

May 2003

Mobile Tatter's Guild

Mobile, Alabama

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a great meeting. If you weren't there you really missed out. The cards we exchanged were great. You all have such good ideas. We also had a show from Anne Godwin. She is a wonderful quilter and she brought some things to show from the Quilters show last weekend. She had quilts and a quilted sweatshirt jacket she made and won a ribbon for. What do you all think of another card exchange to be exchanged at the November meeting with a Christmas theme?

We had a visit from Janice Harmon from Arkansas. It was nice to have her with us for the meeting.

Elizabeth Birmingham

Editor's Corner

A Tatter's Profile: Mrs. Pearlíe Anderton



She learned to tat as a child. On many occasions, her sisters would offer to do all the housework if she would tat trim for their clothes. She tatted trims for all her babies' clothes. Through the years she sold lots of her tating. She made all kinds of tatted decorations for her Christmas tree which is displayed in the Parade of Trees at First Baptist Church of Satsuma. She taught tating to anyone who wanted to learn. Coutie (my mother) began learning to tat under Mrs. Anderton's guidance (who was 95 at the time), and this inspired her to later take lessons from Heidi's Yarnhaus. She made this doily which she found in *The Big Book of Tating*. On April 15 of this year, Mrs. Anderton turned 99 years old. She tatted until two years ago when she had a light stroke. She's a very positive and happy person with many friends and relatives that visit regularly. She is a blessing to all who know her. *J.B. Locke*

At the next meeting....

The next meeting date has been changed to May 18. The Mobile Tatter's Guild Birthday party will be held at Janine Stebbin's home again this year. There are lots of activities planned for the party, including tating contests. Come with a shuttle loaded and a ball of thread. Bring your tatted butterfly to exchange—the exchanges have always been an exciting part of our meetings. Also, please bring the friendship doily for exchange.

A Message from our Games Coordinator

Let the Games Begin! We are starting a new tradition at this year's Annual Guild Party - our very first Annual Tat-Off, which will include timed events for Most Rings, Blindfold Tating, and Opposite Hand Tating. Everyone who tats is qualified for these fun games! Fill your favorite shuttle with your favorite thread and come join the fun! See you there. *Linda Kaye Ellis*

PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

Friendship Doily 2003

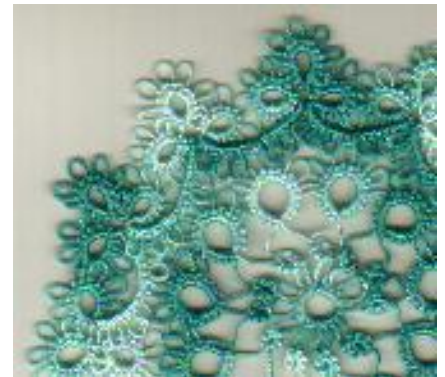
May, 2003 Round 2

8 yds on shuttle #1, and 2 yds on ball thread (or shuttle #2). This doily is based on one by Ada Colegrove of Belfry, Montana, from *Old Time Crochet*, Winter, 1996.

ABBREVIATIONS USED:

R – Ring SmR – Small Ring IR – Inner Ring Ch – Chain
DS – Doublestitch P – Picot LP – Long Picot J – Join
CLR – Close Ring Space – sp RW – Reverse Work

PLEASE NOTE THAT ROUND 1 IN OUR APRIL ISSUE CONTAINED A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. THE SMALL RING SHOULD BE 3 DS, JOIN, 3 DS AS SHOWN IN THE PHOTO.



ROUND 2:

Using shuttle #1 for the rings, and ball thread or shuttle #2 for the chains.

Three-ring clover:

Ring 1: 2 ds, (P, 2 ds) 7 times, CLR

Ring 2: 2 ds, j to last p of previous ring, 2 ds, (P, 2 ds) 6 times, CLR

Ring 3: same as R2, CLR, RW

Chain: 2 ds, 3p, separated by 2 ds, j to middle p of any R in Round 1, 2 ds, 3p, separated by 2 ds, 2 ds, RW

Three-ring clover:

Ring 1: 2 ds, (P, 2 ds) 3 times, join to middle p (#4) of last clover's Ring 3, 2 ds, (P, 2 ds) 3 times, CLR

Ring 2: 2 ds, j to last p of previous ring, 2 ds, (P, 2 ds) 6 times, CLR

Ring 3: same as R2, CLR, RW

Continue rings and chains as established until only 1 ring remains on Round 1. Join Ring 3 of final clover to Ring 1 of first clover in round*. Then work one more chain, joining as before, and cutting and tying off to the base of clover #1.

Please finish off ends and press lightly if necessary before bringing to the May Guild Birthday Party.

To make an un-twisted final join, try these steps:

- ✓ Make sure all threads are at the back of the work
- ✓ Make your ring extra-big
- ✓ Lay the picot on the working thread and pull up a loop, but do NOT put your shuttle through
- ✓ Push the loop DOWN through the center of your ring
- ✓ Working in the back, put the shuttle through from left to right, make the 2nd half of your stitch, and complete the ring (including any more picots needed) at the BACK of the work.

2003 Friendship Doily Rotation

- 1 Marilyn S.
- 2 Janine S.
- 3 Paula N.
- 4 Sandy C.
- 5 Cheryl M.
- 6 Nettie C.
- 7 Laura M.
- 8 Coutie R.
- 9 Cathy H.
- 10 Elizabeth B.
- 11 Heidi S.
- 12 J.B. L.
- 13 Sharon T.
- 14 Elise R.
- 15 Jackie A.
- 16 Vincentine W.
- 17 Becky T.

Editor's note: This is a great tip for future reference.

PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

Star Snowflake with Hearts

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(No cut & Tie method)

Center Star

Start with large ring of Clover 1

(R2) 4-4-12-4-4 clr

(R3) 4+4-4-12 clr

Rw ch 35

*Clover: (R1) 12-4-4-4 clr

(R2) 4+4-12-4-4 clr

(R3) 4+4-4-12 clr

Rw ch 35*

Repeat ** 3 more times

Weave leg A under leg C and over D

leg B under leg D and over E

leg C under leg E and over A

leg D under leg A and over B

leg E under leg B and over C

Connect leg E to bottom of Clover 1

S/R 12-4/4+4 clr Tie threads together to form false picot and "climb out of round"

Outer round

*ch 2-2-2 Rw

R 4+4-4+4 clr Rw

ch 2-2-2+4+8 R(w"ball" shuttle) 3-3-3-3--5+(to prev)3-3-3-3

clr 8+4+(to picot on R3)*

Repeat ** 4 more times

Connect to false picot.



(Cut and Tie method)

Repeat Clover ** a total of 5 times

Weave star as for above and connect to bottom of Clover 1

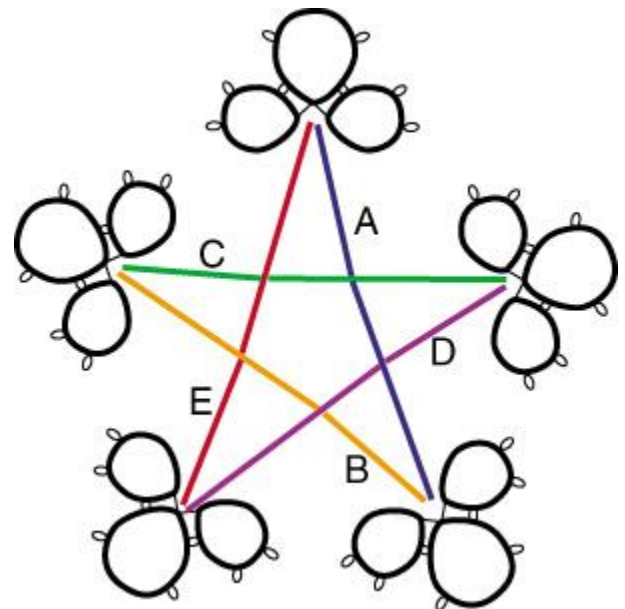
Cut and tie.

Connect thread to 2nd picot of (R3)

Tat Outer round as for above.

Connect to picot started at.

Cut and tie.



PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

Hair Decorations by Mary SE Iowa

The red hair decoration at the top has a double 'heart', or dimpled ring, at each end. In the last picture, the red hair decoration near the lower right corner has one of the plastic hair clips that are adequate to place along braids, french braids, etc. I got them at Wal-Mart, if that helps.



I use the dimple ring for each end. Use as many stitches as needed to make the chain the length desired, by making several stitches for the chain and then pulling as tightly as possible, and continue throughout the length of the chain, the chain will form a spiral (sort of like a spring) and it can be pulled to make a looser spiral and then rewound for a tighter spiral. I use a pencil to rewind if desired. Again, if you leave a short space between each ds you get a fuzzy ring ~ really, they look like hearts. This is one item I think the variegated thread looks really nice. Also, school colors may be used by making the dimpled rings one color and the chain the other color. You need a rubber band for a pony tail or the clips made for putting in braided hair ~ several clips, with these tatted items, may be used to clip in the braids.

Make a dimpled ring the size desirable, i.e.: 12 ds, short sp (to be used to connect to form the dimple) 6 ds, connect to the short space, 12 ds. Then use the double stitch for as long as you want the decoration (ribbon). I've made them about 24" long while still wound tight. Then, make another dimples ring the same as the first. Again, anyone having a problem is welcome to e-mail me. I've not written these instructions before, just start a piece and 'play it by fingers'!"



These are the tatted note cards that were exchanged. As you can see, they were all different and very beautiful. Our guild is made up of very creative and talented people. It would be an "honor" to receive one of these tatted cards in the mail.

If you did not participate in the note card exchange, I hope this will encourage you to participate in the next one later this year.

Show & Tell



Wouldn't you love to get this Easter Basket? Sharon Thomas covered each of these eggs with beautiful tating.



Gertrude Webb made this wonderful bookmark which any reader would treasure.



Grace Lee has been working over 3 years on this incredible tablecloth. She says she still has a ways to go. This is an outstanding piece of tating!



Anne Godwin brought several quilted items that she won several awards for in the recent Quilting competition. There are just two here. She is a very talented lady. These quilts and the quilted jacket that she modelled were absolutely gorgeous. Anne's quilted jacket won 1st place at the show.





We were so delighted to have a special member with us at our April meeting. This is a picture of Janice Harmon and Janine Stebbins. Janice was visiting us all the way from Rector, Arkansas. We look forward to seeing her next year.

What's Up?

At the last meeting, we exchanged the center part of our friendship doily. There are seventeen participants this year.

We voted to donate \$200 to the Mulherrin Custodial Home for the purchase of several items they need.

Things to Remember:

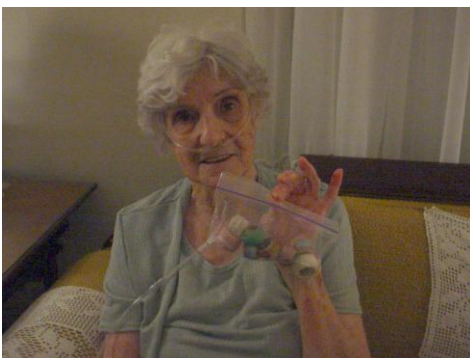
Birthdays!

If your birthday is in May, don't forget to bring your birthday gift for the drawing. That is always an exciting part of the meeting.

The birthday presents this month were incredible.

MEETING PLANS

- **Sunday, May 18, 1:00 PM**, at Blacksher Hall, Janine Stebbins' home, 1056 Government Street, Mobile, 251-433-3875.
- **Tat & Chat ANY Saturday 12 noon:** Heidi's YarnHaus 251-342-0088.
- **Knitter's Guild** of Mobile meets the 4th Monday each month at Janine Stebbin's home: 1056 Government Street, Mobile, 251-433-3875. Next Meeting: **May 26th.**



Congratulations to Laura Miller (left) and Becky Tomlin (right), who won the antique thread drawing at the April meeting.



And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to *His* purpose. *Romans 8:28 KJV*

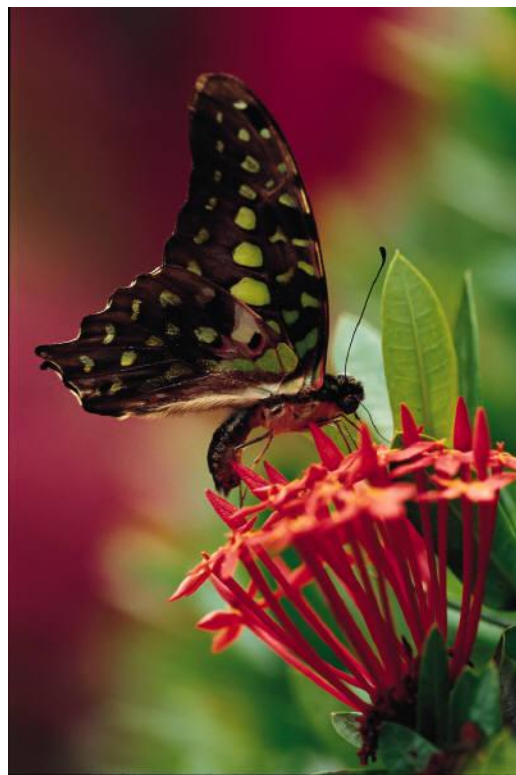
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1. Would you like to receive this newsletter via e-mail or online?
2. Would you like to see a Mobile Tatter's Guild Website?

A website would not only allow us to provide you with more information on a timely basis, it would reach out to others in our area who might not be aware of the existence of the Guild, and could possibly be paid for with savings in printing and postage for those who prefer an electronic newsletter. Please email me at jl@pepper.net with your comments.

Happy Mother's Day!

May 11, 2003



Don't forget:

Anyone submitting items for the newsletter gets to draw for a gift from our prize box.

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