



Representing the first members in the guild Jane O'Connor and Janice Blair prepare to make the first cut into the anniversary cake.

L.A.C.E. Guild of Illinois

celebrated its 20th Anniversary on October 16th 2010!

A pot luck luncheon was held and members participated in a grab-bag exchange and card making class with Kris Johnson.



Those attending our October Celebration were (Front Row:) Nancy Jones, Treasurer Nancy Tweed, Kris Johnson, Irene Lake. (Middle Row:) Janice Blair, Secretary Kathleen Cantwell, Janet Frederickson, Jane O'Connor, Susie Johnson. (Back Row:) Dawn Niner, President Diane Haber, Donna Fousek, Terry Berkhout and David Wilson. Nineteen members were not present for the picture.

After 20 years as a guild, the members find L.A.C.E., a charter member of I.O.L.I., to be more than just a group of people getting together to make lace. We have developed great friendships. We enjoy the teaching and sharing of our skills and techniques in many different kinds of laces. This year alone we have had lessons in embroidery with lace edgings, Milanese scrolls, beginning Needlelace, lace recognition, magic threads, leaves and picots, wire lace, Russian lace, knitting in the round, and inserting lace into handmade cards. All these were taught by our own members and many of the lesson samples used were designed by our members. We have a quarterly newsletter, a website [www.lacemakersofillinois.org], monthly meetings, beginner classes [2 this year by outside requests] and our membership is growing. 30% of our members are also members of I.O.L.I. with three serving on the I.O.L.I. Board or committees. We celebrate winnings of our convention attendees – one of whom won a First in Design and the People's Choice Award at this years' I.O.L.I. convention.

The success of L.A.C.E. is due to all members, past and present, who have contributed their time, talents and friendship to the guild over the past twenty years! We have a wonderful legacy to pass on to future members. It is one of knowledge, skill, desire, enthusiasm and a willingness to share with others for the continued advancement and benefit of our art.