

Thameside Lacemakers



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Well here we are again at the start of another year and by the time you will be reading this, you will know whether Mrs May has secured us a reasonable divorce from the E.U. or if our wonderful M.P.'S continued playing silly monkeys right up to the line. I must admit I would not have liked her job, but we all makes our choices and have to go with it.

Today we are at St. John's Tilbury and I hope you have remembered that we can park in Essex Tube Windings car park opposite in Dock Rd. Our winners of last year's competition were- Jane Tyson who won the Novice Trophy Pat Easman Cup and Dawn Derrick who won the Harris cup (again). This year's competition is: **RUBY**. No clues, but obviously our ruby anniversary this year, ruby red, ruby wine, Ruby the girl I used to know..... No clues. I look forward to the November results.



A reminder that today we will be selling some of our library books and we have

Introduction to Honiton Lace (Thompson) £5.00 Designing for Bruges Flower Lace (Sutton) £3.00

Tatting Patterns (Sanders) £3.00

Next laceday we will have the following for sale at £5 or more each: See page 8

Another reminder is that as this will be an 'Anniversary' year (Will there be cake?) we still need pieces of lace (white to fit the A5 bunting) which we will be making this year and finally our next laceday and **A.G.M.** will be on 11th May at All Saints' church RM15 5HF which should be nice and toasty with new central heating fitted last December.

Please take this as notification for the AGM

Happy lacing Bob

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THAMESIDE LACEMAKERS

TO BE HELD ON 11th MAY, 2019

AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL FOYLE DRIVE SOUTH OCKENDON RM15 5HF

A G E N D A

members attending

1. APOLOGIES

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY, 2018 AS CORRECT RECORD.

Proposed:

Seconded:

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Proposed:

Seconded:

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed:

Seconded:

5. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Proposed:

Seconded:

6. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting closed at

From Christmas to Valentine's

Making Lace Without the Pattern by Paula Harten

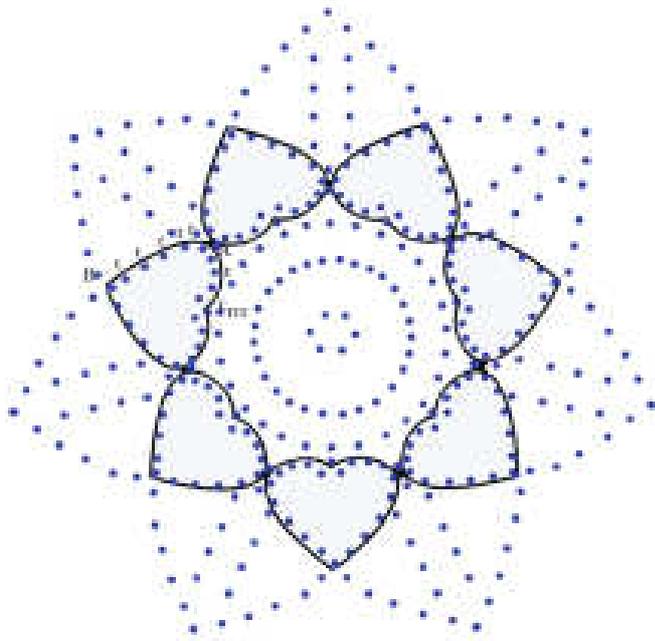
While decorating the display tree at the museum a few years ago, I found an ornament that had been donated by Mary McPeck in 1992. Since I was in a hurry to make some lace to fit on a flat, round, glass ornament, I decided to try to make it from a scan of the lace. Since it had been attached inside a bangle, the shape was pretty true.

I scanned it into my computer (see below) and, with Photoshop, studied the enlarged view. By following the paths of the threads, I could determine where the pinholes went and how it was made. To make the pattern, I inverted the image to black on a white background. On a second layer, I painted in red dots for the pinholes. Then, with the lace temporarily invisible, I could place the pinholes in straighter lines. The image needed to be re-sized to fit the ornament. It seemed to me that Brok 36 would work and I used a red metallic Treasure Braid for the gimp. I used 14 pairs of thread plus the gimp. The worker from the center ring can also do the false plaits in the center.

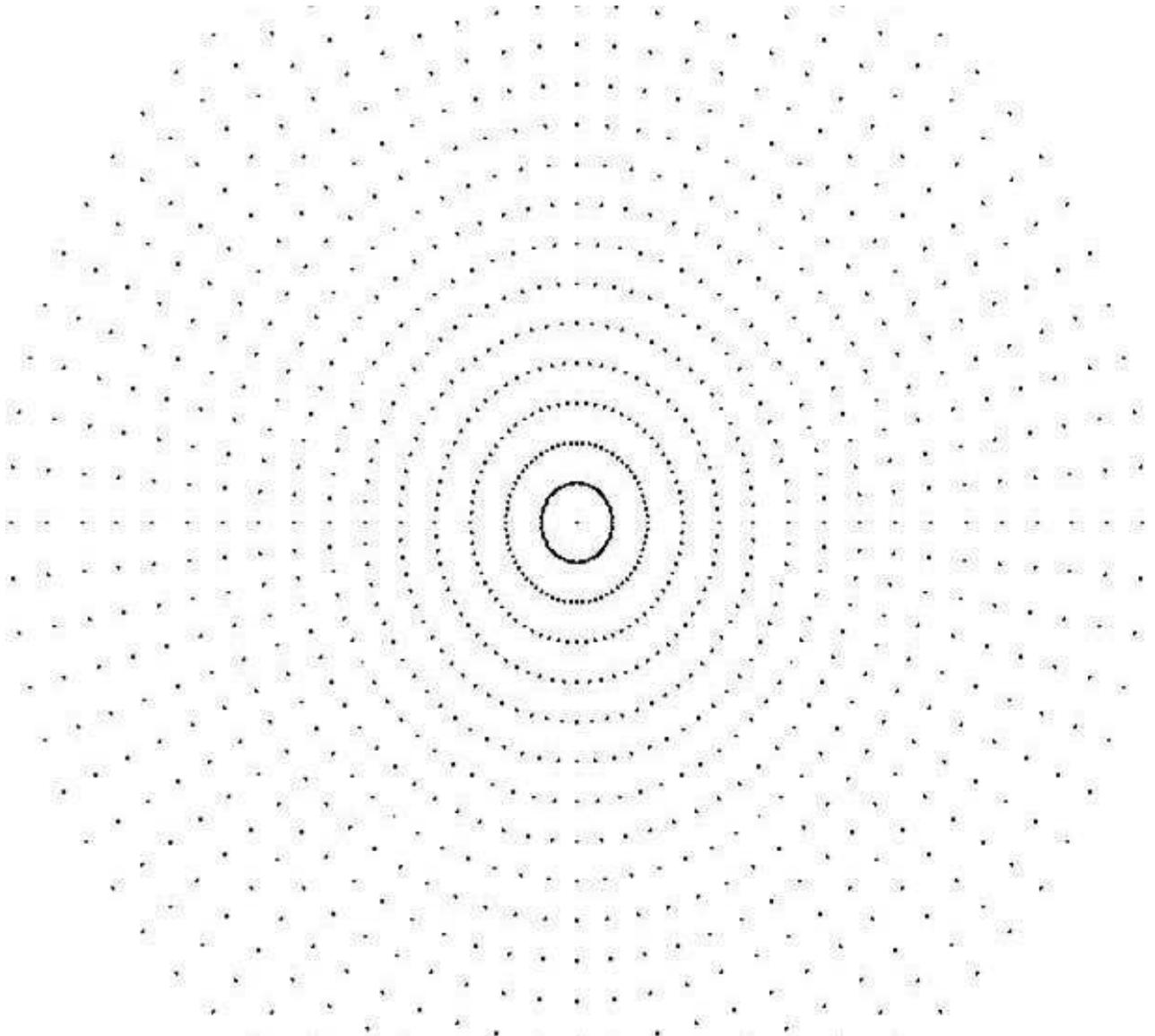
To join the two medallions together over the ornament, I used a thinner red metallic thread and strung gold beads between the points as I tied them together. This, plus a couple of glass heart-shaped ornaments I have covered with needle lace, led me to buy a couple of Valentine's ornaments and my little Christmas tree has taken on a new life!

The pattern, below is a neater one I have created using shapes and circles in Photoshop and then placing the pinholes following grid lines and by eye. This is still not a perfect pattern, and I have not worked it, but it gives you an idea of what you can do if you have a piece of lace and don't have a pattern. I would still like to try finding a circular grid that would fit this and see if it can be made any better following the grid.





If you want to try your own designs, here is a simple 'graph' of dots which might help. Try going to your favourite browser and typing 'free graph paper printer'. My very old copy was produced by Philippe Marquis but it is still available on the net.



Application for Thameside Lacemaker's Association - Membership 2019/20 (RENEWAL/NEW) I wish to renew my Membership and enclose a cheque/postal order for the sum of £5.00 * made payable to Thameside Lacemakers, together with a stamped, addressed envelope.

NAME

Title

Membership No

ADDRESS

POST CODE

*** Junior Members £2.50**

Please forward to Membership Secretary –*Dawn Derrick*

PLEASE PRINT THROUGHOUT

Tickets for Lace Days: Send a sae and cheque/postal order, made payable to Thameside Lacemakers, or make a reservation for your ticket by telephone. *Doreen on with "Tickets", NUMBER and your NAME don't fail to come and enjoy a Lace Day because you haven't got a ticket in advance.*** It can be collected on the door but we do like to know, numbers, in advance, for catering and seating.**

Application for tickets on 11th May A.G.M. at All Saints' church hall, Foyle Drive RM15 5HF and on 13th July at All Saints' church hall, Foyle Drive RM15 5HF

(Bring a mug to all lacedays.)

Please send me
Name:

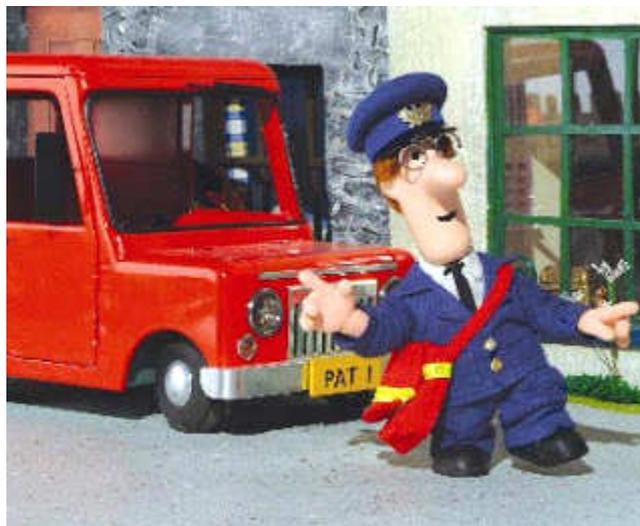
ticket(s) @ £4.00 each, (£5.50 non-members) for (date)
Membership No.

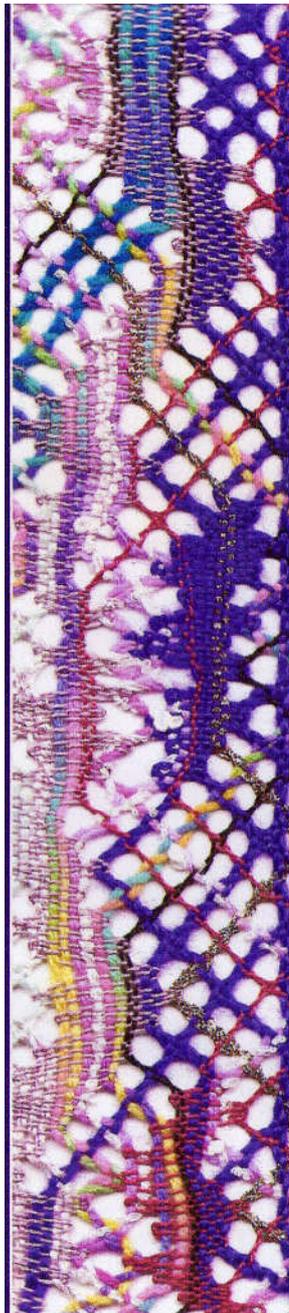
Address:

Post Code:

PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS

Please attach list of all names and Membership Nos. if applying for more than one ticket
I enclose a sae and cheque/postal order, made payable to Thameside Lacemakers, for the sum
of
£
Please send to:.





Essex Lace Makers

Lace & Craft Suppliers Fair

Sunday 17th March 2019

10.00am to 3.00pm

Chelmer Valley High School, Court Road,
Broomfield, Chelmsford CM1 7ER

Admission £2 at the door - Free for E.L.M. Members

20+ Suppliers in attendance selling a wide variety of lacemaking, embroidery, beading & ancillary craft materials.

Exhibitions and demonstrations.

Lacemakers are invited to bring their pillows as space to make lace on the day.

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says, "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen. Ugh!" The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her, "The driver just insulted me!" The man says, "You go right up there and tell him off – go ahead, I'll hold your monkey for you."

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Skeptical, the operator asks, "How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?" The redhead replies, "She's a blonde so she reads slow: 'Come for ta bull.'"

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

Trauma Teddy for the Red Cross

Back and Front alike.

Double knitting wool and size 10 [3.25mm] needles. Please no angora or mohair wool.
The head, body and legs are knitted as one piece:

Legs:

Using paw colour, cast on 12 sts knit 8 rows. Change to trouser colour. Knit 34 rows. Leave stitches on needle and repeat for leg 2.

When both legs are knitted, knit across all stitches (24 sts). Knit 14 rows.

Change to jumper colour. Knit 18 rows.

Head:

Change to paw colour, knit 34 rows. Cast off.

Make another piece the same

Join the sides of the head. Using the jumper colour, pick up and knit 8 stitches from the front and 8 stitches from side of the back (16 sts) Knit 20 rows in jumper colour and 10 in paw colour.

Join side seams, legs/feet and arm/hands. Stuff from the top of the head. When complete, stitch across the head.

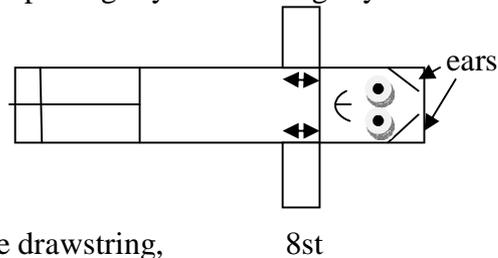
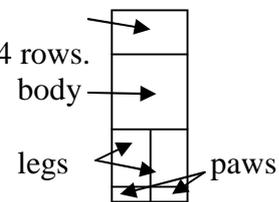
Neck:

Run a gathering thread round base of head and pull tightly. Cast off tightly.

Ears:

Stitch across corners of the head.

Add features.



Finally

Make a simple fabric bag 10" by 13" with one drawstring, ends knotted with a 2" loop please, to keep teddy clean.



