

Old Lace, Bobbins Thrill Collectors

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ferent motifs were joined together.

Bender had the museum lace for a number of years before meeting a person who helped her catalog it according to origins and types. Bender is also working on a master's degree in humanities. She assists in cataloging a collection of fibers for Winterthur Museum.

Not all collectors get their start with the craft. Sharon Hibsham, Myerstown, inherited a collection of bobbins from an Arizona friend.

"I had them for several years before I learned how to use them," she said of the reason she joined the Guild.

Shuttles are devices used to hold the thread in tatting. Bobbins, lace, and other items pertaining to sewing can be found at auctions. Several Guild members confessed to hav-

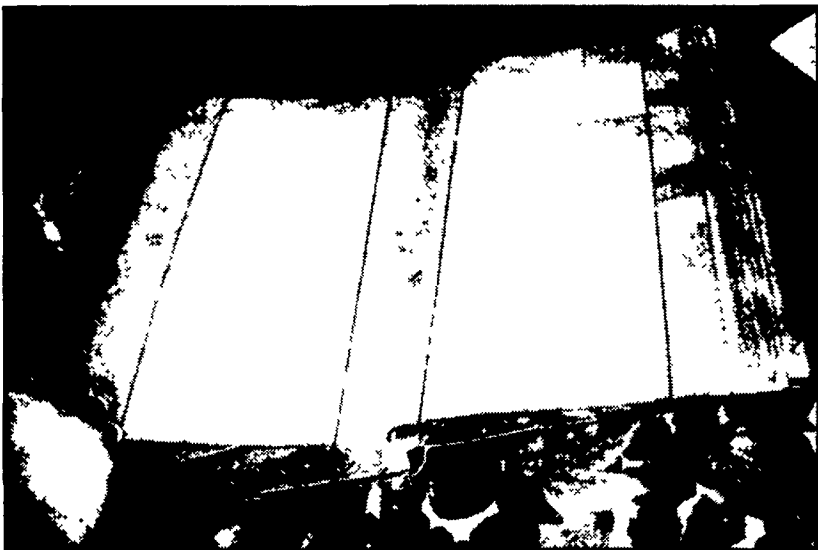
ing an addiction to eBay auctions.

Karen Wattai said that her affinity is for thread, especially the old linen varieties.

Her philosophy is "he who dies with the most thread, wins."



This is an English token dated 1795 and used instead of cash to pay lacemakers. The token could be redeemed at a dry goods store.



This salesman's sample shows the styles that could be purchased when machine lace became popular in England during the early 1900s.

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