Missenden School of Creative Arts

Course Information Sheet

Course Code: 0427-02

English and Continental Laces

Alison Thoburn

2nd - 4th Apr 2027
Friday to Sunday

This course is suitable for all levels, from beginners to the experienced. A wide range of laces are available and can be catered for, including Bucks and point ground, Torchon, Binche, Flanders and Idrija. The aim is to tailor the course to the individual and is an ideal course to those new to or returning to lace. For those new to the discipline instruction will be given using a project which covers the basic techniques. The more experienced lacemaker will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills in technique, design, and interpretation.

Course Location:
CIM Business Centre Cookham

Moor Hall
Cookham
Maidenhead
Berkshire SL6 9QH

Friday	
4pm onwards	residents may check in
6.45	Dinner
7.45pm	Non-residents arrive
8-9.30pm	Teaching session
Saturday	
7.30-9.30am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-12.30pm	Teaching session
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch for all
1.30-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Sunday	
7.30-9.30am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-12.30pm	Teaching Session
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch for all
1.30-3.00pm	Last teaching session

Description

English and continental laces cover a wide range, Bucks and point ground, Torchon, Binche, Flanders and Idrija. Others may be available, please contact the tutor. The wide range of laces available means the course will be tailored to each participant. For those new to lace, instruction will be given via a pattern, aimed at developing the knowledge and skills of the core techniques. For those with some experience this is the ideal opportunity to work on a specific aspect, for example a new project, a different technique, consolidating previous learning or designing a new pattern.

Please bring with you

Lace pillow (appropriate size and shape to pattern being worked)
Bobbins (bring extra to the number stated on pattern)
Pins,
Pin cushion,
Thread (appropriate to pattern),
Cover cloths,
Pattern (prepared),
Lace tools.
Notebook,
Pencil and coloured pens.
Contact tutor if you have any questions.

Available to purchase from the tutor

Other items by arrangement - please let us know in advance but you will be put in touch with the tutor before teh course start anyway.

Level

Suitable for beginners and experienced lacemakers

About Alison Thoburn

I started making Honiton lace in 1985 with Caroline Biggins. I had been wanting to learn lacemaking for a long time and a move to Devon was the ideal opportunity. I soon became hooked. Initially, I concentrated on Honiton,

enjoying designing new patterns and adapting techniques. The opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills into English and Continental laces, has led to many new adventures. I started teaching lacemaking evening classes in 2012, at three venues in Devon. Since retiring from Midwifery, I have been able to teach residential courses for the Lace Guild and Dillington House, Somerset. I also regularly undertake workshops for the local lace groups. I have held several positions in lace organisations: Lace Guild Executive Committee 1990 - 1992, Tor Lace Group Secretary 2016 - ongoing, Devon Lace Teachers - member 2012 - 2023, Secretary and webmaster 2019 - 2023. I am passionate about all aspects of lacemaking, particularly helping others on their own lace journey.

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