

# MOBILE TATTERS GUILD

Founded in Mobile, Alabama, May 4, 1987

## The Guild Party



These are the members that attended the Guild's Birthday party. It was lots of fun and we had delicious food.

In attendance were: Paula Nevison, Elizabeth Birmingham, Ann Godwin, Janine Stebbins, Sandy Caminas, Nettie Cornelson, Becky Tomlin, Elise Russell, Marilyn Shirey, Heidi Sunday, J.B. Locke, Gertrude Webb, and Coutie Reeves.

Here are J.B. and Nettie, laughing and carrying on as expected.



Elize, Hiedi, Paula, Gert, Ann, Sandy, Nettie, and Elizabeth participated in the bookmark exchange.

Sandy Caminas and Ann Godwin were caught pre-planning their strategy for the tattering contest.



Each of the bookmarks were different and beautiful. These express many creative ideas of our members.

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### Did you know:

- ☺ The Guild was started over seventeen years ago!
- ☺ Members meet monthly to keep up with what's going on in the fast-paced world of Tattering.
- ☺ A search on Google for "tattoo" finds about 137,000 pages.
- ☺ A search on eBay for "tattoo shuttle" finds 91 items, ranging in price from \$2 to \$91. (May 24)

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This is a picture of the results of the Tattering Contest. Prizes were given for the fastest tatter, the neatest tattering and the prettiest tattering.

The pattern was R 4 ds, p, 2 ds, p (4 times), 4 ds, clr. Leave space, R 2 ds, p, 2 ds, join to last p of previous r, 4 ds, p, 4 ds, p, 2 ds, p, 2 ds, Clr. Leave space, R 4 ds, join to 4 p of previous ring, 1 ds, p, (8 times) 4 ds, clr. Leave space, R 1 ds, p, (2 times) 1 ds, join to last p of previous ring, 8 ds, p, 1 ds, p, (3 times) 1 ds, clr. Continuing this sequence for specified time limit.

## Upcoming Meetings

We will have a guest spinner at our next meeting.

Be sure to come and see how to spin your own yarn. This should be very interesting.

### Next Meeting:

Monday, June 7th, 7:00 p.m.  
at Heidi's YarnHaus,  
251-342-0088.

The **Knitter's Guild** of Mobile meets the 4th Monday of each month at the home of Janine Stebbins: 1056 Government Street, 251-433-3875. Next Meeting: June 28th.

## Show & Tell



Elizabeth Birmingham made this necklace. She placed a tatted flower between two pieces of glass and soldered the edges together to make a beautiful pendant. She also purchased this nice shuttle necklace to go with her earrings.

## A Tatter's Spotlight

This month the spotlight is shining on Ann Godwin. Ann has been tating since the mid-1980's. She taught herself to tat using the green Coats & Clark book in the late 70's. Ann has shared her knowledge with her daughter and with several of her quilting friends teaching them to tat. Thread size is not an issue with Ann. She will use what-



ever she has or what the pattern calls for with no preference. However, she does prefer either white or cream in color. Her favorite shuttle is the David Reed Smith, and her favorite tating tool is "sharp scissors" to cut out the mistakes. She said that the strangest place that she has tatted was at the beach.

Ann is married with one 20-year-old daughter, Chrissy, three stepchildren, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She also has 5 cats: Moo-Cow, Sabre, Spinto, Tabbers, Dot, and must not forget the neighbor's cat, Lele. Ann does "not work outside the home and doesn't especially like to work in the home." She would much rather be quilting, tating or doing some other kind of creative craft.

## A Special Request

Please pray for Laura Miller. She was in the hospital recently. At this time, she is feeling somewhat better—but is still quite ill. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Laura is one of



the most precious ladies in our Tatter's Guild. Her smiles and laughter have always brought joy to everyone she meets. Mrs. Laura has always been such a gracious host by filling

her home with lots of Christmas spirit and vast amounts of tatting and bobbin lace decorations, and welcoming us all for the Guild's Christmas Parties. Mrs. Laura's Christmas tree is the most beautiful—filled with all tatted ornaments, it is truly a sight to behold.

## "The Collector" Gail Gehlken, August 4, 2003

Annie Will at ninety-two  
goes out to gather  
Dried blooms of Asto Yarrow.  
She snaps their heads  
And crushes them  
Between her forefinger and  
thumb  
Grinding them into powder  
to throw back into the  
bed.  
*Better to plant them now  
To re-seed for spring,*  
she said  
While reaching for puffs  
of white silvery fluff  
Of butterfly weed's seeds  
Before they sail:  
*Have to catch these now*

*Or they drift,  
high and light on the wind.  
And let's grab a handful  
Of touch-me-knot pods.  
They'll just pop,  
Shooting out more seeds  
to choke in St. Augustine  
Than falling back  
To grow in good ground.*  
I've learned her lessons  
And gather my seeds  
In September like Annie Will  
Who plans for spring in the  
fall,  
long before winter comes.  
For on dark January nights  
I, like she, rest in garden  
dreams

Of seeds already sown  
And like promises, they keep  
us warm against the cold.

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So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

*Matthew 21: 21-22  
(New King James Version)*

## 2004 Friendship Doily

### Round 6

With ball and shuttle,

R: 3ds, p, 3ds, j to middle p of any LR on Rnd 5, 3ds, p, 3ds, cl, RW.

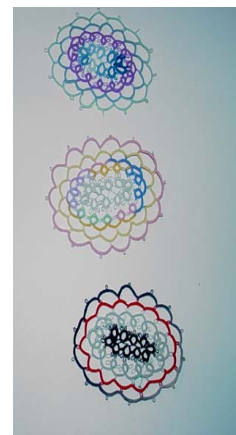
\*Ch: 5ds, p, 5ds, RW.

R: 3 ds, p, 3ds, j to middle p on next LR, 3ds, p, 3ds, cl, RW.

Rep from \* around, joining last Ch to base of first R. Cut threads and tie ends.



Doilies in progress using size 80 thread. ↗



↖ Doilies in progress using size 20 thread.

## "G" is for GUILD



*(Alphabet designed by Heidi Sunday)*

In size 20 thread, the letters measure 2" wide by 3" tall.

Start at the top, with 2 shuttles, wound continuously.

Ring 1: 5 - 2 - 2 - 5, close ring, reverse work

Ring 2: 5 - 5 - 10, reverse work

Chain 1: 7 - 7, shuttle join to picot 2 of previous ring (be sure to compress the chain before joining), reverse work

Continue as above, making a curved piece, until there are 12 rings and 11 chains, including the small starting ring. Swap shuttles and make a small ring like Ring 1. Repeat ring 2, working inward, then a chain, joining to the picot of ring 12. Finish with a small inward pointing ring as in Rings 1 and 13.

## Three Square Corner Insertion

As modernized by Heidi Sunday ([bikesun@aol.com](mailto:bikesun@aol.com))

and Paula Nevison ([pnevison@radicalanswers.com](mailto:pnevison@radicalanswers.com))



A Guild member brought us this antique hanky to see if we could write out the pattern. Fortunately, it looks very simple. A small ring, with 8 picots, then a round of Rings & Chains makes up the squares, and then two more squares are joined as they are worked. The corner of the hanky was cut to fit the tatting, then single-crochet finishes off the edges, with picots spaced a few single crochets apart. The lace was either sewn in after the crochet, or attached to the crocheted edge as it was tatted.

The original version of the pattern may have been written as follows:

Center R: 2 ds, 8 picots separated by 2 ds, close ring, cut & tie

Using ball & shuttle:

Large R: 3 ds, 7 picots, separated by 3 ds, 3 ds, close ring, reverse

Ch: 3 ds, join to any picot on center ring, 3 ds, reverse

Small R: 3 ds, join to last picot of previous large ring, 3 ds, 2 picots separated by 3 ds, 3 ds, close ring, reverse work

Continue around, alternating small and large rings, until there are 4 large and 4 small rings surrounding the center ring. The final ring will be joined on both sides.

# End Notes

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Two members of the Guild recently reached an important milestone in their lives by graduating from the University of Mobile with Master's degrees.

Michelle Carpenter received the degree of Master of Arts in Elementary Education, and J.B. Locke received the Master of Business Administration degree. This is quite an accomplishment for these two ladies,



J.B. Locke, M.B.A. and Michelle Carpenter, M.A.

and we are very proud indeed. It also comes just in the nick of time, as the affected spousal units, children, dogs and other associated family had just about reached their limit in the stress-handling department.

*(contributed by Jerry Locke and Charles Carpenter, the aforementioned spousal units, who do not feel at all threatened by the fact that their wives have more college degrees than they do).*

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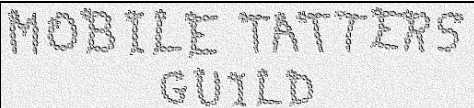
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## Keeping Up with Technology

For many reasons we are experimenting with changes to the layout and format of your familiar newsletter. The columnar format and slight font changes allow us to fit the same information into fewer pages, saving on expenses for the Guild. Is this format easier or more difficult for you to read? Let us know.



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