



# Rockwell Collins Craft Club September 2010

This Month  
at a Glance

Well, the kids are back in school, so you know what that means . . . It's time to start thinking about Christmas ! Well, crafting, sewing, crocheting, and knitting for Christmas, that is. Michael's is getting all their holiday stuff out and I'm sure the coupons will continue almost every week between now and December. My most recent project has been a dog bed for the new dog we are getting this week. I've also made many dog coats, but this one comes with its own thick coat, so probably won't need one designed by me.

☀ This month's charity project is Henry Davidson's Thanksgiving Dinner. They are looking for money to buy the turkeys and hams. The past two months we collected lots of school supplies and bought more with the money collected.

☀ This month we will be making some of the three-dimensional cards that we got from [www.Craftsuprint.com](http://www.Craftsuprint.com). We will all do the blue Christmas card and then we will have others to choose from. You will probably have time to make two cards at the meeting, and can take extras home with you to make more if you wish. Please bring your scissors to the meeting.

☀ Our necklace project with "Two Jennifers" last month went quite smoothly and seemed to be enjoyed by everybody. I received lots of positive comments about the teachers and the project, which I forwarded on to the Jennifers. I know many of you bought extra supplies to make more. Let me know if you want additional supplies, or just call them yourself, as you have their business card.

☀ Next month's meeting will be the start of our new fiscal year, which means Potluck & Bingo !!!! To reserve your spot, sign Jean's list and pay \$1 towards your pizza.

**Rockwell Craft Fair 2010** — There are no more tables available, unless some cancellations come up. Tags are \$2.50 per bundle (approximately 100 tags per bundle). Setup is Wednesday November 3rd. Fair dates are Thursday November 4th, Friday November 5th and Saturday November 6th.

Contact Jan O'Brien at 377-8111 to get tags or if you have questions.

<b>Next Meeting:</b> <b>Wed September 15</b> <b>at 4:30 Main Plant</b>	
<b>Cafeteria</b>	
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## WORRY

Is there a magic cutoff period when offspring become accountable for their own actions? Is there a wonderful moment when parents can become detached spectators in the lives of their children and shrug, 'It's their life,' and feel nothing?

When I was in my **twenties**, I stood in a hospital corridor waiting for doctors to put a few stitches in my daughter's head. I asked, 'When do you stop worrying?' The nurse said, 'When they get out of the accident stage.' My Dad just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my **thirties**, I sat on a little chair in a classroom and heard how one of my children talked incessantly, disrupted the class, and was headed for a career making license plates. As if to read my mind, a teacher said, 'Don't worry, they all go through this stage and then you can sit back, relax and enjoy them.' My dad just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my **forties**, I spent a lifetime waiting for the phone to ring, the cars to come home, the front door to open. A friend said, 'They're trying to find themselves. Don't worry, in a few years, you can stop worrying. They'll be adults.' My dad just smiled faintly and said nothing.

By the time I was **50**, I was sick & tired of being vulnerable. I was still worrying over my children, but there was a new wrinkle. There was nothing I could do about it. My Dad just smiled faintly and said nothing. I continued to anguish over their failures, be tormented by their frustrations and absorbed in their disappointments.

My friends said that when my kids got married I could stop worrying and lead my own life. I wanted to believe that, but I was haunted by my dad's warm smile and his occasional, 'You look pale. Are you all right? Call me the minute you get home. Are you depressed about something?'

Can it be that parents are sentenced to a lifetime of worry? Is concern for one another handed down like a torch to blaze the trail of human frailties and the fears of the unknown? Is concern a curse or is it a virtue that elevates us to the highest form of life?

One of my children became quite irritable recently, saying to me, 'Where were you? I've been calling for 3 days, and no one answered I was worried.'

**I smiled a warm smile.**

**The torch has been passed.**

**PASS IT ON TO OTHER WONDERFUL PARENTS**

We found a disk of Show & Tell pictures while cleaning the cabinet the other day, so I thought I'd include a few of them here.



May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more,  
and may nothing but happiness come through your door.

*Here's a hilarious picture I found where somebody  
crocheted over an entire tree !*



## Happy Birthday!

### September

6th—Jan Berridge

15th—Thelma Goetsch

### October

2nd—Sue Viall

7th—Jan O'Brien

9th—Darlene Ozburn

16th—Marlene Simon

20th—Suzanna Baxa

23rd—Michelle Bell

*I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there.*

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