



## The Palmetto Tatters

Palmetto Tatters Guild  
PO Box 1597  
Lexington, SC 29071-1597

Presenting "Tatting the Rainbow" 2020 Tat Days  
September 3-6, 2020  
Georgia Baptist Conference Center  
Toccoa, GA

Dear Participant,

Palmetto Tatters Guild welcomes you to our 18th Annual Tat Days. This introductory message will give more detailed information about the event and is addressed primarily to those attending for the first time but will also serve as a reminder to those who have come many times previously.

When you arrive at the Conference Center, please follow the signage for the event to Griffith Hotel. All classes, sleeping rooms, registration, silent auction and vending occur in Griffith. Meals are served in the dining room which is a short distance from Griffith.

- Before unloading your items, please take the breezeway bridge into the third floor. There are two elevators on the right; use either one of them to come to the first floor. Upon exiting the elevator, turn to the right and the registration/gathering room will be on the right.
- At the registration table in the gathering room, you will pay any fees still due and obtain your room key (if staying on campus). PLEASE KEEP THE ROOM KEY AWAY FROM YOUR CELLULAR PHONE.
- You will also receive your Tat Days folder. The folder will have on the front your individual class schedule. Inside the folder you will find your name badge (and badges for any non-tatters accompanying you), handouts for the classes in which you are enrolled, a list of PTG Tat Days abbreviations, voting tickets for the tatting display (Best in Show, Best in Theme and Most Creative) and an event evaluation sheet.
  - Please complete the evaluation sheet and turn it in Saturday by 5:00 PM; tear off the bottom portion with your name to be entered for the Grand Prize drawing.
  - If attending for the first time, there will be green, pocket lanyards available at the registration table for your name tag. If you are returning, we hope you remember to bring yours with you.
  - After each class, use the back of the Tat Days Evaluation sheet for comments. These comments help the Guild to improve your experience every year and are an important factor for future planning.
- After obtaining your key, you may unload your car and move your luggage and any supplies brought into your room. Please consider parking your car after unloading in the lower lot as it is easy to access Griffith Hotel through the ramp way. Ask at the registration desk where the lower lot is located and how to get there.



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### **SPECIFIC NOTES:**

**COVID-19 INFORMATION:** PTG recognizes the extraordinary circumstances that are upon us. Your safety and well-being are important to the Guild. The uncertain and fluid status of the disease has introduced changes for the current year, including the real possibility of last-minute cancellation of the entire event. Currently, we are in a **GO** status.

Class sizes have been limited to eight (8) students. The number of persons in the silent auction room is limited also to eight (8) persons at any time. Painter's tape will be used as necessary to remind each attendee as to recommended social distancing. Soap and water is available in all the sleeping accommodations as well as in the public restroom areas. Additionally, hand sanitizer will be included in your welcome bag as well as large, pump-style containers in Registration, Vending, Kitchenette, and other common areas. You will also find in your welcome bag a mask and a 3D-printed face shield frame. Sheets for the frame are available in the registration area; the sheets can be cleaned, sanitized and reused. Please note that it is not mandatory to wear a mask within the State of Georgia; however residents and visitors are "strongly encouraged to wear face coverings as practical while outside their home or place of residence except when eating, drinking or exercising outdoors."

It is not yet known for certain whether meal service will be family style or buffet style. More information will become available the week before we gather in Toccoa.

If you wish to cancel, please think about doing so sooner rather than later. Numbers for rooms (Aug 15) and meals (Sep 1) must be transmitted to the conference center. The entire cancellation policy for 2020 can be found at <https://www.palmettotatters.org/events/TatDays2020/Registration.asp#Cancel>.

**REGISTRATION CHECK-IN:** In response to COVID-19, PTG is following the process currently in effect for medical and dental facilities as well as for courtrooms. Your temperature will be taken and a short questionnaire for you to complete and sign. The questionnaire will be emailed to you on Monday, August 31.

For teachers, registration will be available as early as 2:00 PM on Thursday afternoon. Participant check-in is planned to begin at 4:00 PM and will continue throughout the event until 10:00 AM Saturday. If you arrive before 4:00 on Thursday, please let any teachers into the registration line ahead of you as they have a meeting at 4:00 Thursday. Please bear in mind to use social distancing at all times to do the best to protect yourself and others.

**ROOM KEYS.** All will start with a 7000 series but are easily decipherable. Griffith Hotel is building seven on the campus. The next number will be the floor number and then the last two digits are the actual room numbers.

**Example:** 7320 translates to Griffith Hotel building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, room 20. All rooms are easily accessible via the elevators.



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**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** Should you have special dietary requirements; you may communicate with the kitchen staff upon your arrival and check-in. If our meals are served buffet style with multiple choices as in previous years, you should be able to find what will suit any dietary needs. If you have indicated specific requirements on your registration form, that information will be transmitted to GBCC on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August and you should check with the kitchen staff, as necessary. The PTG menu (sample menu from **2019**) can also be found posted on the website (<http://palmettotatters.org/events/TatDays2020/More.shtml#Menu>). Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are gluten free.

**ROOM INFORMATION:** The rooms are not fancy. If you need more than one towel set for the weekend, please bring what you need and preferably not white. If your room needs attention for any reason, come to the registration table and either our Registrar, Tat Day Chair, or President will contact the Center to have it resolved quickly. Please review the Conference Center information on the desk in your room for instructions on handling soiled linens the day of check-out.

**COMMEMORATIVES RESERVED & PAID THROUGH REGISTRATION:** Pattern media (CD, USB or SD card) as well as pre-paid kits will be available Thursday afternoon/night in classrooms 5 – 7 along with your welcome (goodie) bag and the KNOTS (Kind Network of Tatting Supporters) bag. Use the posted signage to locate the various rooms. It may also be that some extra kits will be available in the vending room (as long as they last). For those checking in on Friday or Saturday, the Guild will have your commemoratives in your welcome bag at the registration table.

If arriving **AFTER 9:00 PM** either Thursday or Friday evenings, please call or text ahead so we know how to handle your room key. These are also good contact numbers for general information or in case of an emergency.

Donna Thompson	(803) 338-1384	Tat Days Chair
Theresa Orren	(843) 364-2443	PTG President
Teresa Woods	(704) 804-2820	2020 Registrar
Georgia Baptist Conference Center	(706) 886-3133	<b><u>GENERAL EMERGENCY CONTACT</u></b>



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### VENDING ROOM:

- Open Thursday evening after dinner. The room is open throughout the event except for mealtimes when the doors are closed and locked.  
Note that Lisa Adams of Tatting Corner has created a special code. You may go to her site now (<https://tattingcorner.com/>) to pre-order items. These will be delivered to you at Tat Days; use code **PTG2020** at check out. The pre-order code from Tatting Corner expires 8/21/2020. The use of this code suspends the shipping charge calculations
- Special 2020 considerations: Convention kits can be purchased through Tatting Corner (use the PTG2020 code at check-out). For those arriving Thursday evening, convention kits or pre-orders will be available in Classroom 7, across from Vending from Lisa's son, Michael. On Friday, any remaining pre-purchased items (and Michael) will be moved into the Registration area for pickup. This process is designed to assist in social distancing within the vending room itself. The number of persons within the vending room will also be limited but open to pick up anything you may need or have forgotten
- The vending room is divided into two distinct areas. The tables will be draped in two different colored clothes. One color will be Tatting Corner while the other will be various consignors. Cloth colors are not yet known but one color will check-out at Tatting Corner while most of the others will check-out at the Guild's cash register. Tatting Corner accepts cash, personal checks (with appropriate ID), American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa and PayPal. The Guild does accept cash, personal checks, or Visa / MasterCard credit cards.  
There is a seven (7%) percent sales tax that is collected at the registers and later remitted to the State of Georgia. Prices marked on items in the Vending room DO NOT include this sales tax but it is added at the register.
- You may start a bag with the Tatting Corner for their items as well as one with the Guild (see the personnel at the cash register). Your name will be on the bag and you should check out and pay for your purchases before 5:00 PM Saturday.
- **PLEASE DO NOT MIX ITEMS FROM TATTING CORNER WITH OTHER ITEMS SELECTED.**  
This attention to detail will make check-out go smoother.

*Thank you for attending!*

*We look forward to seeing you and to a great retreat!*