



January 2004

Mobile Tatter's Guild

Mobile, Alabama

Founded May 4, 1987

The Guild Meeting Location has changed!!!!

New Location for January Meeting:

Heidi's Yarnhaus

(call 251-342-0088 if you need directions)

Please come to the meeting with ideas and suggestions of a new location for the guild to meet each month.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

On Monday, December 29, 2003, Annie Will Farrill passed away at her home at the age of 95. Mrs. Annie was the founder of the Mobile Tatter's Guild. She tatted for 90 years and taught countless people to tat. She was so gracious to allow the Guild to meet in her home for several years. Mrs. Annie continued to be an active member in the Guild as an enthusiastic leader and inspirational mentor. She continued to tat items for sale which made her the most prolific member, having sold the most tatted items. Mrs. Annie's most fervent wish was for the Guild to continue after she was gone. The Mobile Tatter's Guild members will work to carry out her wish by promoting the art of tating at any opportunity, continuing to participate in area events, and recruiting new members, to ensure that the Guild remains a vital part of the Mobile lace making arena.



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please come to the meeting with ideas for projects to do during the upcoming year. We will start a new friendship doily in February. Please come and help choose the doily pattern.

I look forward to being your president for the upcoming year. Please let me know if there are any specific techniques or ideas that you would like to discuss in the meetings.

Paula Nevison

The Editor's Corner

It's time to renew your membership. You can renew at the meeting or you can mail it in to: Mobile Tatter's Guild c/o Heidi Sunday, Treasurer, 1004 Cedar Creek Circle, Mobile, AL 36695. Dues are \$15.00 per year.

J.B. Locke

These are pictures from the Mobile Tatter's Guild Christmas party. It was filled with lots of laughs and holiday wonder.



Laura Miller, the owner of "Lauraland," a home full of her many handmade treasures—mostly tating, some bobbin lace, and countless other hand made wonders.



This is Laura's latest project. She worked on this tablecloth all year long. Isn't it gorgeous?



This is Laura's "all" tating Christmas tree. It is beautiful. I look forward each year to going to Laura's especially to see this tree.



L to R, Vincentine, Gert, Laura, Heidi, and Paula.



Elizabeth, Sandy C. Nettie, Grace, Marilyn, Elise, Sharon, Sue, Sandy D., & Vincentine.



Nettie, Grace, Marilyn, Elise, Vincentine, and Sharon.



These are a few of the hand made items that were gifts at the party.

PRO AND CONS OF SHUTTLE AND NEEDLE TATTING BY DONNA KELLY

Each method has advantages and disadvantages for the tatter. The advantages of shuttle tatting are: the shuttle can hold more thread resulting in a continuous lace without adding new thread. The look is a tight, rolled look. The rings and chains can be alternate colors by using two shuttles. When tatting with pearls, the pearl can be maneuvered inside the picot, inside the ring, or in a join between picots of two rings. The advantage of the needle is easier for the beginning tatter. The picots can be seen before closing the ring, resulting in the same size picots. Pearl tatting is easier. The needle and thread should be the same size. Split ring tatting on the needle is easier.

The disadvantages of shuttle tatting are: difficulty in mastery of the slip stitch. The tension of the bottom thread must be "popped up" to form the slip stitch. To pearl tat on the rings is harder to control the pearls you are not using. The needle thread method uses up thread quickly. Adding new thread to the base of the ring takes time to hide the knot behind the ring and is a weak point in your work. Sew this knot when sewing the lace to material. The look of needle tatting is flat, not rolled. You are adding thread every time you prepare the needle for the next ring or chain. To compensate, decrease the number of double stitches in your pattern after a picot or a join. In shuttle tatting, this decrease also will make the stitches even on both sides of the picot.

Meet a tatter in the guild...

Please submit the questionnaire that is on page 5 of this newsletter or a copy of the one that was mailed out in a previous newsletter to J.B.

There will be extra copies at the January meeting for members to fill out.

Around the town....

Just a reminder that the fourth Monday of the month is the knitting guild meeting. You are invited to join us for knitting at Blacksher Hall, 1056 Government Street, at 7 pm. Come show off your holiday projects and take care of those last minute finishing details.

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PATTERNS OF THE MONTH

“A” is for ANNIE



(Alphabet designed by Heidi Sunday)

I have wanted for a long time to design an alphabet in tating. This may not be very original, but it seems timely to get started both at the beginning of a new year, as well as to honor Miss Annie with our first letter. These would be nice on linens, or to fit in with the current “monogram” fashion trend. Once you see how they are made, you can make up your own letters, or wait for them in the newsletter. Letter “B” is next month. In size 20 thread, it measures 2 ¼” wide by 3” tall.

Start at the lower-left ring, with 2 shuttles, continuously wound. You will need at least 5 yds on each shuttle. It is a good idea to use 2 different colored shuttles to tell them apart.

Ring 1: 5 – 5 – 10, close ring, reverse work (make 2nd picot very small), RW

Chain 1: 7 – 7, shuttle join to picot 2 of 1st ring (be sure to compress the chain before joining), then swap shuttles to start the next ring.

Continue as above, making sure the chain is on the opposite side each time.

Chain 3: 7 ds, switch to shuttle #2 to make the ring of 7 – 7, then continue ch with 7 ds

After ring and chain #6, make the top Ring 7: 5 – 2 – 2 – 5. RW to make Ring 8, joining to the side P of Ring 6, then continue as before.

Chain 11 is made the same way as Chain 3, joining the small ring to the one from chain 3.

Continue as before until there are 6 rings and chains on each side and one at the top.

Tatting Questionnaire

1. How long have you been tatting?
2. Explain how you learned to tat?
3. Who taught you to tat?
4. Have you taught any one to tat?
(if so, explain—example—who, how many, friends, relatives, classes, etc.)
5. What is your favorite thread size?
6. What is your favorite thread color?
7. What is your favorite shuttle?
8. What is your favorite tatting tool?
9. Are you married?
10. Do you have any children? If so, what are their names and ages? Pets and their names and ages?
11. Do you work outside the home? If so, when do you find the time to tat?
12. Where is the strangest place that you have tatted?
13. Is there any thing else you would like us to know?

Things to Remember:

Birthdays!

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

MEETING PLANS:

Monday, January 5th, 7:00 PM, at Heidi's Yarnhaus, 251-342-0088.

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: **January 26th**.

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- ⇒ In Memory of Annie
- ⇒ Letter "A"
- ⇒ Pictures of the Christmas Party

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