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# Rockwell Collins Craft Club August 2016 Newsletter

This will be quick, as I'm on the way out the door for foot surgery in the morning. Maybe I can work on craft items while parked on the couch with my foot up!

☀ **Our meeting location & time:** We will be meeting at **4:30** at Jean Strait's church. **Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th Street NE.** Park in the parking lot that is on 34th Street and come in that door. We will meet on the lower level in the large room. (The section of 34th Street from 1st Avenue is under construction, so take the C Avenue route to get there.)

☀ It was sure nice to have some guests again. Welcome to all of you and we hope you return to join us.

☀ Last month's painting project, meant for preschoolers, was right up our alley :) I loved seeing how everybody's birch tree painting turned out a little different with multiple color choices.

☀ This month we will be making unique folded paper flowers. We will have a guest teacher who will also bring all of our supplies. We will only need to supply the glue guns. So if you prefer your own glue gun, bring it along.

☀ Our charity this month will again be collecting school supplies and money to buy more school supplies for Henry Davison's back to school backpack program.

## This Month at a Glance

<b>Next Meeting:</b> <b>Wed August 17</b> <b>at 4:30 Kenwood Park</b> <b>Methodist Church</b> <b>175-34th St. NE</b>
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<b>Happy Birthday!</b>
<i>July</i>
3rd — Darlene Edgington
30th — Judy Kennedy
<b>August</b>
3rd — Rita Urbanek
11th — Lynn Mitchell
14th — Jean Strait
26th — Dee Roman



Here's a recipe from an Anamosa Library newsletter that sounded really good:

## What Now?!? by Barb

My latest recipe is a no-bake summer dessert, Cheesecake in a Jar. I found this in the June/July/August 2016 Allrecipes magazine or it can be found at [armagazine.com/cheesecake-in-a-jar](http://armagazine.com/cheesecake-in-a-jar) also. I tried it once with strawberries and once with blackberries. It would work well with any fruit.



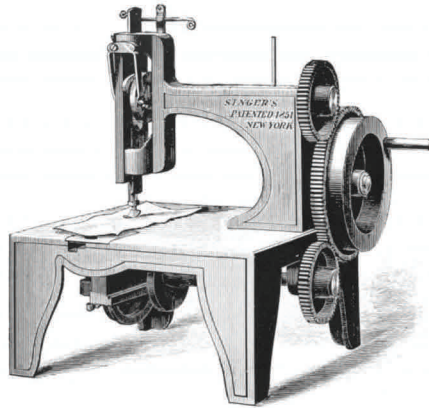
### Ingredients:

- \*6 pecan shortbread cookies (such as Keebler Sandies), finely crushed
- \*2 tablespoons butter, melted
- \*2 tablespoons plus ½ cup sugar
- \*12 oz fresh strawberries
- \*1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
- \*2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (I used the Real Lemon juice and it worked fine)
- \*½ cup heavy cream, whipped

You mix a crust with the cookies, butter and 2 tablespoons sugar. Press into ½ pint jars, the wide mouth jars work best. Chop the fruit, saving some for topping. Beat together the cream cheese, lemon juice and the ½ cup sugar until smooth. Fold in the cream and fruit and place in the jars. Top with fruit. Chill at least 2 hours and up to 3 days.

**Question: Which invention was patented by Isaac Singer in 1851?**

**Answer:** Isaac Merritt Singer is famous for his invention of the Singer sewing machine. Singer was an inventor who developed and brought into general use the first practical domestic sewing machine. In 1863, he partnered with Edward Clark and formed the Singer Manufacturing Company. Singer also pioneered the use of installment credit plans. For a down payment of just \$5.00, a purchaser could take the machine home and start sewing on it the same day. The Singer sewing machine became the first home appliance.



The Singer sewing machine was so revolutionary that even Mahatma Gandhi, who eschewed all other machines, made an exception for it. After learning to sew on a Singer in a British jail, Gandhi called it “one of the few useful things ever invented.”

Many outside the prison population agreed. The Singer Company became one of America's first multinational corporations, and a staggeringly successful one at that. At a time when the average American income totaled \$500, Singer sewing machines were selling for \$125 — and they were *selling*. As TIME noted, by the time Isaac Singer died in 1875, his company was turning a profit of \$22 million a year.

**Singer didn't invent the first sewing machine**, but the one he patented on this day, Aug. 12, in 1851, was the most practical — and the most commercially viable. Its success was a testament to Singer's industrious spirit: he'd worked variously as an actor, a ditch digger and a cabinetmaker before striking it rich in the sewing field.

Fans of the new machine hailed from all walks of life. Among the most notable:

The publisher of America's first fashion magazine, *Lady's Book*, who gushed: “Next to the plough, [the sewing machine] is perhaps humanity's most blessed instrument.” (After it became a fixture among dressmakers, women's fashions changed dramatically, per TIME — “bedecked with ribbons and yards of machine-made frills.”)

The Wright brothers, who made the covering for their first airplane wing on a Singer sewing machine.

Admiral Richard Byrd, the polar explorer, who brought six of the machines along on his Antarctic expeditions.

Russia's Czar Alexander III, who put his soldiers to work on Singer sewing machines to make 250,000 tents for the Imperial Army.

Singer himself cared less about the usefulness of the device than about the wealth it brought him, however. “I don't care a damn for the invention. The dimes are what I'm after,” he once said, according to TIME. He was perhaps more fond of his other creation: the first payment plan, which allowed his customers to pay in installments for a machine too expensive for most to afford as a lump sum.

It was in keeping with Singer's business ideals, then, that the company, which had diversified heavily in the 1960s and 1970s, ditched sewing machines altogether in the mid-1980s — in the face of increased competition from Asian manufacturers and a steep decline in home sewing — to focus on its more profitable aerospace division. (It spun off its sewing operations to a separate firm, which continues to manufacture under the Singer name.)

So while Singer's invention may have impressed Gandhi, his life philosophy likely did not. Singer amassed a personal fortune of about \$13 million; some of it, per TIME, “supported the 24 children that Singer fathered by two wives and at least three mistresses. He died in England at the age of 64, while constructing a half-a-million-dollar mansion that he referred to facetiously as his ‘wigwam.’”

I just want to get in my car and drive until I find what I'm looking for. Maybe it's PURPOSE, maybe it's a NEW START. Or maybe it's just a FABRIC STORE with a 50% off coupon.

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THE IMMUNE SYSTEM  
FOR 4 TO 5 HOURS.  
ONE MINUTE OF LAUGHING  
BOOSTS YOUR IMMUNE  
SYSTEM FOR 24 HOURS.**



Heat makes things expand, so, I don't have a weight problem, I am just HOT !

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