

Rockwell Collins CRAFT CLUB May 2004

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Next Meeting -- May 19 – 4:30 p.m., Main Plant Cafeteria

We will be making a bumble bee from a small clay pot. If you have a small FLAT paint brush (approx ¼ inch wide), please bring it for painting the stripes on the pot.

Remember to bring any Show & Tell items you have.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: Last month we collected \$45 for the Girls and Boys club on Ellis Blvd. We also collected some outdoor play items, which were all delivered to them.

This month we will be taking donations for May Baskets for the Homeless. This is a program for the two Waypoint shelters, the Domestic Violence Shelter, and the Madge Phillips Center. Here is a list of possible donation items:

Needs List For Waypoint Shelters

Domestic Violence Shelter and Madge Phillips Center for homeless

TOILETRIES

Deodorant
Hair Products
Lotion
Cosmetics
Cold Medications
Pain Reliever
Band-Aids
Cotton Balls
Q-Tips
Disposable Razors
Personal Hygiene Products
Nail Products
Minority Hair Products

CLEANERS

Cleaning Products
Dishwasher Detergent
Liquid Dish Soap
Laundry Products
Rubber Gloves
Scouring Pads/Sponges
Bleach
Disinfectant Sprays

FOOD ITEMS

Canned Foods
Boxed Pastas
Coffee
Sugar and Flour
Juices
Lemonade/Kool-Aid
Peanut Butter
Butter
Cereal

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Paper Products
Garbage Bags
New Bed Pillows
Alarm Clocks
Hair Dryers
Light Bulbs
Linens

ADULT ITEMS

Packaged socks, underwear and hose
Sleepwear

CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Disposable Diapers
Baby Care Products
Cold Medicine
Pain Reliever
Packaged Socks and Underwear
Sleepwear
School Supplies

MISCELLANEOUS

Envelopes and Stamps
Polaroid Sun 600 Film
Adult School Supplies
Stationary
Batteries (9Volt/AA)
Phone Cards
Bus Passes

Remember to keep saving your empty prescription bottles with labels removed for the Free Clinic.

Thank you!

Gloria Waltke and Zona Davison
Community Service Projects 2003-2004

REPORTS: Please remember that minutes and the treasurer's reports are available upon request.

UPCOMING EVENT: We will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rockwell Craft Club at our June 16th meeting. Please bring any old pictures you might have and invite former members to come and celebrate with us.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: It is good to see the return of the "snowbirds", and along with them – good weather. The miracle of spring is everywhere. Unfortunately, this includes box elder bugs and other assorted winged intrusions. However, the insect which is this month's craft should make everyone smile. Remember to circle June 16 for the 20th year celebration party. A fun meeting is planned. If you still have crafts from past years, please bring them to the June meeting.

Norma Mikkola

TRIPS: ESTHER MICELI 393-7200 OR THELMA GOETTSCH 396-2700

Fennimore, Wisconsin – Sewing Exposition – Saturday, June 5

The bus will be \$25 per person and class tuition is about \$30. Call Esther if you need a class schedule.

SPEAKERS: If you have any ideas for future speakers, please let one of the board members know.

Upcoming Classes (all classes at Main Plant cafeteria start at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted):

May 18 – Tuesday - Year Long Quilt 4 sessions -- \$15 each session

You will complete 1/3 of the quilt at each of the first 3 classes, then you will put it all together at the fourth class.

May 19 – Wednesday – USA – Wood \$12

If you miss any of these classes, you can schedule them at the shop or call for a kit.

The Wooden Spool's phone number is 286-8773. Their website is www.woodenspool.com.

MISCELLANEOUS:

ZIPPER: Vicki Lydon is looking for zippers for a craft project she's working on – old or new and all colors.

SLIPPER PATTERN: Dee Roman is looking for a knit slipper pattern. The one she remembers had the two slippers joined together while knitting.

MITTENS: Any hats or mittens you have finished please bring to any of the meetings. These may be turned in to any officer.

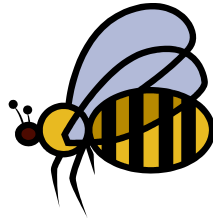
SEWING MACHINES: The club is missing one of its sewing machines. If you have one at home, please let one of the board members know.

BIRTHDAYS:

Shari Burns	05/01
Julie Segal	05/05
Betty Johnston	05/15
Marilyn Fett	05/21
Mary Zoll	05/22
Mary Eckard	06/02

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Bee Facts:

“According to the theory of aerodynamics, as may be readily demonstrated through wind tunnel experiments, the bumblebee is unable to fly. This is because the size, weight, and shape of his body in relation to the total wing-spread makes flying impossible. The bumblebee, being ignorant of these scientific truths, goes ahead and flies anyway and makes a little honey each day.” Anonymous

INTERESTING FACTS: Bumble bees are common and inconspicuous insects; yet most people have never seen the fascinating bustle of activity in the nest of the bumble bee. Inside the nest, a colony of these social insects may number 200 or more. Members engage in most of the activities of a human society-gathering food, caring for offspring, constructing a home, defending it, and regulating the environment inside it. Bumble bees have very few natural enemies, skunks being one of the few animals that find bumble bees tasty, sting and all

How fast can a bumblebee fly?

Well it depends what it is doing. Very slowly when the queen is looking for a nest site, and also when flying low over flowers. However when a worker emerges from the nest to fly to a known foraging site she can fly much faster than I could run when I was reasonably fit. Some foraging bumblebees have been recorded flying at 16 km per hour.

Feeling threatened

So how do you know if you are upsetting a bumblebee? Well it's quite simple really. If the bee is on a flower or other surface and is feeling threatened it will raise one of its middle legs. This is a sign that you are too close and should back off a bit. In cold weather the bee may even fall to the ground to avoid you, as it hasn't built up enough heat to fly off. It is said that bumblebees don't like human breath, so if you want to observe one closely then don't breathe on it.



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