



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

May 2009

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May flowers are supposed to be here now that April is done... but we just keep getting more showers! The good news is things are definitely "greening up"! We've celebrated May Day and Mother's Day and look forward to the unofficial start of the summer season—Memorial Day weekend! If you're planning a get together, check out the items for National Hamburger Month or try one of the great rhubarb recipes to share!

Our community service efforts this month will be for the Cedar Valley Humane Society. See page 3 for items on their Wish List that we could bless them with!

Because of the continuing shortages at area food banks, we will collect money, food, household and personal care items for local food banks again this month.

For our craft at this month's meeting, we will be making handy kitchen towels! These clever helpers include a kitchen towel, a potholder topper and a button fastener. Great for hanging on the oven door or fridge handle!

We will have the materials you need...but you may want to be sure to pack a hand needle and some thread to sew you button on to your project.

They are so easy, you'll probably be making more for quick gifts!

Interesting Dates in May:

1st - Mr. Potato Head is introduced (1952)

8th - V-E Day, Germany signs unconditional surrender. (1945)

12th - Katharine Hepburn is born. (1907)

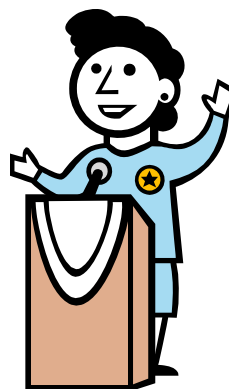
15th - National Chocolate Chip Day

27th - The pop-up toaster is patented. (1919)

Message From The President:

Well... even though she is staying put for a bit, our world traveling President is still hard to pin down for some words of wisdom!

That means you'll just have to catch her at the meeting, where I'm sure she'll be more than willing to give us a little speech!



... Think outside the box, even if you work in a cube...

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In the Spotlight...



Meet Dee Roman!

What is your role in the world of Rockwell Collins?

I work in the Advanced Manufacturing Department.

What are some interesting things you'd like us to know?

My name is really Dolores but I go by Dee. I have one sister, my husband Larry and I have been married 35 years. I have one son Doug and granddog Kato. I have a step-daughter Nina, her husband Greg and two grandchildren Alissa and Jacob.

I am a Red Hat Lady. When I turned 60 I was feeling a little down in the dumps. My sister Kay asked me what I wanted to do. We decided she would give me a party and we would just laugh and have lots of fun. We went with the theme of "When I Am Old I Will Wear Purple". Guest were encouraged to wear red and purple. We all had so much fun we decided to look into starting a Red Hat group. I have been our "Queen" for a little over 5 years. We meet once a month. There are 20 in my group and we get with a friend and take turns planning our events. We have been to lots of different places and done many things that I would not have done by my self. We are just a great group of friends a lot like our Craft Club group.

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Show and Tell!

Hey Kids—What time is it!?! No, not Howdy Doody time or time for that goofy club for the talking mouse! It's time for SHOW and TELL!!

Being the incredibly busy creatures that we are, actually finding time to create and *finish* a project is worth bragging about! We're not here to publish a magazine or enter the crafting Olympics... we simply enjoy sharing the ideas and appreciating each others talents! So don't be shy, just bring it along! Even if it's not quite done OR if your stuck in the middle and need encouragement—this would be a great time to get like minded creative feedback!

Can't wait to see what everyone brings in to share!



May Birthdays

1st - Shari Burns
7th - Pat Meyer
22nd - Mary Zoll

You Know You're Getting Older When...

- You don't remember being absent minded.
- You finally got your head together, now your body is falling apart.
- Your new easy chair has more options than your car.



June Birthdays

WHAT?!?
No June Birthdays??

... A clean desk is the sign of a cluttered desk drawer...

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Reminders:

Because of the continuing shortages at area food banks, we will collect money, food, household and personal care items for local food banks again this month.

Flood victims and others are still in the rebuilding and recovery phase of their devastating losses.

We will continue to collect not only non-perishable food items, but other items such as laundry soap, paper towels, shampoo, etc. Thank you!

Arlys Huff and Joyce Smith -
Community Service Projects
Coordinators

*Invite a friend to join you
at a meeting!*

Dee Roman... cont.

What are your favorite crafting activities? Or, what would you like to learn?

I like to lots of different crafts but am not real big on making lots of the same thing like you need to do to sell your crafts. I would like to become a better at crocheting. I think it would be fun for a group to just to get together and help each other after our regular meeting or a different night. We have enough talent in our group I sure someone would step up and help teach.



*"Laying out a quilt top over the mess
doesn't count as spring cleaning."*

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... Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them so much...

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This is one of many of the projects on this month's feature web site www.allfreecrafts.com

Here's a way you can practice being "green"...no more post-it notes!

Tile Notepad Holder

Craft supplies:

- 4 x 4 White tile
- 6 x 6 Wood block
- Black permanent magic marker
- rub on decals or stencil to paint your own design
- Dry-eraser marker
- Acrylic paint
- 2 part epoxy glue
- Small strip of Velcro
- Picture frame teeth hanger

Notepad Holder

Instructions:

1. You can either cut out your 6 inch square or buy one already cut to size
2. Use a white tile left over from other projects, or purchase inexpensively in home decor stores.
3. First, sand the wood square and wipe off any dust. Paint the wood the color of your choice in acrylic paint. I chose to do only one coat in order to see some of the grain in the wood.
4. After the wood square is dry, apply your choice of rub on decals or paint on a stencilled design.
5. Seal the wood block with sealer - I used a satin finish sealer.
6. With the permanent marker, write at the top of the tile, "Notes" or "Grocery List." I wrote "Notes" so when I place it outside and someone stops by when I'm not home, they can leave me a message.
7. Using the epoxy glue, glue the tile to the center of the wood block. This glue is easier than it seems to use and creates a permanent bond.
8. Attach the sticky side of a strip of velcro onto the wood and attach the matching piece of Velcro to the dry eraser. Now attach the marker to the wood.