

1st International Lace-Making Symposium in Ahrntal valley

Dear Sir or Madam,

the Ahrntal valley and especially the village of Prettau/Predoi are known for their longstanding bobbin lace tradition. We want to further support and keep this wonderful art alive in close cooperation with the bobbin lace association of Prettau/Predoi.

In September 2023, a lace-making symposium lasting several days is going to take place in the Ahrntal valley, where bobbin lace makers from all over the world will meet like-minded people and cultivate friendships. If there is sufficient interest, the symposium will be held annually.

The planned period is from **22nd September 2023 to 24th September 2023**. Here is the scheduled programme:

Friday, 22nd September 2023

- Individual arrival of the participants and free accommodation in the hotel
- 8.30 pm: Official welcome

Saturday, 23rd September 2023

- Visit to the **bobbin lace exhibition** at Taufers Castle
- **Lace-making hike** to the huts and alpine pastures at the head of the valley with lace-making demonstrations
- **1st bobbin lace festival: lace-making demonstrations by all participants, dinner** with musical entertainment, folk dancing, traditional costumes, bobbin lace exhibition, etc.

Sunday, 24th September 2023

- Breakfast in the hotel and **departure** Subject to change

We cordially invite you to join our symposium. A maximum of two people per association are allowed to participate in order to ensure bobbin lace diversity. Accommodation and meals on Saturday and Sunday will be provided by the organiser. **ATTENTION: maximum number of participants: 20 lace makers**

At the same time, we ask you to forward this letter to any bobbin lace association you know.

The completed registration form must be returned to us by 31st March 2023 at the latest. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. We look forward to receiving many registrations!

With best regards

The president BA Michael Zimmerhofer
Tourist association **AHRNTAL VALLEY**