



*Rockwell Collins CRAFT
CLUB
October 2004*

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Next Meeting -- October 20 – 4:30 p.m., Main Plant Cafeteria
PIZZA & BINGO PARTY

PIZZA & BINGO INFO: We will be enjoying pizza again at the Oct. 20th meeting. **If you plan to attend and did not sign up and pay \$1 for pizza reservations at our last meeting, please contact Jean Strait, 363-1688 so she will have an accurate number for ordering.** Please inform any friends who are new members, or will be joining this month and may not have this information. Drinks will be provided and there will be lots of bingo prizes.

CRAFT PROJECT: We will be making a ghost out of a white glove. You do not need to bring anything for this craft project. We will have a prize for the best / most popular decorated bag from last month, so remember to bring yours with you.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: Last month we collected \$40 to give to the Iowa City Burn Unit, specifically for Ryan Rezin. The family was very appreciative of our contribution. If you would like to check out the Ryan's website to follow his progress, here it is:

<http://www2.caringbridge.org/ia/ryan/>

This month we will be collecting towards our new Christmas Adopt-A-Family. We haven't been assigned a family yet, so we don't have their ages or sizes right now. We should have more information next month.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: What a different and interesting meeting last month with our speaker, the "Hanky Lady". I'm sorry that some of you missed it. This month – pizza, bingo, and a craft. If you have not yet signed up for pizza and plan to attend the meeting, please contact Jean Strait 363-1688. Remember to bring back the bag you took home to decorate for show and tell—you could win a prize.

Speaking of "Show and Tell", I want to apologize to those of you who had things to show unrelated to the hanky program. I am sure the membership would appreciate you sharing again, as there was much confusion after the program.

Also, Snowbirds wishing to save the craft kits during the months of your absence, don't forget to sign the sheet at the meeting, or call Lynn Mitchell.

See you soon.

Norma Mikkola

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

A trip to Galena is planned for December 11. We will go shopping in Galena, go to Wyoming and Dubuque for Christmas lights.

SPEAKERS: Our Speaker for the September meeting was the "Hanky Lady". It was a very interesting presentation that brought back a lot of memories for many. Her display was quite large and included hankies and aprons too. It was a very enjoyable show.

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

OFFICERS: All of the current officers have agreed to serve another term if there are no other volunteers. If you would like to be a candidate for an office, or would like to nominate someone, please speak up at the October meeting.

WEATHER: Our cancellation policy will be the same as the school system, so if school is cancelled or dismissed early, our meeting will be cancelled.

Upcoming Classes (all classes at Main Plant cafeteria start at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted):
Sorry, no class information available at this time.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Barbara Pfeiffer	10/04	Fern Beaman	11/05	Jackie Hopper	11/22
Darlene Ozburn	10/09	Norma Mikkola	11/10	Vicki Lydon	11/23
Marlene Simon	10/16	Pat Reed	11/13	Christine Uecker	11/24
Gloria Waltke	10/18	Beverly Busler	11/16	Arllys Huff	11/25
Norma Ritchie	10/19	Beverly Welch	11/16	Waunita Emken	11/27
Suzanne Baxa	10/20	Gwen Becker	11/17	Evelyn Neal	11/30
Norma Jean Cole	10/22	Marlene Tumilty	11/19		
Michelle Bell	10/23	Darlene Ealy	11/21		

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Without a doubt the most recognizable symbol of Halloween is a pumpkin carved into a jack-o-lantern. To understand the origins of how pumpkin carving began and what it really means we must first take a look at the holiday itself. How long has Halloween been around? Have there always been pumpkins carved? Here are some answers!

For most of the general population it is known as Halloween and is a night for dressing up, telling ghost stories, having spooky parties, trick-or-treating and pumpkin carving. What most people don't know is that Halloween is actually based on an ancient Celtic holiday known as Samhain (pronounced "sow wan"), which means "summer's end".

It was the end of the Celtic year, starting at sundown on October 31st and going through to sundown November 1st. It was a night to honor loved ones that had passed on since the veil between their realm and ours is at it's thinnest on that night.

Celebrated for centuries by the Celts of old, Witches and many other nature based religions, it is the most magical night of the year. It is the Witches' New Year, and the Last Harvest. Although the religious significance of it has passed for the general public, Halloween is a "magical" night for all!

On this magical night, glowing jack-o-lanterns, carved from turnips or gourds, were set on porches and in windows to welcome deceased loved ones, but also to act as protection against malevolent spirits. Burning lumps of coal were used inside as a source of light, later to be replaced by candles.

When European settlers, particularly the Irish, arrived in American they found the native pumpkin to be larger, easier to carve and seemed the perfect choice for jack-o-lanterns. Halloween didn't really catch on big in this country until the late 1800's and has been celebrated in so many ways ever since!

Pumpkins are indigenous to the western hemisphere and were completely unknown in Europe before the time of Columbus. In 1584, the French explorer Jacques Cartier reported from the St. Lawrence region that he had found "gros melons", which was translated into English as "ponpions," or pumpkins. In fact, pumpkins have been grown in America for over 5,000 years. Native Americans called pumpkins "isquotersquash."

Did you know that pumpkins are not a vegetable - they are a fruit! Pumpkins, like gourds, and other varieties of squash are all members of the Cucurbitaceae family , which also includes cucumbers, gherkins, and melons.