

# Shuttlebirds Tatting Guild Newsletter

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## Meeting Date and Place

August 2, 2003

1:00 p.m.

Patty Markley's Home\*

## Announcements

This will serve as the edition for both July and August.

## President's Picnic\* by Patty Markley

Ladies and gentlemen,

Plan on the President's Picnic at my house on August 2nd from 1:00 till when ever. We will have a salad luncheon and a blocking demo. I will provide the paper plates and silverware and will have lemonade. If you want something else to drink bring your own along with a salad. Slather on the sun block, breakout the sunglasses and big brimmed hats, and lawn chairs. Come join me on the 2nd. To any of you that need directions please call and I will give them to you. See you Soon!

## Condolences

The Shuttlebirds would like to take this opportunity to offer our condolences to Patty Markley in the passing of her father in law. Your family is in our hearts and prayers.

## Remember your local Fair by Kathy Konek

Remember your local Fair! Don't forget to participate....be it in Coeur d'Alene, St. Maries, Sandpoint, Davenport, Spokane or even Timbuktu! Don't wait for the newsletter to tell you when and where to enter. Pick up the phone and discover this yourself. Let people know that there are tatters out there. You will be amazed at the

comments received. When all is said and done, and you have collected your well deserved ribbons... tell everyone about it! Send in the information to be published in this newsletter. Report who, what, where and when! It is that simple. Join in the fun and share with your community. You will feel better for it.

So...as a reminder....all you Spokane folks, don't forget that you need to "pre-register" for your Fair. You need to let them know what you think you will be bringing. You don't need to do everything on the list...just give them an idea of the categories you are considering. The more the merrier! Good luck and think blue! (ribbon that is...not hold your breath blue)



## Cataldo Mission Days

It was time for Cataldo Mission Days on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July. Not many of us could go due to other commitments. But we did have 4 of our members attend. I have included comments from both Mary and Larry about this event.

Mary: I got there about 11AM and there were four tatters there. Larry (whom I did not recognize, he has lost so much weight) and he had his overalls pinned together to hold them up. Also Jan, Page, Lin and Jean were present. Larry was showing different people how to tat and they would wonder off. Not real busy and the wind blowing made it somewhat cold. I stayed for a couple of hours and then went home.

Larry: Jan, Lynn, Paige, Jean was demonstrating along with Cindy (from Appaloosa Lacer). Cindy has moved so may join our meetings. Sabrina was modeling a new green gown with bone under garment thingee. And her sister was not without her own new gown. The day started out cloudy, chilly and added a breeze and ended up nice for the afternoon. Didn't seem to be as many as normal for the attendees, so we did chat and tat.



### **Fair Time Already!**

It's almost here, the fair! Are you ready? Do you need more information on what you can enter and the limitations? Well, look no further! Our very own Mary Thiede has a couple of the books left that she will gladly give away on first come, first serve basis.

Speaking of the fair, what are you working on? Some of our guild members sent along a note describing their projects. My, but they have been busy!

Darlene U: I am working on embellishing a sweatshirt with snowflakes and a split ring chain around the neck. Also have a dinner-plate size tree skirt with snowflakes and split rings. Now I am working on decorating a small white tree with red decorations. Hope to have other snowflakes, book marks and of course my cards ready for the second week of August. Plan to put in a couple knitted items. Maybe more if we don't work too long of hours in the shed!

Mary T: My Project for the fair is the following: From the "Tatting Doilies & Edgings Book, edited by Rita Weiss. I made this doily with #20 thread, red, white and blue. It is 15 inches in circumference. Really is neat even if I have to say so myself.

I started it the first of July and finished it the 23rd of July. I will bring it to the next session for you to judge it.

Kathy K: Fair Projects....Tatting...two doilies, a three dimensional Christmas bell, framed hearts in size 80 thread and a bookmark of my own design. Cross-stitch....a Christmas ornament and framed saying of my own design

Dianne Y: I am working on my fair entries. Hope to have at least 3 items in this year. That's the plan anyway

Lynda K: Update on my summer for the newsletter.....My sister asked me to design a 4"x4" daisy for my Niece's birthday present - a Daisy Quilt. I designed a great daisy that is real cool and will share it with anyone who asks. I still need to write the directions in a comprehensible way and draw the diagram.

I'm going to enter my Tatted Swedish Heart in the Fair and may even enter the Daisy in a Tatted picture.

*Do you have a source for the pattern for the Tatted Swedish Heart? I love hearts and would like to make this one. Michelle*

**Round Robin Update** by Kathy Konek  
The Round Robin for 2003 has hatched! The following members have agreed to participate in this years event. Page, Sandy Haase, Jean Pickett, Larry Stevens and Kathy Konek. So look for the results at next years workshop, and Page appreciates everyone taking on the challenge.



**Shuttlebird Interest** by Dianne Yorke

We have received 2 inquiries from the website from ladies wanting to know more about our guild, and may join. One in Post Falls, one somewhere else. Utah I think. So, what do you think about sending them a copy of the newsletter. Even the last one would be fine, just to give them an idea of what we do....??

*I think this is a great idea. I always have extra copies of the newsletter and they are also copied to disc. Let me know who and where to send them to.*  
*Michelle*

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### **Thread Review** by Kathy Konek

At the workshop I ordered some of the new OLYMPUS thread from Japan. It is marked "No. 40 10g Gold Special Crochet Cotton". I got two different colors. The first is a Wine and Pink variegated (Color 12) and the second is again variegated in blue, green, yellow, pink, purple, and white (Color M8). I like the bright colors.

Working with variegated thread, the different lengths of colors in the second ball adds to the final product. I found I had less "twisting" of thread than normal and didn't need to drop my shuttle and let it hang to untwist as much. The final product had a clean even look to both the chains and rings.

I did however find that the thread is not dyed all the way through. If you don't catch the thread quite right with your hook when connecting picots, then you may end up with a spot of unwanted white in your project. There is also very little blend from color to color on the variegated threads, where one color stops the next begins. Unlike what I have found with DMC. Also I tatted a bookmark and ironed the final project.

Ironing seemed to stiffen the project just a bit. I also find the lighter pinks on the variegated wine thread feel a little softer to me.

My conclusion is that where the colors are nice, I can take or leave this thread. Maybe I would enjoy the solid colors more, and maybe I will try some someday. Try this thread yourself and let your fellow tatters know what you think.

### **A PRAYER FOR TATTERS**

May your shuttle fly, without a hitch,  
While striving to complete a stitch,  
May no salesman grace your door,  
As your ball rolls 'cross the floor,  
May telemarketers not ring,  
While hands are all tied up with string,  
May calves stay fenced and babies sleep,  
And all the while, your patience keep,  
Be blessed with patterns to inspire,  
And of your tatting, never tire,  
Thread links the future with the past,  
Create with love which ever lasts.

### **Newsletter Participation** by Michelle Morphy

This newsletter would not have been published if I had not received input from several of our guild members. Because I am not able to attend our meetings, I rely on other guild members to provide information to me so that you can have a newsletter. Without your participation, there is no newsletter. I would like to thank all of the guild members that answered the cry for help on this issue. Without you, I am at a loss. Thanks for your support.

### **A Doily Story**

As a new bride, Aunt Edna moved into the small home on her husband's ranch near Snowflake. She put a shoe box on a shelf in

her closet and asked her husband never to touch it. For fifty years Uncle Jack left the box alone, until Aunt Edna was old and dying. One day when he was putting their affairs in order, he found the box again and thought it might hold something important. Opening it, he found two doilies and \$82,500 in cash. He took the box to her and asked about the contents. "My mother gave me that box the day we married," she explained. "She told me to make a doily to help ease my frustrations every time I got mad at you. "Uncle Jack was very touched that in 50 years she'd only been mad at him twice. "Where did the \$82,500 come from?" he asked. "Oh, that's the money I made selling all the doilies."



### **Recipe** *from Marge Hammond*

This recipe is the coffee cake that Marge brought to the workshop. She is such a great cook and good sport to share this with us.

#### **Coffee Cake**

##### **Strudel**

Filling for strudel--Mix 1/2 cup brown sugar with 2 tsp. flour and 2 tsp. cinnamon. Blend in 2 Tblsp. melted butter and 1/2 c nuts.

Sift 1 1/2 cup flour with 3 tsp. baking powder, 1/4 tsp salt and 3/4 cup sugar. Blend in with pastry blender 1/4 cup butter. Add well-beaten egg mixed with 1/2 cup milk and 1 tsp. vanilla. Put half the batter in 8X8 pan. Sprinkle with half of the filling. Put in other half of the batter and sprinkle with the rest of the filling. Bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven 350 degrees.

### **A Pat for Tatting**

Knitting is simple, it leads to no fretting,  
Knitting needs little more practice than eating,

While only the clever and good can do tatting.

The tatting of others just turns into knotting;

Only the subtle can handle the shuttle,

Only the Tatter can keep in good fettle.

Knitting and tatting need knots less than knotting,

Though tatting needs some knots and knitting needs totting!

Sitting on matting, tatting is fitting,

Though knitting needs comfort and ease in the seating.

You can talk tittle-tattle while knotting or knitting

But tattling while tatting will not be forgiven.

The knitters may natter, the knotters may mutter

Because they attract smaller crowds than the Tatter.

Then hail to the Tatter despising the twitter of serious knotter and nit-witted knitter!"

### **Year at a Glance: 2003**

August 2nd -Blocking

September 6th - Needle tatting - basics for the shuttle tatters. The Interstate Fair - demo

October 4th - Hairpin lace with or without tatting

November 1st - Little beaded angel

December 6th - wow, it's Christmas time again