

Rockwell Collins Craft Club

July 2009

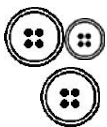
**This Month
at a Glance**



This is the time that marks the middle of our summer vacation... Some of are saying, "I still have so much to do while it's nice outside!" and others are lamenting that they haven't gotten enough done and "where has the time gone?!?" Me? I love the smell of school supplies hitting the store shelves and know that I'm getting even closer to football season! On the other hand, this *is* the only time of year that you can truly enjoy some things...like sparklers. Parades. Watermelon and sweet corn for dinner. And... I love Iowa when it's green.

Don't Forget that this month's craft project will pick up where we left off last month... **so remember to bring your button jars!**

We will have the materials you need...but you may want to be sure to pack a hand needle and some thread to sew your buttons on to your project.



Note— If anyone did a "button project" after our fabulous presentation, bring your show and tell!

Next Meeting:
Wed July 15 at 4:30
Main Plant Cafeteria

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Ratcatcher's Day



Ratcatcher's Day commemorates the Pied Piper of Hamelin, the most infamous of Ratcatchers.

One of the most well known German folklores is the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. The town of Hamelin, Germany was infested by rats. The mayor promised to handsomely pay the Pied Piper, if he rid the town of rats. The Pied Piper played his flute. Lured by the magical music, all of the rats left town, and followed him. He played his music all the way down to the river. He waded into the river. The rats followed him and drowned. The mayor refused to pay him. So, one night when the townspeople were asleep, the Pied Piper played his music again. This time, the children of the town followed him all the way into a cave. Some versions for the legend vary here. In one version, the Pied Piper kept them there until he was paid by the town for his services. In most versions, the children were never to be seen again.

How many Rats were lured to the River? Estimates are upwards of a million!

If you see a Ratcatcher today, wish them Happy *Ratcatcher's Day!*

Interesting Dates in July:
2nd - The Lawrence Welk show premiers on TV (1955)
4th - Ann Landers and "Dear Abby" are born (1918)
12th - The Etch-a-Sketch goes on sale (1960)
17th - The air conditioner was invented (1902)
22nd - Ratcatcher's Day??

It is TOO the humidity! It's hotter than two cats fighting in a wool sock!

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In the Spotlight...



Meet Christine Bohl!

What is your role in the world of Rockwell Collins?

I am a systems engineer. I worked on the Government side up until a year ago and am now on the Commercial side. I am working on developing the primary flight control computer for a regional jet.

What are some interesting things you'd like us to know?

I have 53 hours of flight test experience on the OC-135, KC-135, and C-130 platforms. I have flown a Canadian C-130.

What are your favorite crafting activities? Or, what would you like to learn?

I like to crochet, do counted cross stitch, and make greeting cards.

Our Nations's Veterans

In the interest of honoring July 4th, our National celebration of independence and freedom, this month's Community Service is dedicated to the **Iowa City VA Medical Center**.

Of the 25 million veterans currently alive, nearly three of every four served during a war or an official period of hostility. About a quarter of the nation's population -- approximately 70 million people -- are potentially eligible for VA benefits and services because they are veterans, family members or survivors of veterans.

Since 1952, the Iowa City VA Medical Center has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. We consider it our privilege to serve your health care needs in any way we can. Services are available to more than 184,000 veterans living in 56 counties in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.



Our Community Service

Serving those who served...

ITEMS THAT ARE APPRECIATED

Denture adhesive	Denture cleaner
Hairbrushes/combs	Aftershave
Disposable razors	Shaving cream
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Roll on deodorant	nail clippers
Reading glasses	Magnifying glasses
Crossword puzzles	Word find puzzles
Socks and Underclothes	Phone cards
Magazines	Coffee and Cookies

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer, call or visit the Iowa City VA Voluntary Service Office.

Gary Strank Volunteer Chief

(319)338-0581 ext6271.



VA Medical Center
601 Highway 6 West
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Toll Free

Iowa
1-866-687-7382

You Know You're Getting Older When...



- Dialing long distance wears you out.
- After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.
- Getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

Summer Birthdays

July

3rd—Darlene Edgington

30th—Judy Kennedy

August

3rd— Rita Urbanek

11th—Lynn Mitchell

17th-Zona Davison

24th-Jean Strait

26th-Dee Roman

It's hotter than a Billy goat in a pepper patch!

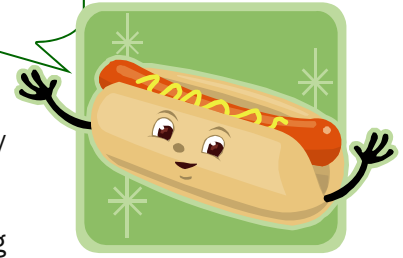
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July is "National Hot Dog Month!"

(Does Hallmark make a card for that?)

What's in a hot dog?

Don't ask, and we won't tell. Sometimes, its best if you don't know.



National Hot Dog Month celebrates one of America's favorite summer sandwiches. It is only fitting that this dog gets its day.

Its summertime! Hot dogs are center stage on the grill, and at picnics all across America. They are at the ballpark. They are sold from carts on street corners in every city. It's not hard to find them. We consume hundreds of millions of hot dogs on the Fourth of July alone. Enjoy *National Hot Dog Month* to the fullest. Have a couple of hot dogs for lunch or dinner. And, don't forget to cook a few on a stick at the evening campfire.

Did you know...

- * Weight Watchers includes hot dogs in its medically-approved diet regimen.
- * The average hot dog is consumed in 6.1 bites. (average sized mouth tested)
- * Babe Ruth once ate 12 hot dogs & 8 bottles of soda between games of a double header. He was reportedly rushed to the hospital after the game with a severe case of indigestion.

* Marlene Dietrich said that her favorite meal was hot dogs & champagne.

* Al Capone's favorite food was Nathan's Coney Island hot dogs, as was Cary Grant's.

* President Franklin D. Roosevelt served hot dogs to King George VI of England during his 1939 visit to the United States.



What's Out There?



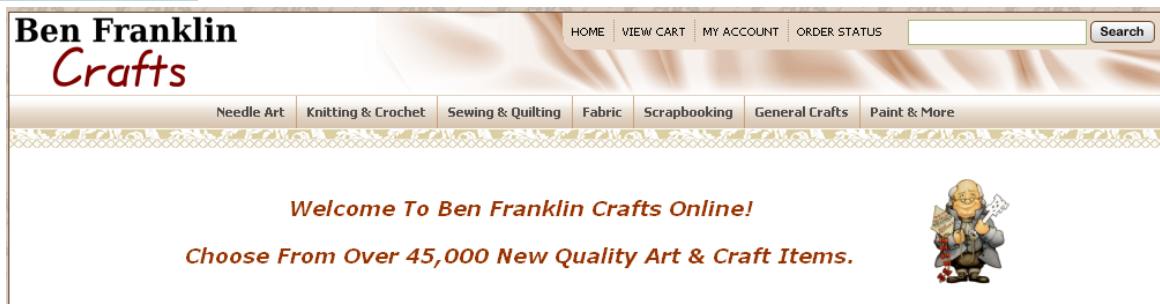
I have been a crafter ever since I can remember... If I were to ask my mother, she may be prompted to admit that I came into this world with a glue stick in one hand and yellow pipe cleaners in the other!

One of my fond memories of growing up is getting to go the "Dime Store". These were also known by many formal names (Woolworth's, Kresge's, etc) Ours was Ben Franklin. How long since you have visited one? Can you still find one?!? Why... YES!!

Ben Franklin has an online catalog where you can once again find all those crafty items that fuel your creativity! Take a look around their site for fun and hard to find supplies!



Ben Franklin.com



It's so hot the birds have to use potholders to pull worms out of the ground!

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Here's an idea!

- ? Looking for a reason to finally clear out some space in that craft closet?
 - ? Are your crochet patterns falling off the shelf to find some breathing room?
 - ? Still have fabric from 1972?
- How about having a club "swap meet"? Kind of like potluck, only craft supplies!
- I'll watch for some feedback on making this a possible activity for our August meeting... Let me know what you think! Riquie

REMEMBER TO BRING BUTTONS FOR OUR CRAFT PROJECT THIS MONTH!

To continue from last month!

LOOKING AHEAD →→→

Next month's charity action will be collecting school supplies for Operation Back Pack for homeless and near Homeless Children. These items will be shared with local schools where students have a need. Knowing in advance will help you take advantage of the great back-to-school sales and bargains! Some items to include:

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| Back pack | Crayons |
| washable markers | dry erase markers |
| Colored pencils | hi-lighters |
| Glue / glue sticks | erasers |
| Hand sanitizer | Kleenex |
| Baby wipes | Ziploc bags |

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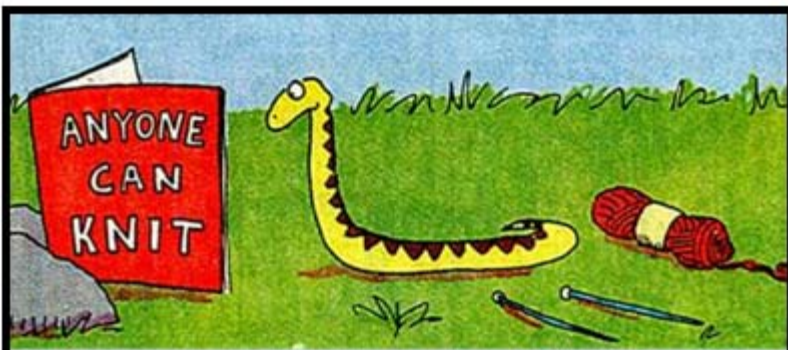
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LEONARD WAS HOPEFUL...

It was so hot today, I saw a dog chasing a cat... and they were both walking!