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## DAYLILIES

**“To think creatively, we must be able to look afresh at what we normally take for granted.”**

George Kneller

**“I merely took the energy it takes to pout and wrote some blues.”**

Duke Ellington

**“Snowmen fell from heaven unassembled.”**

Author Unknown

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### Changes are Afoot...

As I write this newsletter, the big old maple tree outside my window is promising new leaves very soon. The garden is growing and changing ... so we thought that it was a great time to grow and change here at Dayilies too!

Not only are we planning to make big changes to our website and webstore, (I won't give away any secrets - you will have to visit our website to see just what is up) but we are also changing our newsletter too. We are going to take a little hiatus from our newsletter writing as we change our humble little newsletter over into a larger semi-annual format with great articles, fantastic patterns, creative ideas and a catalog of every creative product offered by Dayilies. We want you to be able to access all we have to offer both on and off the internet – this new catalog will also mean great options for mail order if you don't want to order online.

Our blog is pretty much the only thing that isn't changing! We are still offering great creative ideas every day – and hope that you find something creative that inspires you to try something new!

This next month, we are going to focus on fiber arts from days gone by – but we are going to make them relevant to today – beautiful things for you to try too, or you can just peek and see what we are up to (the choice is up to you!).

And, as always, we are here to help you with your creative endeavours – whatever they may be. If you have any questions, [email us](#) or visit the [blog](#) or [website](#) to chat with us online in real-time. If we don't know the answer to your question, we'll find the answer so you can finish your creative work with ease.

But – we are looking for suggestions to make all of these changes the best ever. If you have any ideas for our webstore, newsletter/catalog, or blog, please let us know! Once we receive your suggestion, we will send you out a \$5 gift certificate for your help. You can [email us](#) your suggestions, join our [facebook fan page](#) and add a suggestion under the discussion tab, or you can visit our [website](#) to chat with us real-time. Whatever way you get in touch with us, we look forward to your thoughts!

*Debra O'Connor*

## Great Resources for Your Creativity!

We recently discovered a treasure trove of old pattern and instructional books from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. These books are fantastic... and best of all, they are available free as .pdf files online. Check out the following books for a great glimpse into the history of creativity. Take these patterns and ideas and give them a twist to make them relevant and beautiful for today (we'll also be doing this on the blog throughout the next few months):

[Forty Original Designs in Tatting by Nellie Hall Youngburg.](#) Written in 1921. This 24 page book offers complete instructions for forty different tatted edgings, medallions, baby bonnets and yokes. Beautiful!

[The Imperial Macrame Lace Book by the Barbour Brothers.](#) Written in 1878. This 66 page book explains macramé, providing complete instructions and patterns for some very beautiful macramé lace.

[The Lady's Manual of Fancy-Work written by Mrs. Pullan.](#) Written in 1859, this book boasts that it is a "complete instructor in every variety of ornamental needle-work". And not to disappoint, the list of included needle-work styles is really quite extensive. This book also includes more than 300 engravings. If you want to find instructions for any kind of needle-work – it is most likely here!

## What's on the [Blog](#)?

On this blog this Spring?

We are going to investigate fiber arts from days gone by. We'll start out with **Tatting** and from there, we'll work a little with **Broomstick Knitting** and if we have time, we'll work a little more with **Loom Knitting**. Don't be fooled though – we will take these traditional fibre arts and update them to beautiful works of art for today

## Monthly [Webstore](#) Specials

**April 2010**

10% off all Cedarview Farms 100% Wool

**May 2010**

15% off Fiddlesticks Knitting 100% organic cotton EcoKnit yarn

## Coming Soon to Daylilies

Watch for big changes coming to our webstore. And the changes don't stop there... we are working to make all of our products and patterns available through catalog and mail order – so you can access us both on and off the web!

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