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Hi Everyone and welcome to those of you who are seeing our e-news for the first time !
What a wonderful winter in the Toronto area with hardly any snow !
Winter is always a great time to hibernate with your tatting and other fun crafts.
With Spring just around the corner, it's time to catch you up on the latest news.

Upcoming Tatting Events

Plans for the FRINGE ELEMENT TATTERS 5th year celebration are well under way with a theme of "Special Occasions". Please plan on joining us September 24, 25 in Cambridge Ontario - we would love to see you. Registration for the Fringe Element Tatters annual "Fall Into Tatting" weekend will be available on our website www.FringeTatters.ca by the end of April.

The Finger Lakes Tatting Group is holding their event this year in Lodi, NY (previously in Hector) on April 10, 11. Details about this fun weekend can be found on the Fringe website www.FringeTatters.ca/tat-days/ (click on "Finger Lakes 2010 Registration Form") or contact Karey Solomon at threads@empacc.net. The new location can comfortably hold 150 people.

The Shuttlebirds in Spokane WA, are holding their event on April 16, 17.
For information see: www.shuttlebirds.com

The Palmetto tatters are holding their event in Georgia August 27, 28.
For information see: www.PalmettoTatters.org

Tat 'n Chats

In November, the Fringe held a get together in Mississauga at Norm's home. About 10 people arrived with 'works in progress', questions and laughter to share. Sylvia was thrilled that Carlene taught her daughter-in-law how to needle tat. It was a wonderful day.

This past weekend Deana & Carlene organized a super gathering in London, Ontario. A special thank you to Deana's mom for opening her home to us. Nine tatters attended, including 2 new faces. A highlight was Rita teaching 3 needle tatters how to shuttle tat. If you are having difficulty getting the knot to flip with the "under-over / over-under" shuttle method, Rita's trick is to try the old European method which is described in Rebecca Jones' "Complete Book of Tatting" as Method #1 - The Reverse Riego Method.

Everyone that is able to attend these small Tat 'n Chats always has a great time. If you would like some help organizing an event in your area please contact us at FringeTatters@gmail.com.

Tatting Exchanges

The Winter Frolic exchange that ended in January had a record number of participants from across Canada and the US. Some really unique items showed up this time with everything from bookmarks, to snowmen, to snowflakes, to ice skates and a toque. Fringe members are so creative! Here's your chance to join the newest exchange.....

Special Occasion Exchange

As we celebrate our 5th year, we would like to incorporate this year's theme of "Special Occasions" into this exchange.

The item to create for your recipient should be suitable to attach to a card for a special occasion.

There are so many possibilities - holidays, weddings, birthdays

You can attach your tatting to a card or just place it in an envelope and mail it.

The idea is to get you tatting and to share your lovely work with someone who will appreciate it !

We suggest keeping items simple and inexpensive on postage.

Important Dates for this exchange:

1. If you wish to participate, please contact us at FringeTatters@gmail.com by Thursday April 1- International Tat Day ! (no fooling)
In the subject line of your response, please put the word 'exchange'.
2. By April 16, Ruth will let you know who your recipient is with a mailing address.
3. Your completed tatting should be received by your recipient no later than Friday May 28.

If you wish to receive an item for a specific occasion please let us know and we'll pass that information on.

Remember this is to be a simple exchange. You will be sending to and receiving from different people.

Saying Goodbye

Last year, we said a sad farwell to many of our tatting friends. Shirley Putzig, Joyce Harper, Mary Tremaine, Lori Ludman and internationally know Mary Konior. As so many put it - they are tatting with the angels now. If you are lucky enough to own Mary Konior's books that are a wealth of information, treasure them - the cost is skyrocketing on the secondary market.

Library

Just a reminder that we have acquired the Maple Leaf Tatters Library, and are setting up our own lending library.

Since we have no budget for the acquisition of books and magazines, we rely on the generosity of our fellow tatters to donate items. So if you've ever accidently purchased a book twice, or been in a second-hand book store and come across a book that you already have, keep us in mind.

You can check out the listing of our current holdings at www.fringetatters.ca/library/

Happy tatting until the next e-news !