



Judith Bastianelli, the "Lace Lady," spoke at the state meeting of NHCHF in Andover.

NHCHF Spring Workshop Held At AE/MS

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This is one of two state meetings held during the year which give our members from different counties a chance to get together for fun, food, and facts.

Sylvia Anderson, a member of Country Women's Council, our national affiliation gave a talk about its composition and goals. It was important to inform the members about this organization, as we are hosting the National Conference in 2012 in Manchester. It is the first time New Hampshire has ever been a host state.

Our other speaker, Judith Bastianelli, or the "Lace Lady," presented a talk about the history of lace and displayed her handmade knitted and bobbin lace, which is her specialty. Attendees also brought samples of handmade lace. There were some wonderful handkerchiefs with intricate tatted lace on the edges.

It is a very tedious process to make lace. An inch-by-inch piece takes over an hour. Handmade lace is very expensive, and at one time only royalty was allowed to wear it.

France was one of the centers of lace making, with different regions producing their own types of lace. Processes were closely guarded, and it was very lucrative to be in the lace smuggling business.

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French, and despite their reputation as being romantic, they have a very practical approach to marriage.

On display we had some French perfume and a beautiful piece of Limoge china.

A chorus of "Au revoir" was heard as members departed, having enjoyed a petite visit to France.

For more information about joining our group, call 735-5493.

Conditions for lace makers were dismal. They worked in damp, poorly lit areas for long hours. Children as young as four or five were tied in chairs and forced to make lace. Blindness was often a result of years of lace making.

Judith has traveled to France for several lace making seminars.

We took a break at noon to enjoy our brown bag lunches and some additional goodies made by the Halcyon Seekers.

A variety of craft activities were offered in the afternoon, as well as a spinning demonstration by Ms. Bastianelli.

There were auction items on display throughout the day, and attendees had the opportunity to make written bids on these items. Periodically you checked your bid to see if yours was the highest. There was some frantic writing at the end of the day.

We feel we achieved our aim of fun, food, and facts.



Louise Carey from New London was one of the volunteers helping out at the Immaculate Conception Church's Spring Rummage Sale.
Staff photo: Bob Bussey

A Senior On The Go

By Mary Demers
Beacon volunteer

On a bright sunny day in Cilleyville, you may be surprised to see a jazzy electric scooter with an American flag flying in the breeze and a senior citizen tooling along the road toward the Blackwater Junction Restaurant. Eighty-one-year-old Everill "Toffie" Motuzas does not own a car and relies on her scooter to get her there.

She parks the scooter in the garden next to the front entrance. Once inside, Jenny Hamel, Angie Chase, Debbie Martin, or John Hamel greet her with a smile and her coffee. While she enjoys her breakfast, other customers arrive and greet her with a smile and conversation.

Toffie, formerly of Massachusetts, has lived for 40 years in different towns of New Hampshire. She loves loons and has a collection of all sizes and styles, including a loon windsock, a gift from her friend Buffie. Buffie, who lives nearby in Potter Place, helps Toffie to the grocery store, doctor appointments, or anywhere she is unable to go in her scooter.



Toffie Motuzas "scoots" along Main Street in Cilleyville to visit the Blackwater Junction Restaurant.

Photo: Mary Demers

This red scooter, American flag flying in the breeze along the road, is a picture of true Americana in a small New England town.

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