



July: Sara, Tammy and Pam Crouch plan newsletter



July: Kim R and Doris admire Claudia's work

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At the Meetings...continued



July: Lynn Hurt, Carmen Richardville



July: Lise Thomsen, grand-daughter Victoria



August: New Editor Sara Lewis Meyer

HEARTLAND LACE GUILD 2010 FALL RETREAT FEATURES LACE CLASS

The Heartland Lace Guild 2010 Fall Retreat is October 22-24 at Jonathan Creek. The weekend begins on Friday at 3pm and ends on Sunday at 3pm. This means 3 days, 2 nights and 6 meals with lots of lacemaking and comraderie in between!

During the weekend, **Lise Thomsen** will be teaching **DIMENSIONAL LACE** (see photo for examples.) The only cost of the course is a materials fee of \$5 which should be paid to Lise that Friday.

To reserve your place at the retreat, send the registration form and \$210 to **Bonnie Kipper** by Oct 1. Make out checks to "Heartland Lace Guild." Packets containing retreat information and course supplies list will be sent to participants after that date.



Registration Form is on page 15.

Now United Airlines flies non-stop to and from Paducah and Chicago!

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