The collection in this folder are some of the pieces that my mother and I made together, along with two as a gift from my mother in law. My mother’s name was Elena Urziceanu (1930-2008) and my mother in law is Georgetta Biro (1930- ). They were made in Bucharest and Constança, Romania. The designs came from family, neighbors, and friends, with personal variations.

My name is Marina Sorescu and I am originally from Romania. I came to the United States in 1988. Years before that, in the seventies, my mother began to make Romanian Point lace and I as a little girl learned from her.

I helped my mother with the basic crocheted braids, then she couched them down to a previously designed and prepared pattern. When she had connected the braids together she filled the spaces between the crocheted edges with different needle lace stitches.

When the work was done she cut the couching threads, lifted off the completed lace, washed and ironed it (on the wrong side), then starched it with spray starch.

The entire process can take from one to six months or longer, depending on how large is the design and how detailed are the needle lace insertions.