



# Rockwell Collins Craft Club

## April 2012

Lilacs in April, crazy crazy crazy! It would seem everything is about 5 or 6 weeks ahead of schedule this spring. This is the first time in my life I can ever remember mowing the lawn in March. And now we have dandelions blooming already. I got some crafty candy things done for Easter and am now working on helping some friends do projects for high school graduation parties. Also working on things for the craft show this fall.

☀ This month's craft project is Survival Bracelets, taught to us by one of our newer members, Casey Holland. This is basically a macramé type knot using 500 pound test parachute cord. It is closed with a plastic buckle. If you ever find yourself in need of a strong rope, just unravel your bracelet, and you're good to go. There are many color options, so if you haven't selected yours yet, please call me if you have a specific color wish, otherwise Casey will have some basic colors ready to go for you.

☀ Bingo & Potluck went well. Nobody went away hungry, as usual. We have too many good cooks for that to happen. My personal favorite was the chocolate banana cake that Darlene Edgington made. She was kind enough to share the recipe, so you will find that on page 3.

☀ Remember — Don't park in the Credit Union spots when you come for our meeting. Remember—listen to the winter weather school closings. If there is no school, then we cancel our meeting.

☀ Our charity project for last month was Catherine McAuley Center. They told Arlys their greatest need right now was paper products, so that is what she spent our \$50 on.

☀ Our charity this month is the Humane Society. They are always in need of leashes, collars, old towels, blankets, food, and litter. They can also use cash donations.

### This Month at a Glance

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday**  
**April 18**  
**at 4:30 Main Plant Cafeteria**

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From Darlene Edgington

## CHOCOLATE BANANA CAKE



2 C sugar  
1 C shortening  
2 ½ C flour  
2 eggs  
2 tsp baking soda  
½ tsp salt  
¼ C cocoa  
½ C sour milk  
1 C boiling water  
2 mashed bananas  
½ C chopped nuts

I added some small chocolate chips also.

Sift flour, soda, salt and cocoa together.

Cream shortening and sugar.

Add eggs and beat well.

Add milk, then add water and flour mixture alternately.

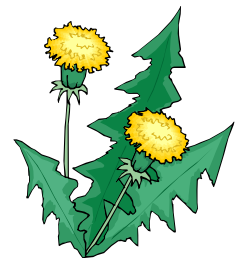
Mix well. Add mashed bananas and nuts, and chips if you want.

Beat all together and pour into loaf or layer pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes [loaf] or 35 minutes [layer].

Top with cream cheese frosting after cake has cooled.

This recipe came from the cookbook of the First United Methodist Church in DeKalb, Illinois.





resize as needed  
cut or transfer and trace  
around outside edge of the silhouette

## Stenciled Animal Mugs

This idea from Country Living Magazine

Look no further than the nearest pasture for inspiration to dress up plain dishware. To duplicate these mugs, print and cut out the animal shapes. Use these templates for [Cow](#), [Sheep](#), and [Pig](#) shapes. Place each shape atop a small piece of contact paper and outline it in pencil. Cut out with a craft knife; then discard the paper inside the outline. Peel away the backing and affix the stencil to a clean, dry mug, making sure to center the image. Following the package directions, use a soft brush to fill in the outline with dishwasher-safe PermEnamel paint (*\$3.49 for two ounces, [joann.com](http://joann.com)*); let set for a few minutes. Carefully remove the contact paper, clean up any edges with a damp cotton swab, and allow the paint to cure for 10 days.



Satisfaction is seeing your children have teenagers of their own.

- **Using Paracord As Survival Tools** – There are many uses for paracord as survival tools. Below are some of the most common ones.  
Dental hygiene – floss your teeth with the inner fibers. You may have forgotten your toothbrush, lost it, or broke it.
- Fire starter – when combined with the flint from a disassembled cigarette lighter.
- Shoe string replacement if your shoe string breaks and you don't have a spare (and who carries extra shoe strings?).
- Bow and arrow bow string
- Bow and arrow points – use the inner strings to attach arrow heads to the arrows
- Knife handle wrap – by wrapping your knife handle with paracord you may get a stronger and more comfortable grip which will allow you to use the knife more effectively.
- Fishing line – use the inner cords. There are 7 cords made up of 2 ply threads, so you really have 14 lines.
- Repair torn clothing using a needle with the inner cords as your thread
- Tow rope – with 550 cord you can support up to 550 pounds. Double it and you can support 1100 pounds, and so on...
- Build a tent or shelter by stringing paracord across two trees then use a poncho or tarp over the line and tie down at corners.



Happy Birthday!	
<b>April</b>	
8th—	Donna Gelski
13th—	Esther Miceli
23rd—	Dorothy O'Malley
23rd—	Marj Pepin
<b>May</b>	
1st —	Shari Burns
7th —	Pat Meyer
22nd —	Mary Zoll

An understanding friend is better than a therapist; And cheaper too!

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