

July 2003

Mobile Tatter's Guild

Mobile, Alabama

Founded May 4, 1987

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a good meeting and saw some really great items that members have been making. It was a lot to see. Of course the newsletter doesn't do them justice. We will have another book raffle and vintage thread raffle at the next meeting. *Elizabeth Birmingham*

## The Editor's Corner



This was our show and tell at the meeting. These are the many tatted items that members tatted—they are beautiful.

*Elizabeth*, our president, tatted the Pink Cross, the Blue Cross, the green variegated doily, the deep purple doily, and the black, pink, yellow, and white butterfly.

*Gertrude* tatted the light lavender doily, *Becky* tatted the blue variegated doily in size 80 thread.

*Laura* tatted the green beaded butterfly. *Vincentine* tatted the light green butterfly on the blue card.

*Coutie* made the white linen card, then tatted a pink edging and embellished the front with silk ribbon embroidery. She

embroidered Happy Tattling on the inside and her signature and date on the back side. She made this card for the Spring card exchange that we had a few months ago—however, I, her daughter, would not let her exchange it—instead, it is in my curio table on display with my collection of shuttles. The editor made the blue and green variegated cross.



This is a Tattling Fern. The scientific name is *Athyrium filix-femina* "Frizelliae". Its origin is USA and Europe. This fern dates back to 1857. Several of the guild members ordered one. This is a picture of mine—I have been praying over it to keep it alive. When I first got it, I thought for sure I would kill it—I do not have a green thumb. It really is a pretty fern. Being an avid tatter, I had to have a tattling fern!



*Jackie made this beautiful parasol for an Azalea Trail Maid. She is in the process of making the entire ensemble. This trail maid is going to be absolutely gorgeous. Lots of work went into to this. J.B. Locke*



*Meet a tatter in our guild...*

Meet **Sharon Thomas**. Sharon learned to tat approximately 7 years ago.

As a little girl, Sharon believed that all little girl clothes had to have tatting on them. She would wind her Grandmother's shuttle and her Grandmother would tat edging for all her clothes. However, her Grandmother did not teach her to tat. She and Elizabeth have been friends for years and one day, the two of them went to a craft show together. The Guild had a booth there and Sharon renewed her interest in tatting. She took lessons from the guild to learn how to tat and has been a member ever since. Sharon has been married to the same wonderful man for 48 years. They have two boys: Tom has a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and teaches at USA and plays in a bluegrass band. Brad has a Ph.D. in Pharmacology. He is the Director of a Genetic Testing Laboratory in Houston, TX. Sharon recently retired from USA Health Services after 15 years of service. Sharon has been an asset to the Mobile Tatter's Guild.

*At the next meeting....*

We are going to have a "flower pot" exchange. A flower pot exchange is where you take a felt flower pot and decorate it in any way you would like using tatting. The flower pots will be at the July meeting for pick up and participants will decorate and bring back to the August meeting for exchange.

## MEETING PLANS:

**Monday, July 7, 7:00 PM**, at Miss Annie's house, 5800 Summit Avenue, 251-344-9555.

Tat & Chat: ANY **Saturday 12 noon**: Heidi's YarnHaus 251-342-0088.

**Knitter's Guild** of Mobile meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at Janine Stebbin's House: 1056 Government Street 251-433-3875. Next Meeting: **July 28th**.

## Around the town....



Vincentine teaches a beginning tatter's class at the Eastern Shore Institute for Lifelong Learning. She has taught this class at the Institute for approximately 4-5 years. This is a picture of one of her classes that continues to meet for tattering and coffee. This group has lots of fun anytime they are together. Pictured: Vincentine, Mary Ann Pugh and Pat Williams—who are new members of our guild, Karen Rodgers, Donna Scott (the "Heidi" of Eastern Shore), and Janice Hall. *Note to ladies in the picture...if you are not a member of our guild, I hope you will join. It's lots of fun and you get to meet so many wonderful people.*

## Things to Remember:

### Birthdays!

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

We had two birthdays this time to draw for. Elise won the first Birthday drawing—she opened lots of great gifts—a thread cutter, a note pad, a ball of red, white, and blue thread, and a box for supplies. Nettie won the second Birthday drawing—she opened several nice things also—some nice stationery, a bookmark, some crème broule coffee, and a neat carnation writing pen. I'm not sure if it is more fun for the recipient or the other members watching. This is the part of the meeting that everyone looks forward to and some will even want to fight you to sit at the "winning table." Truly a lot of laughs!

The raffle winners were: Janine won a tattering book and J.B. won vintage thread size 80.

We heard from Grace Lee—she is having a wonderful time in Anchorage, Alaska. She and her husband are working in the Campground and loving it.

## *PATTERNS OF THE MONTH*

### **Friendship Doily 2003**

July, 2003 Round 4

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

#### **ROUND 4:**

Using shuttle #1 for the rings, and ball thread or shuttle #2 for the chains. 14 yds on shuttle #1, and 6 yds on ball thread (or shuttle #2). If you use 1 color, fill 2 shuttles very full before starting so that you won't have to cut the ball thread when the first shuttle runs out.

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 3, 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 unjoined picot remains on Round 3. 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.

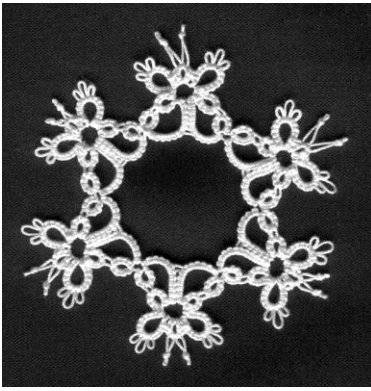
Please finish off ends and press lightly if necessary before bringing to the next meeting.

#### **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.

## *PATTERNS OF THE MONTH*

### Butterfly Snowflake



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Feel free to make these snowflakes to sell, print out a copy for your self, friends, etc; please just acknowledge me as the author ☺ If you find any mistakes in this pattern, or have any comments, e-mail me at [teen\\_tatter@hotmail.com](mailto:teen_tatter@hotmail.com)

#### Abbreviations:

R	Ring
Ch	Chain
-	Picot
--	Long Picot
---	Picot measuring .5 inches in height (about 1 inch in length before you pull it together)
+	Join
Rw	Reverse Work
Prev	Previous
P	Picot

R: 4-4

R: 4-4 Rw

\*Ch: 6-6 Rw

R: 4+ (to P of Prev R) 3-1

R: 1+ (to last P of Prev R) 6-1--1-4-2

R: 2+ (to last P of Prev R) 1---1---1-2

R: 2+ (to last P of Prev R) 4-1--1-6-1

R: 1+ (to last P of Prev R) 3-4 Rw

Ch: 6+ (to P of Prev Ch) 6 Rw

R: 4+ (to P of Prev R) 4

R: 4-4\*

Repeat \* to \* until you have a six pointed snowflake, don't forget to join last R to first R, and join last Ch to the base of the first R.

## *PATTERNS OF THE MONTH*

### **Patriotic Angel**

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#### Skirt:

Starts in center of skirt

R 8 - - 8 clr RW

[Ch 6-6 RW

R 8+ 8 clr RW] 3 times

Ch 6-6 join to base of 1<sup>st</sup> ring

Ch 12 RW

[R 6+(to chain) 6 clr RW

Ch 12 RW

R 8+(to base of ring) 8 clr RW

Ch 12 RW] 3 times

R 6+6 clr RW

Ch 12 Join to base of ring

#### Wing:

Ch 12 RW

R 8+(where chains meet) 5-3 clr DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-5-3 clr DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-8 clr RW

Ch 18

Ch 12 RW

R 8+(to prev ring) 5-3 clr DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-5-3 clr DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-8 clr RW

Ch 18

R 6+(to prev ring) 4-6 clr RW

Ch 12 RW

R 8+(to prev ring) 5+(between rings) 3 clr  
DNRW

R 5+(between rings) 3-8 clr RW

Ch 18

R 8+(to prev ring) 5-3 clr DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5+(to ring across) 5-3 clr  
R=DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-8 clr RW

Ch 10 RW

R 8+(to prev ring) 5-3 clr DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-5-3 DNRW

R 3+(to prev ring) 5-8 clr RW



#### Head:

Ch 8 RW

R 6-4-6 clr RW

[Ch 8 RW

R 6+(to prev ring) 4-6 clr RW] 5 times

#### Halo:

Switch Shuttles

Ch 6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6-6 Join to base of ring  
leaving 3 "free" rings

Switch shuttles

Ch (join to picots on chain across)

8+8+8+8+8+8+8+8+(to base of ring) 8 RW

R 6+(to prev ring) 4-6 clr RW

Ch 8 RW

R 6+(to prev ring) 4+ (to free picot on 1<sup>st</sup>  
ring) 6 RW

Join to free picot on last clover

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Ch 12 RW  
R 8+(to picot just joined to) 5-3 clr DNRW  
R 3+(to prev ring) 5+(to ring across) 5-3 clr  
DNRW  
R 3+(to prev ring) 5+(to base of ring on  
skirt) 8 clr RW

#### Hand:

Switch shuttles  
R 8-8 clr

Switch shuttles

#### Outer skirt:

Ch 12+(to base of ring) 5^9 RW (if you  
want to leave off flag, delete the ^)  
[R 8+(to base of ring) 8 clr RW  
Ch 14 RW] 5 times  
Join to junction of skirt and wing.  
Cut & Tie. Hide ends.

#### Flag:

##### Pole:

R 8-8 clr  
S/R 8/8 clr  
S/R 3-2-3/8 clr Join to hand  
S/R 8/8 clr  
R 8+(to ^ on skirt) 8 clr  
Cut & Tie. Hide ends.

#### Blue: (1 yard)

Needs 8 beads for stars  
Start top right side of blue patch  
R 4B4B4B4 clr DNRW (these beaded picots  
have joins to them so don't pull tight)  
R 4+(to prev ring) 4B+(to top of flag pole)  
4B4 clr DNRW

R 4+(to prev ring) 4B+(between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
rings on pole) 4B4 clr DNRW  
R 4+(to prev ring) 4B4+(to 1<sup>st</sup> ring)4 clr  
Cut & Tie. Hide ends.

Tie red and white together and attach to  
top free beaded picot of blue square

S/R 8/4-4 clr

S/R 8/4-4 clr

Leave small space before turning for next  
stripe

S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/4-4 clr

S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/4-4 clr

Join to picot on blue between rings

Join to next picot on blue, leaving small  
space

S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/4-4 clr

S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/4-4 clr

Turn leaving space before ring

S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/4-4 clr

S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/4-4 clr

S/R 8/4-4 clr Join to middle picot on  
bottom of blue square

S/R 8/4-4 clr

S/R 8/4-4 clr

Join to top picot on S/R of flag pole.

Leave space.

Join to bottom picot on S/R of flag pole.

Turn

[S/R 4+(to prev stripe)4/8 clr] 4 times

Red Ch (join between S/R's across)

10+10+10+10

Join to flag pole

Cut & Tie. Hide ends.

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