



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

April 2010

**This Month
at a Glance**

Spring is here at last ! I love the weather and the grass and the blooms, but it all sure makes me sneeze a lot. Rhubarb is doing great, hostas are up, and there are buds on the lilac bushes. Even the new Redbud tree we planted last year has tiny little buds.

- ☀ **This month our guests will be the ladies from Gems of Hope. We will be making cards for them. See Page 3 for more information on their project. You won't need to bring any supplies, unless you want to bring your own scissors for paper, or any special paper cutter you might have.**
- ☀ **Our bingo and potluck last month was a big success. I promised I would put my sauer kraut dish recipe in the newsletter this month, so see Page 4 for that.**
- ☀ **Our charity for this month will again be collecting money for a group that is taking things to Walter Reed Army Hospital in May. Last month we collected \$77 toward this project.**
- ☀ **The Fennimore Sewing Expo is reborn at UW Platteville. See Page 2 for details.**
- ☀ **Baby Burp Cloths — Last month Mary McCusker had some baby items for Show & Tell. She said she would share her pattern with us, so we will have some copies of that at the meeting.**
- ☀ ***For bad winter weather, not that I foresee any more snowstorms, remember our policy is that if schools are closed, we will cancel our meeting that day.***

Next Meeting: Wed April 21 at 4:30 Main Plant
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SEWING EXPO

Due to all the changes that were made at the Fennimore Sewing Expo, many did not attend and they decided to not hold the event anymore. Many of us were among those that thought they made the price out of reach for many and didn't have a lot of good class choices.

Now the former director of the Expo, along with the founder, have gone to UW Platteville to see if they would like to host the event, and they said YES!

So it's still the first weekend in June, but they have gotten the price down to \$55 for the entire Saturday of classes. Friday prices are additional if you go that day too. They really made an effort to get more local area teachers. Many are from Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. There are a few from out of state. If you did not get a booklet in the mail, you can go to this site and print it or even sign up online.

http://www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/sewing_expo/index.html

If you need any help with this, please let me know. We have four people interested in going. If we don't have enough people with the Sewing Guild to take a bus, we will just take a few vans. It's also a shorter trip for us than it was to Fennimore.

Their "star presenter" this year is Marianne Fons of Fons & Porter.

I will bring a copy of the booklet to the meeting.



Happy Birthday!

April

8th—Donna Gelski

13th—Esther Miceli

23rd—Marj Pepin

23rd—Dorothy O'Malley

29th—Robyn Ireland

May

1st—Shari Burns

7th—Patricia Meyer

22nd—Mary Zoll

What is Gems of Hope Inc.?

Gems of Hope Inc. is a nonprofit organization that offers gifts of jewelry mounted on inspirational cards to cancer patients. The patients are invited, along with family and friends, to attend workshops to create these works of art for others.

Their Vision

Gems of Hope provides unique opportunities for patients to connect with others. Exposure to inspirational quotes and access to a resource library become the true gems that patients can carry through their treatment and beyond.



Gems of Hope, Inc. was inspired by Tory, a 9-year-old living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. While her mother was in treatment for cancer, Tory wrote daily notes of encouragement, leaving them where her mother would see them. The pair also attended art therapy classes together.

Tory's mother recognized that the love behind the notes and the opportunity to create art, as well as the information she found in her reading, were valuable components in her recovery. She joined two friends also affected by cancer in founding a non-profit organization that would extend these components to others. Gems of Hope, Inc. promotes what medical research now supports: developing one's spirituality can encourage feelings of optimism and hope and, thus, healing.

Gems of Hope, Inc. was founded in July of 2005 to share hope with others.

If somebody calls you "crafty", take it as a compliment !

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Here's that sauer kraut recipe I promised you at last month's potluck:

SAUER KRAUT CASSEROLE

- 1 1/2 # browned ground beef
- 2 TBSP dry onion
- Pepper to taste
- 1 large can sauerkraut (about 27 oz)
- 1 TBSP brown sugar
- 1 cup minute rice
- 1 can golden mushroom soup

Mix well and bake for 1 hour
on low heat or 3 hours in crock pot.

This is also excellent with leftover bratwurst
cut up and added to the mixture.

Next month . . . A rhubarb recipe !

