



KAREN BOVARD-SAYRE, CO

Karen Bovard-Sayre has been dubbed the ‘Split Ring Tatting Queen’ due to her obsession with designing, authoring, and publishing 10 books on the subject. Her first book in the series (Fun With Split Ring Tatting) is considered the definitive introductory book on the subject of split ring tatting. Her subsequent books have given tatters very unique and modern patterns, designs, & ideas as to how to use this very versatile technique. Recently she has been adding to split ring technique by incorporating ‘padded’ tatting and other strategies for a new approach to tatting in her ‘Tatted Painting with Thread’ method, using splashes of color in a piece.

Beyond SRT, Karen is also a professed ‘Tatting Technique Junkie’. She has done innovative development work on Pearl Tatting Technique including introducing several hybrid techniques.

Karen has taught extensively at several IOLI Conventions, local & regional EGA workshops, and several years on national needlework show circuits where she focused on converting needleworkers to the wonderful world of tatting.

Karen is known as The ShuttleSmith, originally for creating/producing high-quality sterling silver tatting shuttles and more recently for her copper-based, glass/enamelled tatting shuttles.

Karen is retired from her profession as an Electron Microscopy Technologist in Omaha, Nebraska and is now living in western Colorado (Grand Junction) to explore her ‘other’ passions of motorcycling and traveling.



MARIE MCCURRY, ID

Marie is a retired analytical chemist. She began teaching her senior year of high school as a teaching assistant for art classes, taught military classes while in the Air Force and upper division chemistry lab classes at Boise State University. In late 2007 she taught herself how to needle tat and, in the spring of 2009, finally figured out that “flip” thingy.

Since that time, she hasn’t been able to stop tatting. She enjoys teaching people to tat using the needle or shuttle. As shuttles and patterns were hard to come by, she started making her own. She has written three books: “Tattasaurusing Baubles & Motifs” I and II and “Tatsmithing: The Art of Silversmithing with String.”

Over the years, her tatting has won many awards at the Boundary County Fair including “Best in Class,” “Reserve Champion,” and “Grand Champion,” and online at the Tatting Corner. You can find Marie on Facebook at West Pine Creations and on her blog:

<http://westpinecreations.blogspot.com>





KAREY SOLOMON, NY

I've been tatting for just over 50 years and designing for more than 30. I'm a journalist in my day job, so tatting is my way of grounding myself, connecting with the beauty of tatting and the beautiful people in our tatting tribe. From 1992 through 2021 (30 years) I published *Tatting Times* and continue to publish pattern collection booklets – 35 in print and counting! I've taught across the US, in Canada, England and Sweden. Won IOLI's "fastest tatter" award several times; and blue ribbons in the New York State Fair and other competitions. At home, I'm the "chief instigator" for the Finger Lakes Tatting Group, and I've organized

our Tatting Seminars in the Finger Lakes for a wonderful 26 years.



NATALIE ROGERS, WA

Natalie was introduced to tatting in August of 2012 by Donna Barnes. She has enjoyed crafts her whole life and was quick to pick up the basics of tatting. Within a few months of picking up her first shuttle she started teaching friends and family to how to tat, because the easiest way for her to know that she has learned a new skill is to teach it. When she first started tatting, she kept pace at around one new motif a week. Her pace has slowed down, but she still loves the challenge of learning new techniques. Natalie's first designs happened by accident as variations on patterns she was completing. Since those first few happy accidents she has enjoyed purposefully designing many tatted pieces.

She is an active participant in Shuttlebirds Tatting Guild demonstrations and finds it a delight introducing others to the art of tatting. She has taught at Shuttlebirds workshops every year since 2014 and considers it an honor. In 2019 she had the privilege of teaching at the 66th Annual IOLI Convention in person and then virtually for IOLI UnCon2.0. She is the guild librarian and runs the (now sporadic) Wednesday Weekly challenges on the guild blog. She also runs <https://tatyournadventure.wordpress.com> and <https://www.patreon.com/TatYourOwnAdventure> which features tatting playing cards for guided free-form tatting and video tutorials.

When she is not tatting, Natalie teaches at Bryant (Adv. Web Design, Computer Apps and Coding, PLTW Automation & Robotics, PLTW App Creators, PLTW Computer Science for Innovators and Makers, PLTW Computer Science Essentials, Pre-Algebra, Photography, and Summit Solves), plays her guitar and sings in a geeky band called InFILKtion (we are recording an album this year!). She also makes costumes, crochets, practices Kendo, and enjoys a weekly gaming group. She has an amazing husband, Bevan, who is supportive of her career and hobbies; a darling 4-year-old daughter, Mikaela; and two adorable cats. She looks forward to sharing her new patterns with you and hopes to see you in one of her classes! Happy Tatting!

