

We are a small group of bobbin lace makers from the town of Athens in the State of Georgia in the South Eastern part of the USA. There is no history of lace making here but this is an international community because of the presence of a large University and therefore you often meet people who have seen bobbin lace being made or rarely know someone who has made lace (usually by the technique of tatting).

A friend who has since moved helped me to make a simple cookie pillow and showed me the basic stitches and gave me contacts with suppliers. I was fascinated and went ahead on my own for several years being supplied with material and the next book to use by Holy Van Sciver. Bit by bit after demonstrating at Craft Fairs in this area I found a few people who were intrigued to try themselves and so gradually a small group has stabilized in this town and we now meet each week in the conservatory of the State Botanical Garden of Georgia.



The conservatory is an ideal location with very good light and constant temperature and in addition we meet many visitors from around the world who are visiting the gardens. We have demonstrated at many craft fairs and events and also put on exhibitions at the local library.



Betty and Carol ( both wearing Glasses) letting people have a hands on experience



A sample of some of our work at a library exhibition



More examples of our library exhibition.

We are now working hard to produce an exhibition at the gardens which all has to be framed and wall mounted. We are using a theme of the four seasons.

We have a lot of fun together and all help one another. It is not easy to go to workshops as the distances here are so great but some of us have attended some. No one is designing at the moment but I hope this will change in the near future.

Our very good wishes to you all, The Athens Lacemakers