



Rockwell Collins Craft Club Newsletter April 2014

I do believe Spring is actually here ! Last year at this time we had already started mowing and picking lilacs, but that was a VERY unusual year. I picked pussy willows this week, and that's always a sure sign of spring for me. It took us years to get a new bush big enough where the rabbits didn't chew it off every winter. I hope you are all getting outside to enjoy the nice temperatures.

- ☀ As usual, all of our wonderful cooks brought delicious items to our potluck last month. I put the recipe for those Caramel Apple Oatmeal Cookies in this newsletter if you want to give them a try. We sure had a lot of Bingo prizes, thanks to many of you who brought things to add to what the club bought.
- ☀ This month's craft will be making little Easter Bunnies out of marshmallows. Bring a sewing scissors and needle and thread.
- ☀ Last month our member Vi Brislawn turned 95 and this month Esther Miceli turns 80. Esther's children are having a Birthday Open House for her this coming Sunday, April 13th, right on her birthday. Stop in to see Esther at her house anytime from 1-6 on Sunday. 3620 Center Point Rd. N.E.
- ☀ Michelle Bell, a member of our club, has opened a new shop in Czech Village. She is partners with two other people in this venture, and it is called Rustic Treasures. They are looking for more consigners, so if you have some items you think might fit what they are looking for, talk to Michelle or Mike. The phone number at the shop is 319-200-7878.

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Happy Birthday!
April
8th — Donna Gelski
13th — Esther Miceli
16th — Mary Lagerquist
23rd — Marj Pepin
May
1st — Shari Burns
22nd — Mary Zoll



Here are some different craft project ideas that I have found that I thought you might find interesting.

Design Your Very Own Folgers Canister

The **Folgers AromaSeal** Canister is more than just a great way to keep your favorite Folgers coffee fresh. With the new Can Decorator, you can customize your classic Red Can and turn it into the perfect gift for friends and family. Or, keep your decorative creation for yourself and add an extra bit of beauty to your kitchen—no matter the season. Check out the Folgers website for project pictures/labels.



Textured wallpaper for a picture frame

Ironing Board Snowman





Caramel Apple Oatmeal Cookies

I made these for our potluck last month and have had several requests for the recipe, so here it is.

Basically, I started with the Vanishing Oatmeal Cookie recipe on the lid of the Quaker Oatmeal. I added an extra $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of flour and replaced the raisins with apple and caramel bits. The $1\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour shown below is the increased amount. Regular oatmeal cookies call for an ungreased pan, but I found greasing it was necessary or the caramel bits will stick to the pan.

INGREDIENTS:

- ◆ 1/2 Cup(s) (1 stick) plus 6 tablespoons butter, softened
- ◆ 3/4 Cup(s) firmly packed brown sugar
- ◆ 1/2 Cup(s) granulated sugar
- ◆ 2 Eggs
- ◆ 1 Teaspoon(s) vanilla
- ◆ 1-3/4 Cup(s) all-purpose flour
- ◆ 1 Teaspoon(s) Baking Soda
- ◆ 1 Teaspoon(s) ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1/2 Teaspoon(s) salt (optional)
- ◆ 3 Cup(s) Quaker® Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- ◆ 1 Apple (any variety) cut into small pieces with apple skin left on
- ◆ 1 Cup Kraft Caramel Bits

PREPARATION:

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat butter and sugars on medium speed of electric mixer until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Add oats, caramel bits, and diced apple; mix well by hand. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake approximately 10-12 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool for a few minutes on cookie sheets; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered.

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

There have been LOTS of chalkboard things on the internet and Pinterest lately. Here are just a few:



Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.

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