

Lace sample

Bobbin lace sample made by Sonia Domsch (1934-) of Atwood, Kansas. Design is a basket full of flowers. Domsch learned lace making from her great aunt, Anna Beck, as a young girl. Anna and her siblings had emmigrated with her mother, Mary Dostal, from the Bohemian region of what is now the Czech Republic in 1894. The family name was changed from Dostal to Beck after arriving in America. After living briefly in Oklahoma, the family relocated to Atwood. There Mary and Anna made and sold lace to help support the family. Sonia is also a dedicated teacher of her art, having taught lace making to her daughter and granddaughter and participated as a Master Artist in the Folk Art Apprentice Program co-sponsored by the Historical Society and the Kansas Arts Commission. In 1986 she became the first Kansan to receive a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Creator: Domsch, Sonia Cloe

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