

"Playing With String Since 1987"

From the President

Editor's note: This was written before Christmas! Unfortunately, things get delayed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Dear Tatters,

Is everyone ready for our annual Christmas party? I hope you are because I am not. But, there is still plenty of time to tat a snowflake or garland, buy the right gift and decide what delicious concoction to bring for the potluck. Don't forget to decide which office you would like to tackle for 2008. A few of the brave are taking another year, but many offices are available.

We had a great program on tatting with beads. Big thank-yous to Cathy and Elizabeth. If you would like a particular topic covered at a meeting, let us know at the January meeting. We will be setting the calendar, the program, and deciding what fun object to tat for each meeting.

Please bring buttons to our January 7, 2008 meeting. We will be making a heart door hanger.

Happy Holidays,

Jo Anne

Upcoming Meetings

Mobile Tatters Guild

Monday, January 7, 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 January 28.

Check it out—FUN, FUN

The Atlanta Chapter of the International Old Lacers, Inc. is hosting the *Atlanta Lace Workshop 2008*. The workshop will be held March 29-30, 2008. Internationally known Georgia Seitz will be the tatting teacher at the workshop. Registration:
ALG Members: \$110.
Non Members: \$120.
The workshop will be held at:

Life Enrichment Services
1340 McConnell Drive
Decatur, GA 30033

For more information, contact Sharon Powell slpstitch@aol.com.

The editor has attended this workshop in the past and plans to attend this one. It is a wonderful weekend full of fun.

Guild Christmas Party

The Guild Christmas party was held Sunday, December 2, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

We added new ornaments to our "Laura tree." The tree is really beautiful with all the tatted ornaments.

The food was delicious. We hope to include some recipes in a future issue; you may want to serve them at your next party.

As always, it was lots of fun.

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www.graci.org/tatting/

Have you done a Google search on tatting? There is so much STUFF out there!

What about an ebay search?

The Tatters' Guild website is getting a makeover. From now on, only paying members will have access to the archived newsletters and other private content. If we already have your email address, you'll be receiving an invitation shortly which will allow you to login.

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Pictures from our Christmas Party

Group picture from the party. Back row: Marilyn Shirey, JoAnne Johnson, Sherron Mosley, Coutie Reeves, Nettie Cornelson, Joan Morris, Janine Stebbins. Left middle: Mary Ann Pugh. Front row: Vincentine Williams, Cathy Hayes, and Elizabeth Birmingham. J.B. Locke was behind the camera.



This is a cross that Elizabeth Birmingham made and framed with *The Old Rugged Cross* music as background. The picture does not show how beautiful this really is.

Here are some of the ornaments made to go on our "Laura" tree.



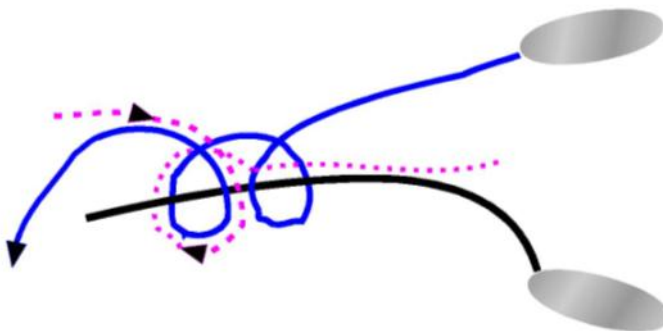
Adding a New Thread the Knotless Way!

By Debbie Drake
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Pink = Old tail (OT)
Blue = New Thread (NT)
Black = Core Thread (CT)

Note: This works as described *only* at the beginning of a ring.

1. Lay the NT at the last complete stitch with the OT coming up from the work (see diagram).
2. Make the first half of next stitch, laying the OT alongside the NT.
3. Make the second half of the stitch laying the OT alongside the CT.
4. Lay the OT alongside the CT for the next couple of stitches (to hide) until secure.

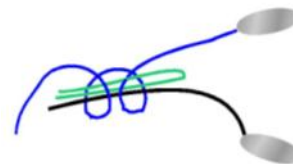


5. The tail from the NT is secure and can be hidden along the CT
 - a. In the next chain (or)
 - b. In the last stitches of the same ring (as in single shuttle work) using the Magic Thread.

Magic Thread

A Better Way!

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MT = Magic Thread
DT = Doubled Thread

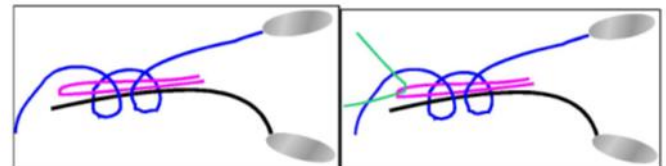
- The Magic Thread (MT), is a doubled piece of thread used to pull the project tail along the core thread to hide it. A common complaint with this method of hiding ends is that the MT breaks because of too-tight stitches. I will describe an adaptation to eliminate this problem

To hide one thread (tail):

At the end of a round:

A = Doubled Thread: Cut a 4" piece of thread (same thread as your project). Double it, and tat 3 or 4 stitches over the ends (not the loop) of the DT so that the loop is over the finished stitches.

Note: I *never* tat over the DT for the last half of the last stitch, because the last stitch becomes too tight to pull the MT back through.



B = Cut and tie, leaving about 6 inches on the tail.

C = Magic Thread: Now cut a 6" length of a smaller gauge thread [I usually use quilting thread for the MT as it is quite strong and is approx. size 60, but DMC 80 works great, too.], threading it through the loop of the DT. Holding the tails of the DT, pull the MT through (but not out). Now the loop of the MT is at the knot ("B").

D = Remove the DT, from the loop, and insert tail from project. Holding the tails of the MT, pull the project tail back through the stitches and cut close.

To hide two threads (tail):

Thinking ahead helps here. Laying in a DT at the beginning of the project will enable you to hide the tails in two different directions at the end of the project.

If you forget to do this, use two DT's (different colors if possible), but lay in the DT's (entering and exiting the work) at least 1/2 stitch apart. Follow the same process as above for each tail.

Show and Tell



J.B. tatted the Ben Fikkert's Leaves Flake Snowflake that appeared in the November issue of the newsletter.



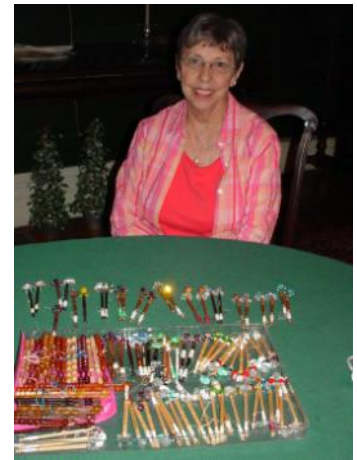
Elizabeth tatted this leaf—makes you want to drive through the mountains to see the beautiful fall foliage.



Here are three of the completed Friendship doilies. The blue one belongs to Elizabeth, purple belongs to Sharon Thomas, and the burgundy belongs to J.B.



Here are pictures of the tating with beads lesson.



Dell Brown is pictured here with all the bobbins she recently purchased from Eileen Za, who is a friend that she met at the Peter Anderson Art Festival in Ocean Springs, MS in 2004. Dell does not do bobbin lace, yet, but she still purchased this wonderful collection in hopes of learning this beautiful art soon. Also in the purchase bundle—a French pillow and a straw pillow, bobbin winder & pickers, as well as miscellaneous patterns and books.



End Notes

Check out **Wellslee Marketplace & Gallery**.

This is a store in Theodore that is expanding its needlework supplies to include tatting items. www.wellsleemarket.com

If there is something specific that you would like for them to carry, please email or call them with your request.

Here is their contact information:

email: shop@wellsleemarket.com

Phone: 251-973-0993 or 866-973-0993

Thank you to: Sherron Mosley

who has graciously agreed to serve as Vice President of the guild for 2008. You did a wonderful job last year and we know you will continue to do so in the coming year.

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