

Rockwell Collins Craft Club

February 2012



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. The new year is zipping by, and not much snow in sight. I have some new coworkers who have never experienced winter as we know it. They are beginning to think we exaggerated horribly in describing what it would

be like. I bought myself some snow shoes a few weeks ago, and have only gotten to use them once. I better be careful, don't want to sound like I'm complaining about a lack of snow. I have been using the cold weather to spend lots of time crafting on the weekends though. My latest project involves 3-dimensional wallpaper, cans, paint, and sandpaper. . . More on this another day.

- ☀ 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 Riders Club of America. We collected \$35.50 for them.
- ☀ Our charity this month is Green Square Meals. This will be a cash donation.
- ☀ Our project for this month is Gems of Hope. In addition to the cards and earrings we have helped them make, they now have a bookmark too, so we may be making some of those. Several ladies from Gems of Hope will be here to show us what to do. It's always a fun time and is a great cause. The items we make all have positive hopeful sayings on them and are given to cancer patients.
- ☀ Last month we made Valentines for the VA Hospital and nursing homes. Our total was 142. I delivered the ones for the VA to KHAK radio station, as they are making a delivery this week. The remainders will go to nursing homes here in Cedar Rapids. Many thanks to Rowena for making some things with the Cricut for this project. We are also researching another Cricut project for the future.
- ☀ March meeting will be Bingo and Potluck.

This Month at a Glance

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February 15
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Cafeteria

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☀ DOOR PRIZE — What will it be this month? You can't win if you're not there.

This month's contribution from the pinterest.com website:

How to Make Your Own Chalkboard Paint

1 Cup of latex house paint or acrylic craft paint

1 TBSP of non-sanded tile grout

Mix together until there are no lumps.

Yes. That's it !

I looked up the grout online and you can't buy it in small amounts, so unless you plan on doing a lot of this, you'll be buying a big container of grout in order to use a couple tablespoons.

If anybody has a good craft idea for this, please let us know. That way the club can buy the grout !

Here's a cute idea Dee Roman found for making little powdered sugar donuts into snowmen. All you need is a bag of candy corn, a package of mini powdered sugar donuts, and a tube of black writing icing. Just place a candy corn in the center of the donut for the nose, and draw a smiling face and eyes. That Easy and soooooo cute.



Here's a fun recipe to make for Valentine's Day.

Pink Lemonade Pound Cake

1 (18.25 ounce) package lemon cake mix
1 (3 ounce) package instant lemon pudding mix
4 eggs
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup pink lemonade concentrate
4 drops pink or red food color, optional

Glaze:

1 cup frozen pink lemonade concentrate, thawed
1/2 cup white sugar

Recipe

1) Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour one 10-inch tube pan or bundt pan.

2) Combine the cake mix, lemon pudding mix, eggs, vegetable oil, 1/2 cup lemonade concentrate and the milk. Mix until smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

3) Bake at 350 for 50 minutes to 1 hour. If your oven runs hot be sure to adjust accordingly!

Remove from oven and prick cake all over with a fork. Immediately pour lemonade glaze over top of cake.

Let cake stand in pan until almost cool.

LEMONADE GLAZE:

Combine the remaining thawed frozen lemonade and the white sugar. Mix thoroughly and pour over still warm cake.

Quilters aren't greedy, they're just materialistic.

Car Keys

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or purse. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My husband, David, has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen.

As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "**Honey**," I stammered. I always call him "**honey**" in times like these. "**I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen.**"

There was a period of silence.

I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard David's voice.

"**Betty**," he barked, "**I dropped you off!**"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "**Well, come and get me.**"

David retorted, "**I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!**"

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

Happy Birthday!

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11th — Sue Pauba

20th — Casey Holland

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8th — Vi Brislawn

22nd — Rowena Aburto

28th — Donna Hepker

209th — Pam Hoffman

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