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From: Ruth Maceachern
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Subject: April News from the Fringe Tatters

Hi Everyone lots of great things have been happening in tatting !

First a BIG thank you to all of you who participated in the 'Spring's the Thing' exchange. We had about 20 people who sent bunnies, bouquets, baskets or butterflies to their exchange partner. Everyone was very pleased with the items they received and several have mentioned they are looking forward to the next 'swap'.

If you have any ideas for a theme please send them along.

Please note, the Fringe has a mailbox: fringetatters@gmail.com. Any ideas, suggestions or general thoughts can be sent to this address.

In March, Susan Johnston and Carlene Hitchens met with the London Embroiders Guild to give a presentation and do some show and tell about tatting. The presentation was well received and we do hope that some of their members will decide to join the Fringe. There was the opportunity to pass out some of the hearts to interested attendees.

This is a great moment to remind you - have you submitted a heart to the Fringe lately? We ask that they are small and can be made from any pattern, thread size or colour. They are great for promoting the craft we love to those who don't know much about tatting.

This past weekend 6 Canadians crossed the border to attend the Finger Lakes Tatting Seminar in Hector New York. Karey Solomon and her organizing committee had a wonderful weekend with several guest teachers. It was a busy time with lots of laughter, learning and the chance to meet up with our American friends and meet new people. We know that several of the ladies present at the weekend are very much looking forward to crossing the border and heading north to attend our event in September.

Many of you have been members of the Maple Leaf Tatting group based in Toronto and have enjoyed attending their yearly spring tat day. Unfortunately the decision has been made to fold the group and their final meeting will take place on Saturday May 30 in Toronto. If you would like to attend, please let me know and I will forward you the information on behalf of Sandy Coleman. It is sad to see the end of a tat group that saw many years of interesting workshops and helpful newsletters.

And finally (for this e-news), the upcoming Fringe Tatting event !!!!! We have the weekend set to go for Friday and Saturday September 25 and 26 in Cambridge. The registration package will be coming to you in a separate e-mail in the very near future. We have a great lineup of teachers and classes and some new ideas to try this year. Please mark the weekend on your calendar and plan to attend. We know you'll have a great time.

Enjoy the warmer weather and get those shuttles and needles working !

Happy tatting from the Fringe.