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Karen has taught bobbin lace for over 25 years, including at IOLI Conventions. She has worked with the Smithsonian lace collection for the last 8 years, and is in the process of reconstructing the Ipswich laces from 1790 housed in the Library of Congress. She enjoys designing lace and has self-published two booklets of original patterns. She translated Karen Trend Nissen's four Knipling books on bobbin lace techniques from Danish to English.