

"Playing With String Since 1987"

April 2009

From the Editor

I hope this newsletter found you tatting and making beautiful lace or motifs or crosses or snowflakes, etc....

This month we will begin our Friendship Doily. You will find the rotation list and row 1 in this issue. We will go over row 1 at the meeting. We will also have a demonstration of the Catherine Wheel that appeared in the December newsletter. Please bring shuttles and thread to the meeting and be ready to learn.

Toodles!

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Upcoming Meetings

Mobile Tatters Guild

Monday, April 6,
at 7:00 p.m.
Blacksher Hall
1056 Government Street,
251-433-3875

Knitter's Guild of Mobile

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

Next Meeting is Monday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m.

International Tatting Day

April 1 is designated as "International Tatting Day". I hope that you spent your day tatting and eating lots of chocolate—or at least part of the day.

It's fun to read all the interesting places where people have tatted on this day. One person tatted at her son's soccer game. Another one began a new TIAS (tat it and see) project. It can be found at [http://tatitandsee.blogspot.com/2009/04/danis-](http://tatitandsee.blogspot.com/2009/04/danis-easter-tias-day-1.html)

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If you have not participated in one, you should try it. They are a lot of fun. It works similar to our Friendship doily, except you do not know what you are tatting until its done

The main point of this day is to tat in public if possible for others to see and hopefully be inspired to learn. But, most of all to have fun with your tatting.

Book Review

Have you ever seen a book entitled *Let's Tat* by Angeline Crichlow?

It is a wonderful book. It is a 352 page hard bound book with a ribbon bookmark. I found this a long time ago for a very reasonable price. It is full of techniques and is delightful to read. When I received this book it appeared

as if it had never been opened. It had that new book smell and crisp pages. I will bring this book to the next tatting guild meeting if anyone would like to look at it.

It is one of those books that you go back to to read time and again.

Book review by Elizabeth Birmingham



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Mobile Tatters' Guild

Show and Tell



Elizabeth Birmingham tatted the lovely tea pot. The pattern is from Karey Solomon.

She also tatted the pretty heart in Lizbeth thread. The pattern is from Heather Johnson and appeared in last month's newsletter



Sherron Mosley is working on the pretty edging for her hanky. The pattern is from Sue Reed. It appeared in August 2008 newsletter.

News from Gert

I talked to Gertrude Webb. She is doing well. She misses us, but she is still tating. She said that she loves looking at the pillow we gave her a few years ago. It has so many memories. She enjoyed looking at all the different stitches that were used in the motifs. We miss you too, Gert.



Barbara is doing so well with her tating. Practice, Practice, Practice. We have all been there.



Meet Adair Baker, a new member of our Guild. Since learning to tat from Heidi Sunday, she had been working on the beautiful edging. She has only been tating about 6 weeks. Adair, welcome to our guild. You are doing an excellent job!

Show and Tell



Adair (our new member) embroidered these pillowcases and is in the process of tating the edging for them.

It's **PARTY TIME!!!!**

May is our Birthday month. We will be planning our party at this month's meeting.

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Recipe

GRAPE SALAD

submitted by Adair Baker

4 cups red seedless grapes

4 cups green seedless grapes

Wash & Stem.

8 oz Cream Cheese

8 oz Sour Cream

1 tsp Vanilla

½ cup Sugar (or Splenda®)

1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Cream all of the above together.

Add grapes and nuts, mix well but gently.

Sprinkle top with ½ cup brown sugar, if desired, before serving.

At our last meeting, we discussed tating crosses and bookmarks to display at Wellslee's All Strung Out.

Also, Wellslee's will be having a "Christmas in July" sale. Members are asked to make a Christmas ornament of some type to sell during the Christmas in July event. This will be a great way to increase awareness for our wonderful lace and Guild.

You can bring your ornaments to any meeting between now and July. This should be a fun event. Please consider going to Wellslee's on the specific day of the event to demonstrate tating.

Peacock Feather Bookmark designed by Wally Sosa ©2008. Printed with permission.

This is a pattern that I have been making for years. I have seen it in a lot of publications. Here is my version. Connie suggested the name because of the colors and that the tail looks like a tail feather from a peacock.



Materials:

Shuttle and Ball
2 Colors of Threads

Instructions:

R: 10 (LP) 10.

CH: 8 - 2 --- 2 - 8.

R: 10 + (to LP) 10.

* CH: 8 - 2 --- 2 - 8.

R: 10 + (to LP of prev ring) 10.

R: 10 (LP) 10.

Repeat from * for the desired length. To make the turn, after making the 2nd of the ring continuous rings; attach to that ring 3 more rings with a chain in between. In total you will have 4 rings with chains between each ring.

Make 2 rings continuous, attaching one to the group of rings and mirror the pattern on the other side.

At the end of the 2nd side, make 2 rings joined to the LP of the 1st ring.

End with a chain join to the 1st ring.

DON'T CUT.

Tail:

Make a zig zag chain of 2:2. This means make 2 normal stitches, then 2 unflipped stitches. This will make the chain look like a zig zag. Make it as long as you want.

End:

NOTE: The VLP are over 2 inches (6 cms) long when close. I use as a gauge the inner tube or a toilet roll paper or a plastic card (the credit card

type). But you can use anything that gives you long picots. Also you can make them longer than 2 inches if desired.

R: 10 (vsp) 10.

CH: 10 (VLP) 2 (VLP) 2 (VLP) 1 + (to the vsp of the ring) 1 (VLP) 2 (VLP) 2 (VLP) 10. Join to the base of the ring.

Cut.

Cut the picots and make them even length.

Here you can see the detail of the tail.

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2009 Friendship Doily

Pattern: Ellipse from *Elegant Tatting Patterns* by Janet Carroll ©1996. Printed with permission from Dover Publications.

Row 1: (one shuttle): *3-Ring Cluster*—R 7d, smp, 3d, 3 p sep by 2d, 5d, smp, 5d, cl.

R 5d, j to smp, 5d, 5 p sep by 2d, 5d, smp, 5d, cl.

R 5d, j to smp, 5d, 3 p sep by 2d, 3d, smp, 7d, cl. Cut and tie.

*R 7d, j to smp of corr ring, 3d, 3 p sep by 2d, 3d, smp, 7d, cl. RW

R 7d, smp, 3d, 3 p sep by 2d, 3d, j to corr p of adj ring (j as if joining the end of a motif to the beg), 7d, cl. Cut and tie.

Rep from * 7 times. Rep 3-Ring Cluster for opposite end, joining all appropriate p's. Cut and tie.

The rotation schedule is below. Please come to the May meeting with Row 1 completed.

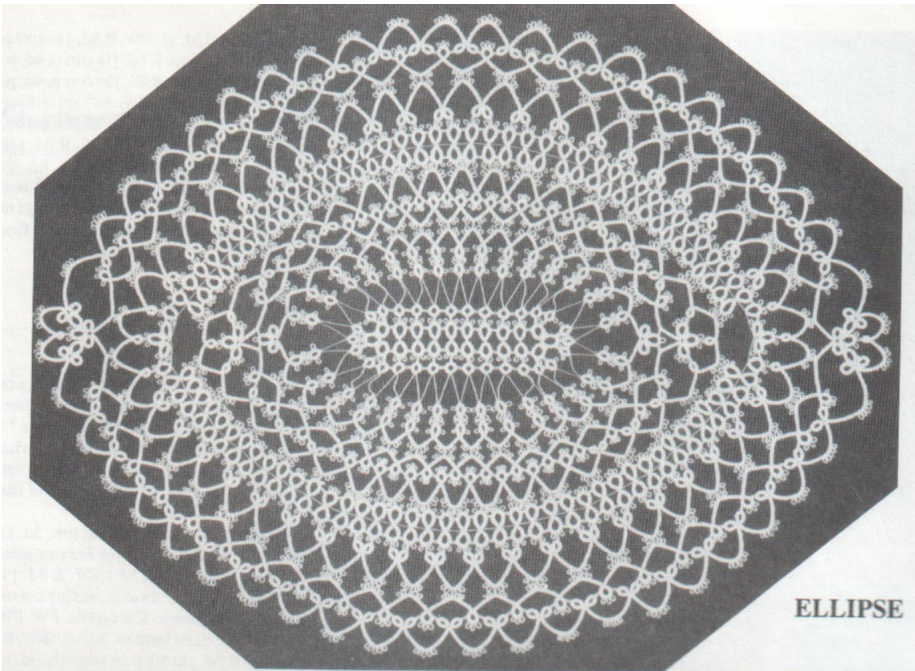
2008 Friendship Doily
Mobile Tatter's Guild
Pattern: Ellipse
ELEGANT TATTING PATTERNS by Janet Carroll

Size 20

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1	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.
2	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.
3	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine
4	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.
5	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.
6	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.
7	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.
8	Coutie R.	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.
9	Karan R.	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.
10	Elise R.	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.
11	Jeanine S. Vncentine	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.
12	W.	Adair B.	Elizabeth B.	Nettie C.	Cathy H.	J.B. L.	Sherron M.	Mary Ann P.	Coutie R.

End Notes

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