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HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone ! Here's to a fun-filled year of tatting.

Announcement - please note - there has been a change of date for our Cambridge tatting weekend - it will now be Friday September 28 and Saturday September 29, 2012.

Why not start saving and planning to attend now? We are working to get a fabulous line-up of teachers and classes for you.

Exchanges

Some people are not quite sure how these work. With the Fringe Exchanges, when you submit your name to participate, you go onto a list. You then receive something from the person who signed up just before or just after you. It's more like a loop than a direct 'you send to me / I send to you' exchange that people may be more familiar with. This is more interesting because you never know who will be sending something to you. Tatted items can arrive from England, Australia, the United States or Canada. And a little bird tells me that will be happening in this exchange!

We have found that people are THRILLED to receive tatted work and the items do not need to be big, we just ask that you stick to the 'topic'. This year we want to encourage people to extend their skills in the exchanges. We are quite happy to have you tat a pattern you have found on the internet or from a favourite book or even try tatting an original design. But most of all, we want you to participate. If you have any questions, you can always send us an e-mail or check www.fringetatters.ca/exchanges/ for more information and pictures of items that have been received.

This year the Fringe's theme is **KNOTTY TATTERS** - we've decided to have some fun with wordplay. Our tat weekend in September will have classes focused on this theme and our 4 exchanges this year will be knotty too but clean please! Each exchange this year will span a 3-month time frame. It is important if you want to join in, that you notify us right away so you don't forget and miss the fun. In our Favourite Decoration/Ornament exchange that just wrapped up (oooh !) there were snowflakes, a keychain, a stocking, an angel, a star and even a tatted ribbon decoration.

Exchange #1 for 2012 - HANKY PANKY !

For this exchange the challenge is to create a border around a hanky - it doesn't have to be a papa sized hanky and it doesn't need to have a wide tatted border, you can use a small piece of fabric if you wish with a simple edging. You could also check out a local antique shop, they often have hankies with no edging (so sad) or you might find one with a tatted border. If you are lucky to find a gem like that, then you could tat a motif to fit into a corner and send that to your recipient to honour the hard work of a tatter we will never know.

If you wish to join into this exchange, please send your name NO LATER than January 14.

You will receive the name of the person who you will send your hanky to by January 20.

Your hanky with a tatted border and/or motif MUST be received by your recipient NO LATER than March 30.

When you join, please just send a short response to this gmail address with the word EXCHANGE in the subject line. If you have changed your address let us know as well, so your item arrives at the correct location.

Library Drop-Ins

We have been very pleased with the number of people that have come out to our Toronto and London library drop-ins. We are seeing new people all the time who are interested in learning and sharing. Please check www.fringetatters.ca/tat-days/tatting-drop-ins/ for upcoming dates.

Saturday January 14 there will be a drop-in at the Long Branch Library Toronto.

The following Saturday January 21 there will be a drop-in at Carson Library London.

Please plan to join us or let us know if you want to get a group going in your area. We know Murray has things happening in Peterborough and Bruce out in Nanaimo BC and there is interest for a group in the Ottawa area.

Upcoming Tatting Weekend

For those of you who have never attended the Finger Lakes Tatters weekend, we can highly recommend it. A wonderful weekend of tatting and friendship await you in New York State. This year the weekend will be held April 13 - 15 in Lodi. If you would like a copy of the registration information, please contact Karey Solomon at: threads@empacc.net

And as always, if you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us.

Have a wonderful knotty year of tatting fun in 2012.

The Fringe