

"Playing With String Since 1987"

## From the President

Dear Tatters,

I want to welcome J. B. Locke to the Newsletter Editor position. I want to thank Sharron Mosley for her hard work in the position. Sharron will still be the Vice President. Elections will be in December. It would be nice to have some willing candidates.

Thanks to all who came to the August meeting. We rocked the house with 16 members.

Our September meeting is important because we will be planning our annual Lace In. It is a good way to explain tatting to your friends. Invite them. Let them see dozens of sane women making knots with a shuttle. Remember no knowledge of tatting is required for membership in our guild. Aren't the friendship doilies beautiful. Remember my love and friendship for all of you when you look at my bumpy rounds. You all gave me the confidence to try.

Love and knots,

Jo Anne

## Pyramid Mat

This pyramid mat was made by Laura Blanton of Birmingham, Alabama. Laura is a good friend of both Elizabeth and J.B., one who we originally met through one of the tatting email groups. She has some beautiful pieces. Thank you, Laura, for sharing with us.



## September 2007

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## Tatting with Beads

The project for the November meeting will be tatting with beads.

If you want to learn how to add beads to tatting or if you have a tatting with beads project that has stumped you or is just not finished, bring it to the November meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings

### Mobile Tatters Guild

**Monday, September 10**, at 7:00 p.m. at Blacksher Hall: 1056 Government Street, 251-433-3875

### Knitter's Guild of Mobile

**4th Monday of each month** at Blacksher Hall: 1056 Government Street, 251-433-3875.

Next Meeting is September 24.

Bring to the September meeting

Bring to the September meeting:

- A tatted apple

Don't forget

Lace day is coming October 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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## Tatter's Spotlight

Meet Jo Anne Johnson, the current President of our Guild.

Jo Anne began tatting after she met Janine Stebbins and decided she wanted to become a part of our Guild. So she took tatting classes from Heidi Sunday at the Yarnhaus. She has supplemented her classes with two booklets, "Tatting Easy Step by Step Illustrated Instructions" by TATSY and the Lacet Publication tatting book, as well as the Internet. She believes that once she stops sticking herself and dropping her shuttle, she will be qualified to teach the "untatting" technique.

For thread size, Jo Anne prefers the "big stuff" that she can see in variegated colors.

With the variegated, she can see the individual stitches and where they are going. She uses the plastic shuttles—with her favorite being the blue one.

Her favorite tatting tool is her pink pencil box where she keeps her current project.

Jo Anne is married to David. They have three children: Nick, 26, who married in May 2007 to Michelle and lives in Troy, Missouri (a suburb of St. Louis); Grace, 24, who is single and living in Rock Hill, SC (a suburb of Charlotte, NC); and Doug, 21, who is single living at home and attending the University of South Alabama. She does not have any pets other than the

wildlife that resides in her backyard and occasionally tries to relocate inside the house. The strangest place that Jo Anne has tatted is in the beauty salon while getting ready for the wedding. She just had to get her round completed on the Friendship Doily before the wedding.

Jo Anne says that she has enjoyed being our President, however, she is willing to give it up to anyone else who is interested. Elections are in December. She likes tatting—the results are beautiful. It is portable and you really can do just a few minutes and finish a ring and a chain.

## Recipe for Tatting

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Ingredients:

2 hands

1 ball of thread (any size)

1 shuttle or needle

scissors

1 mind filled with happy thoughts

Take the 2 hands and wash them thoroughly in soap and water. Give them a good massage before adding other ingredients. Add ball of thread and shuttle or needle to hands. Mix together and tat lace.

Put tatted mixture in a 98 degree mind of happy thoughts.

Occasionally glance for mistakes and make sure it rises to perfection. Take finished piece and cut ends with scissors and work in the threads.

Now step back and admire the work you have done :)

Ok.....I am no gourmet cook, but I tried. LOL!!!

## Your help needed

If Anna Stracener was your Secret Pal last year, would you please contact us. We have a package that was left for her. Anna is no longer a member of the Guild and we have been unable to reach her with the information we have. Thanks.

# Show and Tell

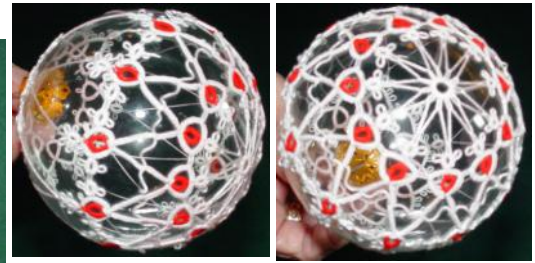
Here are some photographs of the various items we saw at our August meeting.



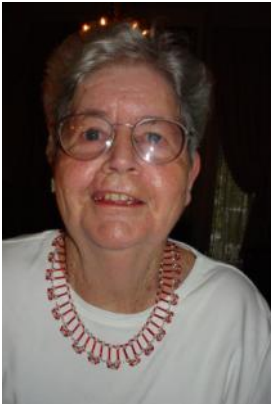
Marilyn Shirey made these beautiful crosses. She added DMC Metallic Embroidery thread as a filament.



Elizabeth Birmingham tatted Jane Eborall's Gecko.



Sharon Thomas tatted the covered bulb using Terry McGuffin's pattern 3 Color Ornamen, using 3 shuttles.



Nettie Cornelson is wearing a beaded necklace made by Judy Miller. Nettie made two of the snowflakes out of her new book, "Occhi-Tatting Frivolite" by Spitren Kreationen.



This is an update on Sue Reed's progress of her Christening Gown.



Coutie Reeves tatted this yellow variegated medallion.



J.B. tatted the covered ball from "Elegant Tatting Patterns" by Janet Carroll. The star is a reformed mistake.



Elise Russell completed her patchwork lace piece that she began at the July meeting. She tatted the yellow medallion. Elise found several tatted pieces in her mother's collection.



Mary Ann Pugh complete her lace patchwork piece she started at the July meeting. She tatted the yellow cross.

# Patterns of the Month

This month we have a Pink Anchor and a Crystal Angel. Happy Tatting!

## Tatted Pink Anchor

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My Tribute to All Our Fallen Friends, Victims of Breast Cancer.

Sadly, there are too many to name. I chose the anchor to symbolize hope, strength, courage, and faith.

=	Very small picot – just large enough for a tiny crochet hook to fit into it.
-	Measured picot – ¼ inch OPEN measurement.
-	Measured picot – ¼ inch CLOSED measurement.
+	Join – be sure to read what type of join and where, in parentheses
SLJ	Shuttle Lock Join
S2	Shuttle 2 (or “ball” thread)

Please note that great care must be taken to slide chains stitches VERY close together, before continuing on to the next ring, and especially before making a SLJ. If this is not done, the “hook” of the anchor will not curve symmetrically. Blocking is recommended, but may not be necessary.

**Ring A:** 2=2=2=2=3=3=2=2=2=2 (9 picots).

**chain a:** (tiny false picot)3+(SLJ to A1)3+(SLJ to A2)3+(SLJ to A3)3+(SLJ to A4)3.

**Ring B:** 3+(A5)3=3=3.

**chain b:** 5.

**Ring C:** 3+(B3)3=3-(BE SURE TO MAKE THIS PICOT ¼” OPEN MEASURE)3.

**Ring D:** 3+(C3)3=3=3.

**chain c:** 5.

**Ring E:** 3+(D3)3=3=3.

**chain d:** 3=2+(SLJ to E3).

**(S2) Ring F:** 2+(d1)5-2-2 -5=2.

**chain e:** 2+(F5)3+(SLJ to E2)5+(SLJ to D2).

**Ring G:** 3+(C3)3=3=3.

**chain f:** 5.

**Ring H:** 3+(G3/last H3)3=3=3.

Repeat chain f and Ring H six (6) more times.



**Ring J:** 3+(last H3)3=3=3.

**chain g:** 4.

**Ring K:** 3+(J3/last K3)3=3=3.

Repeat chain g and Ring K four (4) more times

**chain h:** 3=2+(SLJ to last K3).

**(S2) Ring L:** 2+(h1)5-2-2-5=2.

**(S2) Ring M:** 2+(L5)7-2-2-7=2.

**(S2) Ring N:** 2+(M5)5-2-2-5=2.

SLJ to last K3.

**chain j:** 2+(N5)3[+(SLJ to next K2)6] 4 times]6+(SLJ to J2)6.

**Ring O:** 3+(last H3)3+(last H2)3=3.

**chain k:** 6.

**Ring P:** 3+(O3/last P3)3=3=3.

Repeat chain k and Ring P four (4) more times.

**chain m:** 3=2+(SLJ to last P3).

**(S2) Ring Q:** 2+m1)5-2-2-5=2.

**(S2) Ring R:** 2+(Q5)7-2-2-7=2.

**(S2) Ring S:** 2+(R5)5-2-2-5=2.

SLJ to last P3.

**chain n:** 2+(S5)3[+(SLJ to next P2)4] 5 times] [(+(SLJ to next H2)5] 7 times] +(G2).

**Ring T:** 3+(C3)3+(C2)3=3=3.

**chain o:** 5.

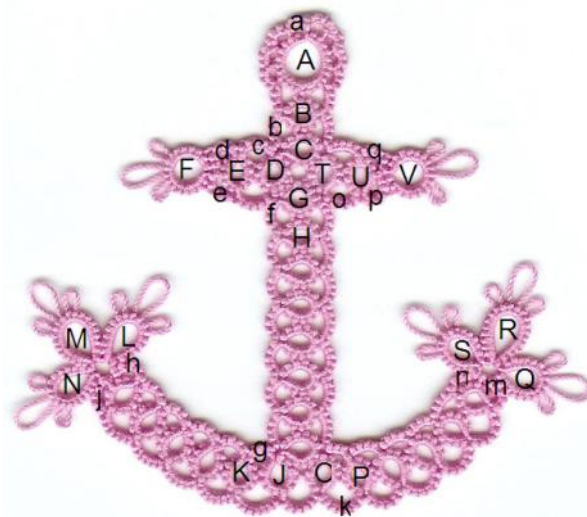
**Ring U:** 3+(T3)3=3=3.

**chain p:** 3=2+(SLJ to U3).

**(S2) Ring V:** 2+(p1)5-2-2-5=2.

**chain q:** 2+(V5)3+(SLJ to U2)5+(SLJ to C2)5+(SLJ to B2)3+(SLJ to A6)3+(SLJ to A7)3+(SLJ to A8)3+(SLJ to A9)3.

Cut, attach, tie, hide.



# Crystal Angel with tatted wings ~ with picots!

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Improvement with picots and praying hands. © Christa Burr 6/2007

Done with 100 % cotton Flora # 20 (similar to tatted cotton). For larger crystal DMC Cordonnet Special No.50

R: 10 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 8  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 8  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 6  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 4  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 5  
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 Ch: 5  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 4  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 6  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 8  
 R: 5 + 5 - 5 - 5  
 Ch: 8  
 R: 5 + 5 - 10  
 Ch: 6



SpR w ball: 5 - 5 / 4  
 w shuttle

Ch: 2-2-2 attach to picot of next ring  
 Ch: 2-2-2-2-2 attach to picot of next ring  
 Ch: 2-2-2-2-2-2 attach to picot of next ring  
 Ch: 2-2  
 R: 10 + (attach to picot of next ring) 5 - 5  
 Ch: 2-2-2-2-2  
 R: 5 + 5 + (attach to same picot as previous ring) 5 - 5  
 Ch: 2-2-2-2-2  
 R: 5 + 5 + (attach to same picot as previous ring) 10  
 Ch: 2-2-4 attache to picot of next ring

The "arms":

ch 12 - ch 12 (for bigger crystals ch 15 and adjust next rows)  
 attach to picot of ring skipping the one without  
 turn and go back  
 ch 13 + (\*\*) ch 13 attach  
 turn again  
 ch 14 + ch 14 attach

\*\* You can also insert "praying

hands" here.

SpR: 10 / 10

Ch: 1

SpR: 10 / 10

+ (in the middle to the other side of the picot)

Ch: 4-2-2

R: 10 + (attach to picot of next ring) 5 - 5

Ch: 2-2-2-2-2

R: 5 + 5 + (attach to same picot as previous ring) 5 - 5

Ch: 2-2-2-2-2

R: 5 + 5 + (attach to same picot as previous ring) 10

I found now (here in Singapore) these crystals

in a lovely rosé, blue and golden amber.

Unfortunately

I could not get the photo to show the true color.

Ch: 2-2 attach to picot of next ring

Ch: 2-2-2-2-2-2 attach to picot of next ring

Ch: 2-2-2-2-2 attach to picot of next ring

Ch: 2-2-2

SpR w ball: 5 - 5 / 4 w shuttle

Ch: 6

Cut both threads about 8 inches.

Pull shuttle thread through bottom of beginning ring.

Make square knot and work ends away or dab some Elmer's glue on and cut threads off when dry.

I found that when you use the finer thread you have to shape the wings and starch them.



# End Notes

**2007 Friendship Doily**  
This month we should be doing Round  
6 of the Friendship Doily.

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