



Rockwell Collins Craft Club

January 2012

We finally got some snow! I knew it had to arrive eventually, but I think we all thought it would be earlier than this. I got my boots out, but need to find my long underwear. I have been spending LOTS of time on a website somebody told me about this week. It's called pinterest.com and it is filled with so much good information that you can get hooked for hours on end. I have already found several good things to share with you, which you will find later in this newsletter. We have a couple of new members in our club. Welcome to Casey Holland and to Sue Pouba.

- ☀ **WARNING!!!!** 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 Aid to Women. We collected \$65 and some miscellaneous items for them.
- ☀ Our charity this month is the Riders Club of America. They give rides to doctors appointments for those that need it. Some drivers donate their own money for gas, but some need to get reimbursed. They accept cash and gas station gift cards.
- ☀ At our board meeting this month we decided our cabinets really needed an overhaul. So last night Patti Little, Rowena Aburto, Esther Miceli, and Dee Roman spent a couple hours cleaning and organizing. MANY THANKS to them for all their hard work. It was very much needed. We even got a labeler so we can find what we're looking for! We also discussed making more book bags for HACAP (we did this once before). Also, we thought it would be nice to have some separate get-together times for other sewing projects, like quilts, etc.
- ☀ **DOOR PRIZE** — What will it be this month? You can't win if you're not there.

This Month at a Glance

Next Meeting:
Wednesday
January 18
at 4:30 Main Plant
Cafeteria

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☀ Our project for this month is making Valentines for the VA Hospital and nursing homes. We've rounded up all our supplies from last year, but would welcome anything you want to add. Maybe you have some appropriate rubber stamps, stickers, etc. at home in your stash? Rowena has taken time to figure out the Cricut machine this month, so she will be making some things for our Valentines with that that we can all use.

☀ Since we have not had good weather very often for our January meeting dates, we have set up two extra Valentine making sessions just in case. So if we cancel our meeting due to weather, we have Monday, January 23rd and Monday, January 30th, 4:30—6:30 set up for alternate dates to get those Valentines made.

Oreo Puddin' Poke Cake

Ingredients:

1 Box Chocolate Cake Mix
Ingredients needed to make cake (usually eggs, oil and water)
2 (4 oz.) packages of *Instant* Oreo pudding
4 cups milk (2% or higher)
Crushed Oreo Cookies (optional)

Directions

Make cake mix according to directions and bake in a well-greased 9x13 pan (I use the nonstick spray that has flour in it).

Just before cake is done, start making pudding. In a medium bowl, begin to add milk to pudding mix and continue to whisk until most of the lumps are removed. Let pudding mixture sit for about 2 minutes. You want it to thicken slightly so it isn't runny but not fully thickened into pudding.

When cake is finished, while still warm, poke holes all over cake (about 1-inch intervals using a wooden spoon handle or a straw. Pour pudding mixture over warm cake.

Allow the cake to cool for several minutes on the counter then put into the fridge to set up. About an hour.

Once it is set, top with crushed Oreo cookies

Cook's Note: This is great with so many different combinations; yellow or white cake mix with chocolate pudding is another good one.



Here's a crafting retreat you might be interested in:

Spring 2012 Retreat and Shoebox Swap Registration Form

12pm Friday, March 9th- 12pm Sunday, March 11th
(New this year) *Optional: 4pm Thursday night, March 8th
Carrie and I are very excited to add this option!!**

Location: Pictured Rocks Camp and Retreat Center 12004 190th St, Monticello, IA

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone: _____

- ____ **Early Registration: \$100 due no later than January 9th (Save \$10)**
- ____ **After January 9th: \$110 due no later than February 9th**
- ____ **Optional: Thursday Night \$30**
- ____ **Shoebox Swap on Saturday (Free; see below for details)**
- ____ **Secret Sister (\$20 min. commitment; more details to follow)**

Registration includes a bed for Friday and Saturday nights (opt Thurs), 6 ft table for work space.
Meals provided--Supper: Thurs, Fri, and Sat.

In order to save everyone a little on registration we have decided to have you help with a few meals. Please bring food to share for Breakfast/Lunch/Shacks. We will have a full size refrigerator and use of microwave. Crockpots are also great!

If you have an idea of what you would like to bring, please let us know so we are sure to have a variety. _____

Water and other drinks will be provided.

Drink preference: _____
____ Dietary Needs _____
____ Other Special Needs _____

You are responsible for providing your bedding.
You will need to bring your own towels/shampoo/toothbrush/etc.

**Smoking in designated areas only.

**No alcohol on premises.

Email questions to cwessley@live.com Thanks Crystal

Send Registration to:

Crystal Wessley, 5303 Alburnett Road, Marion, IA 52302 OR
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***No Refunds ~ No Exceptions ***

Shoebox Swap Details

Saturday, March 10th — Begins at 9am

Card Swap Details

- This is a full card swap.
- Cards should be a minimum of 2 layers of card stock and must include an embellishment
- You will need to supply all materials necessary for your card - this includes card stock (cut to your cards size), stamps, inks, embellishments, etc....
- Please use good quality materials and make sure papers are cut nicely.
- Put all the pieces necessary for the card into individual plastic baggies for each participant.
- **Cards should be able to be completed in 10-15 minutes.** If your card has many steps and requires more time, you may want to pre-stamp or preassemble some items for the other stampers to ensure everyone can finish all cards before the end of the day.
- If your card requires special instructions, please include those in each baggie.
- Include a few extra cardstock pieces/embellishments in case of mistakes.
- Bring a basic supply kit. This should include scissors, bone folder, adhesive, pop dots, paper cutter and anything else necessary to make your projects easy for you. Also bring something to carry your finished cards in.
- You need to bring enough supplies for each person attending. Final count will be posted February 20th
- Stamping will begin at 9am

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

Pinterest.com has taught me many things this week. The most important is that it can use up A LOT of your time :) The Oreo Cake recipe on page 2 was found there. Another interesting tid-bit was a method on transferring your design from paper to the object you want to paint or draw on. Here's what it said:

Print your design or words on paper, then on the **BACK** side of the paper, rub the lead of your pencil all over the area, using the side of the pencil lead to fill it all in solid. Then lay your design over the wood you want to transfer it to. On the front of your print, trace around the edges of your design and the graphite from the pencil on the backing will transfer to your destination object.

Give it a try.

Happy Birthday!

January

10th — Crystal Wessley

11th—Linda Black

14th—Nancy Lacy

February

11th — Sue Pouba

20th — Casey Holland

Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

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