



October 2003

Mobile Tatter's Guild

Mobile, Alabama

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the next meeting we can try to make "Prolific Picots". Bring your shuttle and a small crochet hook.

Elizabeth Birmingham

The Editor's Corner

This is a short newsletter—it will return to its usual size when I finish school. Please send me any information that you would like to appear in the newsletter. Show & Tell and the Tatter's Spotlight will return next month. *J.B. Locke*

Meet a tatter in the guild...



Please fill out the Meet a Tatter survey so we can continue to spotlight a special person each month.

Here is a new tatter—oh, how nice it is to see young tatters learning this art.

Angela Wang saw Vincentine tattering at the University of Mobile Summer Music Camp and was enthralled. She asked Vincentine to teach her how to tat and she agreed. Assuming she would forget about tattering, Vincentine didn't think about it again until Angela's first piano lesson in July, when she asked again about tattering. Reluctantly, Vincentine got her a shuttle and proceeded to show her how to tat. To her utter amazement, Angela caught on immediately. Vincentine instructed her in addition to practicing piano that week to also practice her tattering! Angela was nine years old in March. Angela and Vincentine's niece are her youngest students! Thanks to Vincentine for being willing and available to pass her talents to the next generation.

*Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:18*

Around the town....

- ◆ Heidi Sunday is scheduled to appear on the Dot Moore show (again!) on October 12th, Sunday, 6:30 am, Channel 10, WALA. Dot has invited her to discuss Handmade Hugs, our Charity Knit & Crochet club.
- ◆ There will be a Tatting Demonstration at the Carlen House Museum on Wednesday, October 15th from 9am-2pm. This is the 4th year that we have demonstrated. Please come and participate by being a demonstrator and promoting our lace. School groups visit the Carlen House Museum for field trips to see traditional arts & crafts.
- ◆ The Mobile County Fair is coming October 15-27th. Deadline for entries is October 15th. If you would like to enter any of your needlework projects, get the official rules booklet at the fairgrounds or at Heidi's YarnHaus. Although there is not a "tatting" category, the fair officials have said they are very anxious to have more entries in the needlework categories this year, so bring your best work!! Wouldn't it be great to claim a BLUE RIBBON? They want your best recipes, too!! Check it out, don't be a bump on a pickle.
- ◆ Bellingrath Gardens has its Chrysanthemum Extravaganza November 6-30. Fall colors of bronze, white, yellow, and deep lavender electrify the landscape. Thousands of blooms flow from cascades and baskets throughout the Gardens.

There will be demonstrations from 10am - 4 pm, and we can break it up as we want (2 shifts?, 3 shifts?). We will be located in the Gallery with the Boehm porcelain collection, along with the Dulcimer Group. It will be an indoor location, not far from the Bellingrath home. It should be lots of fun, as well as some good visibility for tatting in general and our Guild in particular.

Outdoors there will be other activities, such as pottery, basketry, a sugar cane press, and a blacksmith.

We will want to have our flyers and publicity materials available.

There is a possibility that Darwin will come a day or two ahead of time to film a preview piece for TV. So if anyone would be interested and available for that, whenever it gets scheduled, that will be something to keep in mind.

Notice:

Heidi's YarnHaus new "needlework season" hours: 10 am - 6 pm Monday thru Saturday. See you there!

Birthdays!

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

PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

Pumpkin Vine Edging

By Heidi Sunday (bikesun@aol.com)



Sample made with DMC Perle Cotton size 8 measures $\frac{3}{4}$ inch tall by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches between pattern repeats.

Suggestions:

2 shuttles: orange and green threads

Use a tiny crochet hook (approx size 16) for the shuttle joins on the big pumpkins

Compress all chains firmly before joining

Starting with small ring:

R 6 ds, p, 6 ds, close ring, reverse work

Ch 6 ds, p, 6 ds, reverse work

*R 14 ds, close ring (center of big pumpkin) reverse work

Shoelace trick to swap shuttles (use orange as working thread)

Working clockwise around big pumpkin center, Ch 12, shuttle join to bar of bottom ds of big pumpkin, Ch 12, shuttle join to top of pumpkin, (cross in front of pumpkin) Ch 9, join to previous small ring, Ch 9, join to bottom of pumpkin, Ch 9, p, Ch 9, join to top of pumpkin

Turn work around, which changes green thread to working thread, join through into bar of last green stitch on vine (to avoid a gap). Resume Chain:

Ch 6 ds, p, 6 ds, reverse work

R 6 ds, join to last p of big pumpkin, 6 ds, close ring

Shoelace trick to reverse shuttles, make small ring opposite previous small ring, 6 ds, p, 6 ds, close ring, reverse work

Ch 6 ds, p, 6 ds, reverse work

R 6 ds, join to p of previous small ring, 6 ds, close ring, reverse work

Shoelace trick to reverse shuttles, make small ring opposite previous small ring, 6 ds, p, 6 ds, close ring, reverse work

Ch 6 ds, p, 6 ds, reverse work

Repeat from * until edging is desired length

MEETING PLANS:

Monday, October 6, 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 4th Monday each month at Janine Stebbin's House: 1056 Government Street 251-433-3875. Next Meeting: **October 27th**.

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- ⇒Pumpkin Vine Edging
- ⇒Upcoming Events
- ⇒Meet a Tatter
- ⇒Not a whole lot else

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