
Nancy Evans

I was born in Nebraska and moved during World War II to California. I studied art history and music at San Francisco State college and graduated from the Conservatory of Music. I learned to sew, embroider, quilt, knit and crochet from my family and textiles were a natural part of my life. Although I learned needle lace from a book, my serious lace interest grew from meeting Virginia Harvey, University of Washington Costume and Textile Study Collection Curator. I joined a local lace study group and National Old Lacers (now IOLI) and helped to identify laces in the University of Washington collection. Today I am Needle Lace Consultant for IOLI and write their bulletin's needle lace column. I recently closed my antique lace shop of 25 years but continue teaching needle lace, textile conservation, lace history, and identification. I still sell lace at shows and conventions. I have enjoyed sharing my lace knowledge with others and have many wonderful people who are a rich part of the memories I carry in my heart.