

LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR LINDA LOSO, LACE MAKER

By Heather M. Brown



Linda Loso is a hard working single mother of two handsome boys, Terrence and Cole. She was born in Montreal, and later moved to Blainville with her family, parents Jim and Helena Loso, her sister Doreen and brother Robert. Today, her family has expanded to include her brother-in-law Danny, a niece Meghan and nephew Brandon all of whom she loves dearly.

Linda practices the martial arts of Karate Kenpo at Karate Sunfuki in St. Eustache, with Kyoshi Pierre Saulnier. She volunteers at the CEDEC office, sometimes at Holy Family Parish, and works part time. That is not all she is also a local artisan.

Linda has been working at her various crafts for many years now. She has many talents, and is a quick learner. She learned many things from both of her grandmothers, and her father who is known for the birds he carves from wood. Linda said, "I've been taking different artisan and/or art courses since I was a teenager. I've taken classes at school, in arts and craft shops, in community centres, in specialty crafts shops and sometimes was self-taught from books.

Anywhere I could learn something new or improve on what I already know (and of course if I could afford it) I was there." She once met a little old lady on a bus in Toronto who was tatting, which the art of lace is making. Linda asked if she could watch what the lady was doing. She said, "Honey, sit down and catch the trick." The lady showed Linda what to do, which she learned in about twenty minutes. When she got her paycheque that week she bought her first shuttle and book, and has been tatting ever since.

These activities – crocheting, sewing, tatting and lampshade making, etc. have been incorporating into Linda's career. She sells individually commissioned pieces, such as bookmarks, lace edges and doilies, etc. Linda has recently taken up regular, cross and Richelieu embroidery. She also wants to learn how to do bobbin lace, other antique embroideries and lace making. After this interview Linda was taking a course on how to embroider pearls onto material and lampshades. She also makes cut and pierced lampshades, a technique she learned from a local artist. "I like experimenting with different crafts and techniques and incorporating them together to create something original, and unique," she concluded.

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