

NATIONAL CONFERENCE UPDATE
Sydney – 19th & 20th October
Theme: *Needlework Tools Then and Now*

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Please note the procedure set out below before proceeding with an Application Form to attend the Conference.

Registration

In view of the limited number of place available, registration is a three-step process:

- Step 1: Email or mail completed Application as shown on the form;
- Step 2: Successful applicants advised that a place has been reserved for them, and further details regarding the Conference supplied at that time;
- Step 3: To confirm reservation, full payment of the total amount shown on your form must be received no later than 22nd September – early payment will be appreciated.

We request your cooperation in relation to the registration process.

For registrants arriving early, a Meet-n-Greet Meal is planned for Wednesday, 18th October, following a registration session. The meal – at your own expense – will be at a restaurant within walking distance of the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel – partners welcome.

For many reasons it will NOT be possible to hold a traditional **Sales Mall** and we trust you are not too disappointed. The logistics of moving large quantities of stock into a venue with no parking, the economic downturn, and a smaller number of conference attendees, have made cancellation of the Sales Mall necessary.

In lieu of a full-scale Sales Mall, **Trading Tables** will be available for hire (for a small fee) enabling sellers to transact business and buyers to snap up a bargain or discover a ‘must-have’ item for their collection.

Hopefully, the excited buzz which always erupts post-Sales Malls will happen post-Trading Tables.

Commemorative Item for the 2023 Conference

The Committee is pleased to unveil the Commemorative Item for the 2023 Conference – a specially commissioned free-standing Thread Holder (see front page). The piece, designed by member, Lee Bateman, incorporates the year above the Society logo and may be purchased at or after the Conference, for \$10 (+ postage if applicable).

While the Commemorative Item includes a 150m spool of Gutermann white polyester thread and a bobbin, the shaft may be configured to suit the needs of the user. For example, the shaft can accommodate a shorter spool of thread and two or three bobbins OR six bobbins, so you can Mix-n-Match at your leisure!



COMMEMORATIVE ITEM - Sydney Conference

There is a separate ***Application Form*** to attend the Conference. It is available on the website Conference page <http://www.needleworktoolcollectors.org/conference.html>