Bobbin Lacemaking – Beginners   Tutor/Facilitator – Andrea Lynch

Monday 7-9pm   Term 1 2024   6 weeks   laceykiwi@gmail.com

Dates : February 12, 19, 26 March 4, 11, 18

You will have the opportunity to complete 4 simple bobbin lace items. At class I will introduce students to the basic stitches and some common techniques used in bobbin lacemaking.

 You will make the most progress if you do some practise to complete the pattern in between classes. Below is an outline of what I am planning to cover with you.

Expected course outcome:

Students will prepare their equipment and make the 3 basic bobbin lace stitches. They will have the opportunity to use the stitches in different combinations to make a simple bobbin lace bookmark, flower broach/stem and a traditional edging.

Week One: Introduction to Bobbin Lacemaking, the Halfstitch Bookmark

Objectives: Introduce equipment and materials used, learn how to prepare a lace pillow, bobbins and pricking (pattern). Learn the basic twist and cross movements that are common to all bobbin laces and how to make a halfstitch.

Week Two: The Wholestitch Leaf

Objectives: Learn how to make a wholestitch and use it to make a leaf. During this session, students will use twists to create space; make a 4 thread plait; add in pairs and throw out pairs.

Week Three and Four: Flower Petals and Flower Assembly

Objectives: Students combine skills used in previous samples to make a petal edging. Be shown how to add in extra thread when required and how to join ends of lace together and practise these skills. Students will have the opportunity to assemble their flower and leaves into a broach or on a stem if they wish.

Week Five and Six : Traditional Fir Tree Fan Edging

Objectives: Learn how to make a wholestitch and twist stitch and use this stitch to make a traditional Fir Tree Fan edging. Introduce students to order and direction of work in Torchon lace, how to work a footside and a corner. Students will be shown how to spangle a bobbin and given an opportunity to spangle a bobbin.