



# Rockwell Collins Craft Club

## May 2009

**This Month  
at a Glance**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wed May 20 4:30  
Main Plant Cafeteria**

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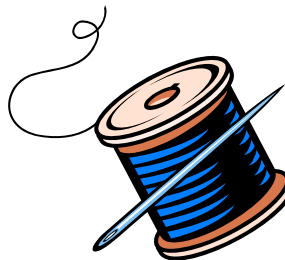
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*It's "National  
Hamburger Month"!*

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**M**ay flowers are supposed to be here now that April is done... but we just keep getting more showers! The good news is things are definitely "greening up"! We've celebrated May Day and Mother's Day and look forward to the unofficial start of the summer season—Memorial Day weekend! If you're planning a get together, check out the items for National Hamburger Month or try one of the great rhubarb recipes to share!

Our community service efforts this month will be for the Cedar Valley Humane Society. See page 3 for items on their Wish List that we could bless them with!

Because of the continuing shortages at area food banks, we will collect money, food, household and personal care items for local food banks again this month.

For our craft at this month's meeting, we will be making handy kitchen towels! These clever helpers include a kitchen towel, a potholder topper and a button fastener. Great for hanging on the oven door or fridge handle!

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

They are so easy, you'll probably be making more for quick gifts!

### **Interesting Dates in May:**

**1st** - Mr. Potato Head is introduced (1952)

**8th** - V-E Day, Germany signs unconditional surrender. (1945)

**12th** - Katharine Hepburn is born. (1907)

**15th** - National Chocolate Chip Day

**27th** - The pop-up toaster is patented. (1919)

### **Message From The President:**

Well... even though she is staying put for a bit, our world traveling President is still hard to pin down for some words of wisdom!

That means you'll just have to catch her at the meeting, where I'm sure she'll be more than willing to give us a little speech!



... Think outside the box, even if you work in a cube...

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## In the Spotlight...



**Meet Dee Roman!**

**What is your role in the world of Rockwell Collins?**

I work in the Advanced Manufacturing Department.

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

My name is really Dolores but I go by Dee. I have one sister, my husband Larry and I have been married 35 years. I have one son Doug and granddog Kato. I have a step-daughter Nina, her husband Greg and two grandchildren Alissa and Jacob.

I am a Red Hat Lady. When I turned 60 I was feeling a little down in the dumps. My sister Kay asked me what I wanted to do. We decided she would give me a party and we would just laugh and have lots of fun. We went with the theme of "When I Am Old I Will Wear Purple". Guest were encouraged to wear red and purple. We all had so much fun we decided to look into starting a Red Hat group. I have been our "Queen" for a little over 5 years. We meet once a month. There are 20 in my group and we get with a friend and take turns planning our events. We have been to lots of different places and done many things that I would not have done by my self. We are just a great group of friends a lot like our Craft Club group.

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## Show and Tell!

Hey Kids—What time is it!?! No, not Howdy Doody time or time for that goofy club for the talking mouse! It's time for SHOW and TELL!!

Being the incredibly busy creatures that we are, actually finding time to create and *finish* a project is worth bragging about! We're not here to publish a magazine or enter the crafting Olympics... we simply enjoy sharing the ideas and appreciating each others talents! So don't be shy, just bring it along! Even if it's not quite done OR if your stuck in the middle and need encouragement—this would be a great time to get like minded creative feedback!

Can't wait to see what everyone brings in to share!



### May Birthdays

1st - Shari Burns  
7th - Pat Meyer  
22nd - Mary Zoll

### *You Know You're Getting Older When...*

- You don't remember being absent minded.
- You finally got your head together, now your body is falling apart.
- Your new easy chair has more options than your car.



### June Birthdays

WHAT?!?  
No June Birthdays??

... A clean desk is the sign of a cluttered desk drawer...

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~\*~ Time for Rhubarb ~\*~

One of the first signs of warm weather... rhubarb! Here are a couple of recipes to try from the Shari Burns collection:

**Rhubarb Cake**

Mix together:

- 1 egg
  - 1 1/2 c sugar
  - 1/2 c vegetable oil
  - 1 c sour milk
  - 1 tsp. vanilla
- (add 1 tsp vinegar to regular milk)

Sift:

- 1 tsp. soda
- 2 c flour

Beat until smooth & add:

- 2 or 3 cups cut rhubarb

Pour into greased and floured pan (or PAM spray)(9 x 13).

**Sprinkle top with cinnamon and sugar and dot with butter. --- Don't forget this step.**

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**Rhubarb Jell-o Jam (Pam Hoffman)**

Cook 4 cups cut up rhubarb in 1/4 cup of water until mushy.

Add 4 cups sugar and boil for 15 minutes, watching carefully.

Turn off heat and stir in 1 package of Strawberry or Raspberry Jell-o.

Seal in Jars while still piping hot by putting a layer of paraffin on top.

**May is "National Hamburger Month!"** *(Does Hallmark make a card for that?)*

Who would have thought that our old dinner time stand-by would merit it's own National Month?



ham-burg-er (ham'bürg?r), also ham-burg (-bürg)  
**noun**

1. Ground meat, usually beef. A patty of such meat.
2. A sandwich made with a patty of ground meat usually in a roll or bun.

Who said, "Where's the Beef?" and why did they say it?



- In 1921, Walter A. Anderson (a short-order cook) and E.W. Ingram (an insurance executive) founded White Castle in Wichita, Kansas. It is the oldest hamburger chain. They served steam-fried hamburgers, 18 per pound of fresh ground beef, cooked on a bed of chopped onions, for a nickel.

- The Big Mac was introduced in 1968. The price was 49 cents. In

- 1999 there were more than 25,000 McDonald's in 115 countries.

- Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers comprise 71% of the beef servings in commercial restaurants. (2001)

- Burgers account for 40% of all sandwiches sold. (2001)

- 8.2 Billion burgers were served in commercial restaurants in 2001.

- 65% of all hamburgers and cheeseburgers are consumed away from home. (2001)



<http://www.hamburgerfestival.com/>

**CVHS Wish List**

Cat litter , cat toys, rawhide bones, large dog leashes, small and medium dog collars, dog toys, bleach, liquid laundry detergent, contractor garbage bags(XL), Antiseptic wipes (Clorox, Lysol), white printer paper, dog and cat ear wash/wipes. Monetary donations are always welcome, as are gift cards to WalMart, HyVee, PetSmart and Petco.



**What's Out There?**

The feature site for this month is [www.allfreecrafts.com](http://www.allfreecrafts.com). Too many ideas to list and lots of fun to look at! Make sure if you see anything that you'd like to try at Craft Club to let everyone know!

**Welcome to All Free Crafts**

Over 1100 crafts, free craft projects and easy homemade gift ideas.

All our free crafts have photos and how-to instructions so you learn new craft ideas and enjoy great results. Try easy Easter crafts, bath and body crafts, easy homemade gift ideas, nature crafts, gardening projects, free kid's crafts or easy Christmas, Valentine, or Halloween crafts, plus candle making ideas. Find new holiday crafts, recycling crafts, gifts in a jar recipes and free knitting, sewing, and crochet patterns.



"Free crafts, craft projects and patterns to make easy homemade gifts"



- All Free Crafts Home
- Blog
- Free Patterns
- Holiday Crafts
- Free Craft Projects
- Green Crafts
- Newsletter

... Borrow money from a pessimist-they don't expect it back...

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## Reminders:

Because of the continuing shortages at area food banks, we will collect money, food, household and personal care items for local food banks again this month.

Flood victims and others are still in the rebuilding and recovery phase of their devastating losses.

We will continue to collect not only non-perishable food items, but other items such as laundry soap, paper towels, shampoo, etc. Thank you!

Arlys Huff and Joyce Smith -  
Community Service Projects  
Coordinators

*Invite a friend to join you  
at a meeting!*

## Dee Roman... cont.

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

*I like to lots of different crafts but am not real big on making lots of the same thing like you need to do to sell your crafts. I would like to become a better at crocheting. I think it would be fun for a group to just to get together and help each other after our regular meeting or a different night. We have enough talent in our group I sure someone would step up and help teach.*



*"Laying out a quilt top over the mess  
doesn't count as spring cleaning."*

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*... Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them so much...*

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This is one of many of the projects on this month's feature web site [www.allfreecrafts.com](http://www.allfreecrafts.com)

Here's a way you can practice being "green"...no more post-it notes!

### Tile Notepad Holder

#### Craft supplies:

- 4 x 4 White tile
- 6 x 6 Wood block
- Black permanent magic marker
- rub on decals or stencil to paint your own design
- Dry-eraser marker
- Acrylic paint
- 2 part epoxy glue
- Small strip of Velcro
- Picture frame teeth hanger

### Notepad Holder

#### Instructions:

1. You can either cut out your 6 inch square or buy one already cut to size
2. Use a white tile left over from other projects, or purchase inexpensively in home decor stores.
3. First, sand the wood square and wipe off any dust. Paint the wood the color of your choice in acrylic paint. I chose to do only one coat in order to see some of the grain in the wood.
4. After the wood square is dry, apply your choice of rub on decals or paint on a stencilled design.
5. Seal the wood block with sealer - I used a satin finish sealer.
6. With the permanent marker, write at the top of the tile, "Notes" or "Grocery List." I wrote "Notes" so when I place it outside and someone stops by when I'm not home, they can leave me a message.
7. Using the epoxy glue, glue the tile to the center of the wood block. This glue is easier than it seems to use and creates a permanent bond.
8. Attach the sticky side of a strip of velcro onto the wood and attach the matching piece of Velcro to the dry eraser. Now attach the marker to the wood.