



# Rockwell Collins Craft Club

## January 2011

Well, another Christmas has passed. I eventually got my tree up, but with minimal decorations, as I didn't know if our new dog would try to eat them. But she was good, so next year we will use all the ornaments again. Our family decided to buy a cow from Heifer International this year, instead of exchanging names with brothers, sisters, in-laws. We haven't heard where the cow will end up, but I'm looking forward to hearing more about it. I am trying to embrace the winter weather and even bought a new pair of Cuddle Duds long underwear to keep warm on my walks. I have been sewing lots of Christmas gift bags out of fabric and Christmas towels, to try to avoid all the wrapping paper. I'm also trying to avoid buying more things at the after Christmas sales that I don't really need. Our lives seem to be filled with so much STUFF! And here's the biggest Christmas miracle of all . . . I actually sewed a piece of clothing and finished it! I will make sure and bring it for the meeting for Show & Tell.

- ☀ **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 the Crossroads Mission. We collected \$75 for them.
- ☀ Our charity this month is the Free Clinic. We would like to give them money, as they say that for every dollar we give them, they can get \$15 worth of needed items.
- ☀ At our board meeting this month we also voted to give some money from the club towards postage fees for a group that is sending things to the soldiers in Afghanistan. The soldiers have found that the Afghan people they deal with do not have warm winter clothing, so they are asking for things like sweatshirts (hooded or regular), long underwear, lined windbreaker jackets, etc. to share with these people. They do NOT want big winter coats, as those are too bulky. They mostly need sizes S, M and L. No XL or XXL. So if you have any slightly used items that you would like to add to this donation, please bring them to the meeting.

### This Month at a Glance

**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday**  
**January 19**  
**at 4:30 Main Plant**  
**Cafeteria**

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- ☀ DOOR PRIZE — What will it be this month? Suzy Baxa and Mary Zoll each won a poinsettia plant at our last meeting. Who will be this month's prize winner?
- ☀ I think our covered composition book project turned out beautifully. There were really some nice color/pattern combinations.
- ☀ 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?
- ☀ 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 24th and Monday, February 7th, 4:30—6:30 set up for alternate dates to get those Valentines made.
- ☀ Our project for April will require an empty pop-top food can. Next time you have a can of soup, or something similar with a pop-top lid, please open it from the BOTTOM with a CAN OPENER. Please make sure to leave the bottom attached a bit when you use the can opener. Take out the food and wash out the can, leaving that open bottom attached. This works best if you have the kind of can opener that leaves a smooth edge, so chat with your friends about this one.
- ☀ The Gazette published an article about Joyce Smith's mother-in-law (also named Joyce) on Friday, January 7th. She lives with Joyce and Gary and just turned 95 years old. So if you've still got that paper, you might want to check it out.
- ☀ Did anyone have time to make that poinsettia ornament? If someone could bring a finished one to the meeting, that would be great.
- ☀ Condolences go out to our club member Darlene Ozburn, whose husband passed away December 16th. Marv and Darlene were married for 48 years.

## Top Ten Benefits of Cold Weather

1. Dog poop doesn't stick to your shoes.
2. There's no need to lock the back door because it's frozen shut.
3. The dogs don't get on the sheets with muddy paws.
4. There's no need to worry about driving the car because it probably won't start.
5. You don't have to bathe the kids because the water pipes are frozen.
6. The house will get warm without electricity because it caught fire when you tried to thaw out the pipes.
7. If it gets below zero, you can entertain yourself by throwing water in the air and watching it freeze before it hits the ground.
8. Your nose doesn't run when you go outside. (Warning: It runs like a faucet when you come inside).
9. You get to buy new furniture because you use the old stuff for fuel in the wood stove when you run out of wood.
10. You can walk on water.

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*Can anybody relate to this picture?*



**Crafting Tornado**

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Here's a recipe my sister made for Christmas. It was very delicious.

### CASHEW BRITTLE

½ C Butter  
½ C Sugar  
1 C Cashews  
1 Tbsp Light Corn Syrup

Set out a large cookie sheet.  
Boil 5-6 minutes, until it reaches hard crack stage (300 degrees), stirring constantly.  
Immediately pour onto cookie sheet and spread to desired thickness.  
This recipe can be tripled.

### Happy Birthday!

#### January

11th—Linda Black

14th—Nancy Lacy

#### February

28th—Mary McCusker

I hope I'm not missing any birthdays, my program wouldn't search for me !

When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.

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