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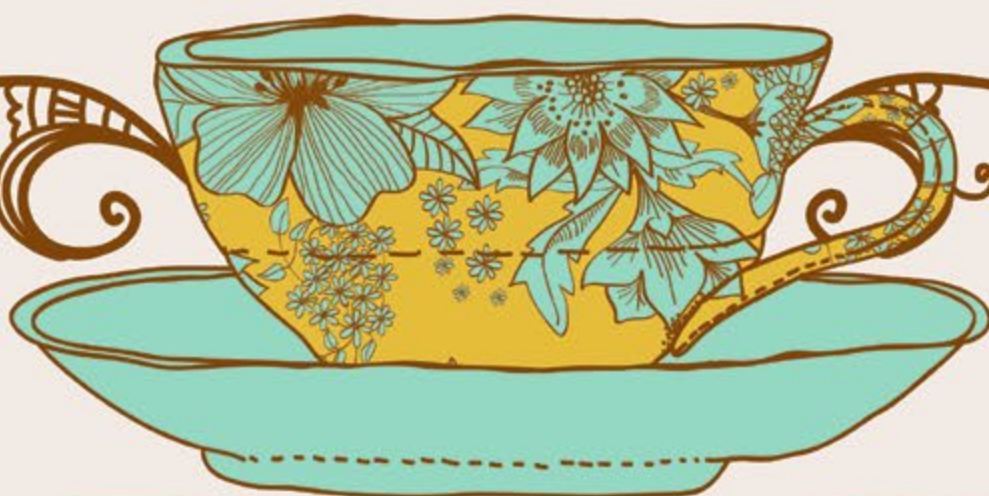


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Gallivanting Grannies

Destination: Norfolk and West Point

It’s been a while since the Grannies have traveled to visit shops. Winter weather and driving conditions have kept them close to home but now that the warmer spring weather is here, they decided to take a trip to Norfolk and West Point. It was a pleasant sunny day, great for traveling and sharing time with friends. Of course, shopping was on the agenda today!

I Bee Quiltin, Norfolk

Our first stop was in Norfolk at **I Bee Quiltin**. The shop’s motto is “Queen Bee and Worker Bees are here to greet you.” So, Owner and Queen Bee Deb Ferris, along with her three Worker Bees, welcomed us. She has owned the shop for seven years after buying the business when the previous owner decided to close. Deb wanted to make sure the shop stayed open. Each year during its birthday week, there are many fun things happening at the shop in celebration!

I Bee Quiltin is a great shop with lots of beautiful bolts of fabric, notions, patterns—and more. Delightful displays of quilts decorate the walls. The shop features bright, fun colorful fabrics from different fabric companies featuring lines from Tula Pink and Tim Holtz fabrics with lots of blenders and MODA Grunge Basics. We loved the two ‘Superhero’ quilts on display with one for girls and one for boys.



The shop was taking part in the All Kansas and Nebraska Shop Hop and we liked its participating Quilt Block with a very bright colorful polk-a-dot and stripe fabric. The shop is very customer oriented and promises, “If we don’t have something you want, we will do our best to find it.”

I Bee Quiltin is located at 322 W. Norfolk Ave. in Norfolk. To learn more about all the opportunities and fun activities, visit [Facebook.com/ibeequiltin/](https://www.facebook.com/ibeequiltin/). You can also call 402-371-0045.

A to Z Vac N Sew, Norfolk

Just down the block we visited **A to Z Vac N Sew**. Owners Justin and Debbie were very welcoming and we enjoyed learning about their business. They sell and repair Brother, Janome and Bernina sewing machines and are one of the few Handy Quilter longarm machines dealers in Nebraska. Their specialty is fixing longarm machines. They also sell

a wide variety of vacuum cleaner brands, including top seller USA-made Riccar vacuums. They service all vacuums. This shop is located in an old Singer building that the Webbs remodeled.

A to Z Vac N Sew is truly a family business that was started in 1973 by Justin’s Dad, Brian Webb. His Dad learned about sewing machines at an early age when he worked in a sewing store as a child in Aberdeen, SD. Brian retired in 2016 and Justin and Debbie bought the business. The staff includes Justin’s mother Lynn, brother Travis and Justin and Debbie’s son Easton. This is their 50th year of business and there will be special events later in the year, so watch for more information.

A to Z Vac N Sew is a customer-service driven business. Justin told us, “No one leaves our store unhappy. We want them back! We are a hidden gem with great service. People drive from throughout Nebraska and from out of state for machine repair.”

Debbie has also started a new business called Urban Flats that offers affordable business suites in the heart of downtown Norfolk just a few doors down from **A to Z Vac N Sew**. Debbie repurposed the building to accommodate several businesses, such as a barber shop, leather shop, shoe repair, picture studio, skin spa and a high end wedding gown shop. Be sure to check out Urban Flats when you visit **A to Z Vac N Sew**.

A to Z Vac N Sew is located at 422 W. Norfolk Ave. in Norfolk. Learn more at www.atozvacnsew.com, on [Facebook.com/atozvacnsew](https://www.facebook.com/atozvacnsew) or call 402-379-0187.

Creative Notions, West Point

Our next stop was at **Creative Notions** in West Point. This is always a great shop to visit and owner Connie Nebuda was there to greet us along with her staff. This shop was busy because they are right in the middle of the All Kansas and Nebraska Shop Hop.

We were able to see her new fabric by Northcott. Connie has over 5,000 bolts of fabric (most of the main fabric lines), lots of notions, books, patterns, quilt backs, Jellyrolls, Fat Quarters, Fat 8’s, 10” and 5” squares. The shop carries flannels, some fleece and some Minky. There is also a year-round Christmas room. They make baby quilts and also provide the necessary items and help for customers to make themselves. Also offer longarm services and sell Elna sewing machines.

Connie has owned **Creative Notions** since 1999 and she told us that, “Customer service is most important and we are here to help. We assist our customers figure out what they need—including choosing colors if they ask. We can even put the quilt together or make the quilt using their ideas, to.”

The staff at **Creative Notions** creates t-shirt quilts and one staff member loves to sew different styles of bags! They are spending the summer helping 4-H members with Fair projects and classes will start again in the fall.

Creative Notions is located at 107 N. Main Street in West Point. You can learn more at www.creativenotionsfabrics.com or call 402-372-2004.

After a fun filled day of laughter and friendship—and, of course, a stop for ice cream—we Grannies headed home to Wahoo.

Gallivanting Grannies is our continuing feature that focuses on various Nebraska locations. Marie Konecky (Publisher and Art Director Lolly Konecky’s mother) is a Nebraska native and part-time Country Register delivery person who has volunteered to visit some of our fantastic advertisers, along with a few other shops or restaurants and tell us about her experiences. Several friends usually go along with Marie and they all seem to be having a wonderful time! On this trip, she was accompanied by Karen Houfek, Judy McEvoy and Lila Sven.



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There will be over 200 quilts at this judged show. Doris Goins, who is certified by the National Quilting Association, is this year's Show Judge. She has judged quilt shows throughout the country and is a founding member and past treasure of the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges (NACQJ.com).

The Quilt Challenge is "Friendship Star" and members were challenged to use at least

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by Kerri Habben Bosman

One reason I like to write these articles is to remind myself what is important. They force me to keep digging until I reach what I want to express. Sometimes I have to push aside a lot of details to achieve that. It is then that I realize once again how much time is spent on the minutiae of living.

I don't mean basic maintenance like grocery shopping and doing laundry. These tasks and others like them can become quietly sacred in their own way just by being grateful for having enough. There is much to be said for being dedicated to what needs to be done. It is when all the details begin gelling that I consciously slow down. If I didn't, I might forget that simply being alive is a precious gift. For underneath all that accumulated moss is still the rock itself. A core each of us has that makes us who we are.

Perhaps this introspection is why watching the birds is so relaxing. They, too, have details to tend to but they never seem in a hurry. My husband, Wayne, and I enjoy seeing them land on the feeder, from the tiny finches to the bigger blue jay. The chickadee always draws our attention. A male cardinal up on the top of the crook gleams endlessly red and we find his arrival better than anything we'd ever see on television.

Then there are the birds that feed on the ground. Each year we have an Eastern towhee couple arrive in the spring. Papa Towhee is striking in his black overcoat and Mama is elegant in her simplicity. When the robins start to appear, it is an extra special day.

But my favorite bird is the mourning dove. Since I was child, I've valued the even coo and steady pace of this bird. Usually there are two of them together and, sometimes, three. They either fly off in one sudden moment or one ascends and the others follow.

It is both their immense calm and their sudden energy that inspires me. Each bird gently strolls along the ground, eating until it has gathered enough to fill its capacity. When it is indeed time to fly, they take off with a deliberate and passionate trill.

These doves never bother any of the other birds and even a nearby squirrel twice their size doesn't cause them to change their path. They just quietly go about the business of gathering as if they know exactly where the next morsel is waiting. A pastel iridescent light glimmers off their feathers whenever they are in the sun and it is then that they seem transformed. One moment they are seemingly drab and the next they are shining.

I try to go about my days and my tasks in a way similar to a mourning dove, ideally with an even pace wherein somehow everything gets done. I haven't perfected this bird's graceful motions in changing course; I slip into a flutter and then catch myself. Yet, there have been pivotal moments in my life when I knew exactly what I had to do and how to do it.

I apply the most important lesson from the mourning doves to how I am with other people. For all our different personalities and paths, everyone can feel gray and drab once in a while, especially when life's details could overwhelm us. So I try to draw out a bit of light to remind people that they truly shine, which brings me back to why I write these articles. There is always the increased self-awareness, but being able to share with you and others is part of what keeps me steadfast.

And of course, there is always remembering the mourning doves.
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one classic friendship star block. They could use more and also could include other blocks and techniques. Each challenge quilt had to include four different fabrics on the front of the quilt, including the binding. Members could not use more than four. The challenge quilts could be a maximum size of 60" total, measuring all four sides, and had to be quilted.

The Mercantile Mall Silent Auction will feature small quilts, handmade items, quilting tools and supplies, pampering kits, fabric bundles and gift baskets. The bidding will close at 12 Noon on Saturday.

The Vendor Mall will have more than twenty Vendors offering fabrics, wools, quilting notions, tools, sewing machines, longarm quilting machines and more. A variety of products will be demonstrated during the Show.

The 2023 Opportunity Quilt is titled "Spring Thistle." The beautiful 95" x 95" quilted was created from a pattern by Judy Niemeyer, pieced by Tania Uram and quilted by Deb Miner. Tickets for this quilt are \$1 each and the drawing will be held at the end of the show on Saturday, June 24. You do not have to be present to win.

The Show's Featured Quilter is Merna Bowman, a fiber art designer. Merna's love of art, including designing and sewing her own clothes in childhood. As an architect drafter, she has dabbled in all kinds of media. Merna started quilting in 1996 when a friend showed her a mat and rotary cutter. She loves to figure out nature's design and relating that into her own design. Merna will spend time at the Show with some of her designs on display.

Quilt Show hours are 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$10 per day; \$15 for multiple days; \$9 for Seniors (ages 65+) and those in groups of 10 or more; and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12. Food will be available in the hotel cafe. The LaVista Conference Center, Embassy Suites is at 12520 Westport Parkway. There is no fee for parking.

Proceeds from the Quilt Show will be used to bring in national quilting speakers to promote the craft and to fund community service projects. The Guild contributes to several community service projects and organizations, such as Helping Hands and Community Connections. Guild members create quilts for shelters, community service organizations, charitable auctions, Veterans and people in need. Guild members also raise money annually for the Children's Emergency Fund project and supports Quilts of Valor.

Project Harmony
Each Christmas, the **Omaha Quilters' Guild** has a Christmas Caring Friends Auction, Santa's Workshop, Stocking Challenge and Angel Bag to build a Children's Emergency Fund. Over the past few years, the funds generated have been donated to Project Harmony, an organization whose mission, in part, is to "engage the community to end child abuse and neglect." This year, the Guild wanted to highlight their relationship with the organization by asking Dr. Scot Butler from Project Harmony to be their Guest judge. He is also a fabulous quilter!

Dr. Butler's quilt artist statement describes his connection to quilting. He says, "I enjoy quilting for many reasons. It provides a clear connection to generations who have gone before me—all of us trying to make something special for the people in our lives. I love the geometry in quilting, trying to figure out how the blocks join with one another to make an even bigger design. Quilting takes a great deal of hard work, but through it, we can express our inner creativity."

Grab a friend and visit the **Omaha Quilters Guild** at its next meeting to join in on the fun. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, August through May, at 7 p.m. The meeting location is at the Westside Community Center, 3534 S. 108th St., Omaha. There is no meeting in January. For further information about the Guild and Quilt Show, visit www.omahaquiltersguild.org.

What Connects Us? Recipes!

How many cookbooks do you have? I have thirty. That number does not include an ancient recipe box or bulging binders stuffed with, well, recipes. Torn magazine pages sit on the kitchen counter and hide between unopened mail. I scrawl recipes on envelopes while watching a cooking show, thinking I will make them...soon. I especially love regional self-published family and club cookbooks. That's where real recipe gems are found – like gobs, etouffée, chiles rellenos.

Some books were wedding gifts. My mother, who had won many cooking contests, despaired of teaching me to cook because I was “too impatient” and never followed a recipe correctly. (Blame the instructions. It's worse than reading a crochet pattern.) If someone asked what I needed, she answered, “A Cookbook.”

My husband thought it was hilarious to receive such a wedding gift before we got married. Afterwards, he noticed that we had some form of pasta every night. That's when he transcended the romance stage and landed in Reality-ville. At Christmas, he gave me a microwave oven and a semester of classes (thereby allowing me to transcend romance and enter Reality-ville.) I can now make a whole chicken in the microwave.

With decades and dollars invested in classes that came with free aprons (remember that article?) and vegetable peelers, I still search for tasty recipes. Exotic herbs and spices expire in the cupboard. Expensive tools wait to be cherished and used. (That's covered. They are listed in my Will.)

Friends come to dinner. They make comments like, “This is interesting.” Or, “I never tasted meatloaf like this. What's your secret?” Or, my sisters' blunt, “Where's the salt shaker?”

My nephew's family was more discrete. They gave me elegant wood salt and pepper shakers that stand 8.5 inches high.

The bottom line is that I am still impatient and believe that removing one or two tiny ingredients is okay. (Tarragon. Cardamom. Huh?)

What Draws Us to Recipes? We need food to survive, but recipes aren't just about food. They are about sharing. They connect us. My mother's handwritten recipes continue her legacy of finding joy in cooking for her family and friends. My family's recipes reveal their favorite cuisines, offer a smart shortcut or refresh childhood memories. My friend, Jackie, sent me recipes for chicken cacciatore and chicken marengo. They are favorite make-ahead company recipes that allow her to relax and visit when friends arrive.

My go-to recipe is the Ohio Country Register's Chicken and Wild Rice Chowder. It's easy enough even for me. It has 11 ingredients but it contains only 9 very short instructions. Perfect. And delicious! It joins a collection of The Country Register sauces and the Iowa Country Register's sweet potato soufflé.

The Country Registers' Reader Request. I was going to donate some of my collection but didn't. Couldn't. I wondered why I cherish them. I went to the ‘web’

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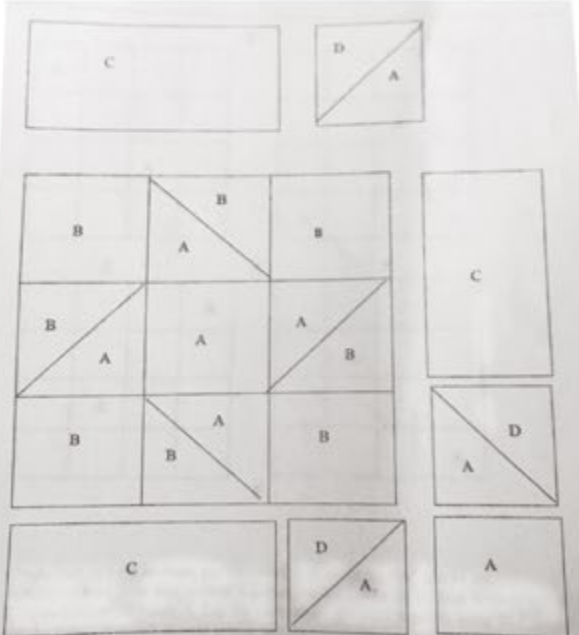


Mystery? Quilt

Part 2 of 3

Lay out the block per the diagram, using Four 2 ½" Fabric B squares and One 2 ½" Fabric A square along with your half square triangles. Be sure your Fabric A is in the correct position before sewing or you won't see your star!

Sew Fabric C rectangle to your Fabric A/D half square triangle (make 2). Sew 2 ½" Fabric A square to one of the sections. Assemble per diagram. You will be making 16 of these blocks. They should square up to 8 ½". You will have a total of 16 blocks.

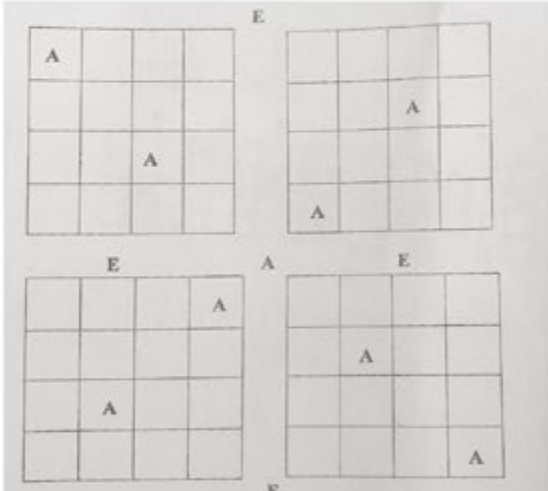


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Piecing the Quilt Top:
Now that you have 16 blocks made, let's put them together. Cut the following for sashing # 1.
Sixteen - 2 ½" X 8 ½" of Fabric E
Four - 2 ½" squares of Fabric A (cornerstone)
Following the diagram, sew Four of the friendship blocks together using sashing strips and cornerstone. You will make Four of these sections. Make sure you pay attention to where your Fabric A blocks are!



Make four of these sections, paying attention to where the “A” blocks are.

Once you have these four sections together, cut 4 - 2 1/2 x 16 1/2 inch strips of Fabric E and 1 - 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inch square of Fabric A. Lay the sections out and piece together using the Fabric E for the sashing and the Fabric A square as your setting sashing.

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for an answer. One site featured “tombstone recipes.” From a spritz cookie recipe in a Brooklyn cemetery to a nut roll recipe in Israel, recipes on headstones are common. Why?

I think the answer is that in sharing recipes we share our personal history, traditions, cultures and memories. We connect with each other.

So here’s my request: Don’t wait for Christmas. Do a cookie exchange now. Share your recipes for hors d’oeuvres, main dishes, side dishes, family favorites, and old standbys when you’re short on time and temper.

You’ll spark a new idea. You’ll share part of yourself. You’ll connect people you don’t even know. Start now. My scissors are waiting.

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A Cup of Tea with Lydia

by Lydia E. Harris

Watermelon Smiles

My face was as red as the strawberries I picked. By afternoon, my back ached, berry juice stained my hands and my throat felt parched. I wanted to quit. Just then my father stopped by the berry field with a large chilled watermelon and cut a thick slice for me. What a refreshing treat! That was more than fifty years ago. But whether young or old, many enjoy the bright color and juicy sweetness of watermelon. So, from decorations to featured foods, let watermelon steal the show at your summer par-TEAS.



For a casual party:
Enjoy an outdoor party in your yard or transport your party to the park. Add pizzazz to your table with colorful watermelon-themed paper plates and napkins. I’ve even found watermelon-shaped candles and watermelon-print fabric that I sewed into a tablecloth. Or let kids make watermelon paper placemats to add to the decor. Draw a half-slice of watermelon on white construction paper. Then let kids color the green rind and red flesh with crayons or markers. Add black oval dots for seeds. Or buy a white paper tablecloth for kids to decorate.

For the menu, here’s one idea: lemonade iced tea (see recipe), croissants filled with ham and cheese,

assorted garden vegetables and watermelon slices. Once the half slice of watermelon is eaten, you’re left with a smiling rind and a smiling face. For dessert, make “watermelon” cookies from your favorite sugar cookie or shortbread recipe but tint the dough light red. Roll out the dough, cut circles and then cut the circles in half. Press mini-chocolate chips into each slice before baking. After the cookies are baked and cooled, frost the round edges with green frosting squeezed from a tube. These “watermelon slices” will add a sweet ending to your meal.



For a fancy party:
A crisp white tablecloth with red or green napkins makes a striking table setting. For a centerpiece, use half a small watermelon and place it upside down on a plate. Then make fruit kabob flowers by cutting watermelon and other fruits into flower shapes or balls. Assemble them on skewers and poke them into the watermelon half.

Or create a show stopper by carving a watermelon into a unique design. For our daughter’s wedding, I cut long oval watermelons into scalloped baskets with handles and filled them with fruit kabobs. To welcome our newborn granddaughter, I carved a small watermelon into a baby buggy, poking in paper umbrellas for wheels, then filled it with fruit salad. You could even carve your melon into a teapot. For these ideas and more, go to www.watermelon.org (click on carvings).

Plan the menu around favorite tea foods and finish with a frosty slice of “watermelon” sherbet made from one of these recipes:

1. Wrap the inside of a medium-sized mixing bowl with plastic wrap. Spread a one-inch layer of green pistachio ice cream or lime sherbet to cover the entire inside surface of the bowl. Freeze until firm. Soften pink strawberry ice cream or raspberry sherbet and mix in mini-chocolate chips. Fill the green bowl with the ice cream or sherbet. Freeze until firm. Before serving, thaw slightly, unmold and cut “watermelon slices” with a sharp knife dipped into warm water.
 2. Cut a small, chilled honeydew melon in half and remove the seeds. Fill each half with raspberry sherbet and freeze it until firm. Cut each half into slices or four to six wedges. Press mini-chocolate chips into the sherbet. Serve the melon immediately. Freeze leftovers.
- If you’re looking for a refreshing slice of summer, begin with a watermelon theme and end with happy memories. I’m ready to plan my par-TEA. Won’t you join me to make smiles?

Lydia E. Harris is a tea enthusiast and the author of two books for grandparents: In the Kitchen with Grandma: Stirring Up Tasty Memories Together and Preparing My Heart for Grandparenting. Both are available at amazon.com and wherever books are sold.

From Lydia’s Recipe File: Lemonade Iced Tea
Combine:
4 cups brewed Earl Grey tea (Use 5 teabags and steep for 3 minutes; remove teabags.)
1/3 cup sugar (or sweeten to taste)
Add:
1 cup cold water
1/4 cup frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Mix and chill. Serve over ice in frosty glasses. Garnish with fresh lemon slices. Makes 5 cups.
Variation: Replace Earl Grey tea with English Breakfast tea.
Frosty glasses: For sweet sips, moisten the glass rims with water and dip them into sugar. Chill glasses in the freezer until ready to use.

Gifts of the Women in Our Lives

by Julie Pirtle

Mother’s Day is the time of year that starts me thinking a lot about the women that I have been privileged to have in my life. Each one of them has touched and molded me into the woman I am today.

At an early age, I was fortunate to have three Great Grandmothers. While I don’t know much about their lives, I know I come from good stock.

Great Grandma S was born of German immigrants and grew up in a small farming community in Eastern Washington. I was young when she passed away, but I remember so much about her. She was a lovely woman who always had a smile that exuded love, a warm lap and homemade sugar cookies that were always in supply. In her, I learned the feeling of being nurtured.

Great Grandma H married at the age of 15 and homesteaded a property in Montana with her 17 year old husband. Her life was tough and so was her demeanor. When I was very young, she gifted me a scrapbook that held her treasured mementos. I would spend hours looking at the pages. That inspired me to start my own scrapbook at the age of 5 and it turned into a lifelong passion. I’ve often wondered about the girl that collected all those precious memories and what she was like before life made her so gruff.

Great Grandma B was a nutcase. I think the entire family was afraid of her and from

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Keep, Toss or Donate? I Can’t Part With This!

by Deb Heatherly

I’ve been doing a lot of spring cleaning this past month. During this annual clean-out, boxes stand at the ready, labeled: keep, toss and donate. One item in the keep box might surprise many since I have not used it in 25 years, but it’s the memories attached to this item that keep me from ever being able to part with it.

My mom was an amazing seamstress who sewed clothing not only for our family but for a steady stream of customers. I loved seeing the fabric and patterns they brought to her and watching her transform that fabric into one of a kind dresses, pant suits and more. Because of her, my own sewing education began at a very early age and by my early teens I was proudly making many of my own clothes.

Sewing and crafting were a regular part of our lives but somehow quilting was not. Although I distinctly remember a dusty red and blue quilt that we made forts with, took to the beach, and cuddled under when sick, my mom never quilted. She remembers the red and blue quilt but is not sure how it came into our possession or where it ended up.

Mom was always one to encourage any of my creative endeavors, but I still think it came as a surprise when I told her that I wanted to learn to quilt. Mind you, this was in the very early ‘80s with no YouTube, no Google, and very few books on the market. This was a time when most quilts were cut out slowly from templates with scissors and made by hand and I was determined that I was going to make a baby quilt for my first child due in March that year.

Unbeknownst to me, after I told my mom about my desire, she had visited the local ‘Piece Goods’ store and asked the clerk what she would need to buy for her daughter to learn to quilt. The clerk was quick to tell her I would need a rotary cutter and mat. She stated that these were the latest inventions to make cutting out quilts fast and easy. This delighted my mom and this enthusiastic saleslady was soon ringing up the purchase.

Excited with her little surprise, my mom presented the items to me the next day. Hmm...I thought...there were no directions but how hard could this be? I placed the mat on the floor, my fabric on top, and pinned my paper templates to the fabric. On my hands and knees, I figured out how to open the blade on the rotary cutter and began to cut. As you can imagine, this was a disaster. I quickly set aside the rotary cutter and returned to my scissors. My shredded templates, the cut on my thumb and my aching back told me that something was not right.

On our next visit the store—and many questions later—I found out that you needed an acrylic ruler to go with the rotary cutter and mat. This was my first light bulb moment and this was beginning to make sense. Believe me when I say that there was still a learning curve, but before long I was cutting like a pro.

My mom and I both now laugh at how ironic this was. In 1981 I did not even know what an acrylic ruler was or why I needed one. Fast forward 40 years and I now design specialty rulers for Creative Grids®. How’s that for a complete 180? A lot sure has changed since that first attempt at quilting.

So, back to spring cleaning. What is the item that I could not part with?

It’s the strange green mat my mom bought for me so many years ago. Back then, they were bumpy on one side, shiny on the other, and had no markings of any kind. Although supposedly self-healing, I would beg to differ. This one bears the scars of all my early cutting as well as a Care Bear sticker added by my daughter at some point in time. I have numerous mats that I now use on a daily basis so why keep this one? This original is no good to me but I cannot part with it. To me, it’s a reminder of just how far my quilting journey has come. It has moved with me to five different houses and, if I ever move again, you can bet it will go with me.

Funny, how something so silly can become such a part of us. But, to me, this item sums up my quilting journey and, in many ways, my life. Just as in life, there have been bumps and there have been shiny moments, but through it all I have persevered. Much has changed through the years and sometimes it’s good for the soul to see just how far we’ve come.

As for that mat—I’m gazing at it now and smiling. I guess it will be up to my daughter to send it to ‘mat heaven’ one day when I am gone.

Deb Heatherly is a designer for Creative Grids® rulers and the author of eight popular

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MOMS & Crane Watching


by Linda Burchell Ard

As I write this story, I am thinking of what wonderful crane watching experience Central Nebraska provides to visitors from all over. This year we had 55 guests from Maryland, Washington, Oklahoma Colorado, Montana, Michigan, Indiana, Wyoming, Texas. Wisconsin and, of course, Nebraska. It was great fun and lots of work.
I especially dislike ironing pillowcases but a guest from last year told me, "After a day of getting whipped by a cold Nebraska wind while watching cranes return to the river sandbars, it is so nice to have a hot bath and place your weary head on a freshly ironed pillowcase."
That makes the work worthwhile. I am not the only one working. Rowe Sanctuary staff and their 150 wonderful volunteers are up very early to greet visitors and guide blind experiences, teach courses, manage the gift shop, and answer all those questions. Other local attractions—like Pioneer Village, Trails and Rails, Archway, Minden Opera House, Classic Car Museum, Funk Federal WPA and Fort Kearny—are also doing their part to enrich the visit of crane watcher. Local hotels, restaurants, gas stations and our friendly farmers all enhanced the visitors' stay in Central Nebraska. I heard 14 million tourists' dollars were spent in our area during Crane Migration Season.
This issue of *The County Register* is about celebrating Mother's Day. I want to tell you about some of my guests this year who were mothers. One of my favorite guests from Omaha tries to see the cranes play in the field each spring. She told me this year was her 8th year to stay with me. Several years ago, she dragged a not very interested teenager to see the cranes. This year her son asked if he could come with mom to stay with her at Burchell's White Hill Farmhouse Inn. After a heavier than expected snowstorm, her son, a pediatric resident, was up early to shovel the sidewalks and sweep snow off all the guests' cars. He said, "Shoveling snow is how a man has an excuse to play in the snow." God bless his heart and his mother's.
A mother from Wisconsin was invited by her daughter to see the cranes. Mom stayed in the downstairs room and enjoyed our large roll-in shower, but it was too cool to use the private deck outside. As they were getting ready to leave, Mom took my hands and said the morning's crane lift off was the most trilling experience she had ever had in her life. Her joy was evident.
Another mother and former school mate of mine came with her husband and her daughter's family. Her daughter had planned the heritage trip to visit her mother's childhood town and to see the cranes. After breakfast I put the lodging bills on the dining room table. My friend mentioned what a great time she had and thanked her daughter for planning such a memorable homecoming. Dad had picked up both bills. The memories and the lodging were "free" for the daughter.
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Gifts of Women, continued from page 8...

the stories I've heard, they had a right to be! She lived in the Midwest so my encounters with her were few yet impactful. She came to visit us once and stayed in my room while she was there.

There were no warm fuzzies from her and it was puzzling to me as I didn't think Grandma's acted that way. However, I was most dumbfounded by the candy wrappers she left in my wastebasket. My six-year-old self could not understand why she ate the candy that she surely must have brought for US! From her, I learned what kind of Grandma I would NOT be!

I was also blessed with two Grandmothers in my life. Grandma R was the youngest of seven children and only four years old when her mother died. She never spoke of it, but we know now that conditions in her home were not good after that.

Grandma dropped out of school in Jr. High as she didn't have clothes or shoes to wear. I found this out recently and it profoundly affected me. You see, my fondest memory of her is that she took me shopping before each school year and purchased any outfit I wanted to have.

Those outfits were special to me for many reasons back then. But the knowledge of her personal history behind our girl's day out means even more today. This woman taught me too many things to share here. But the one thing I most value from her was her fortitude.

Grandma E showed her love to her family with the use of her hands. Every family member has at least one quilt or afghan that she made for us. She always came to our home with homemade sugar cookies in hand (just like her Mom!). Staying at her home was always fun and ended with chocolate milk shakes that I got to have in the living room...as long as I kept it a secret from MY Mom!

As an adult, I have fond memories of her teaching me how to make noodles and me teaching her how to use a pasta machine to cut them with! (She was thrilled not to have to cut them by hand!) She lived long enough to see her first Great Great Granddaughter be born and passed away only a few months after. Grandma taught me what it meant to be cared for.

My Mother gave me so many gifts. She started my love of singing. One of my earliest memories is sitting under her sewing table with my toys. She would teach me songs that I still know to this day. "Teddy Bear's Picnic" and "Lonely Little Petunia" may not have been Top 40 singles, but they were to me!

Mom taught me how to keep a meticulous home. I can't say that my own home is always that way, but I do know that those skills I learned from her have provided me with the career I have today. Organizing and helping others is my passion and my livelihood. Little did she know back then that she was setting me up for the successful and fulfilling business that I enjoy.

It was my good fortune to have so many women in my family. The impact they had (even my candy hoarding Great Grandma B!) is obvious when I watch my own daughter as she mothers her children. I see the generational traits and traditions that continue on through her and it makes me smile. I like to think that all my grandmothers are smiling, too.

As women, it is not just the Moms in our life that mold us. It is the girlfriends that are a phone call away for us at two in the morning. It is the ones that can make us laugh until our bellies ache. The friends that know us better than we know ourselves.

Happy Mother's Day to those we've lost, those who hold us up and those who love us unconditionally. It's time to take a moment to acknowledge the gifts they share and have another laugh or two!

C'mon. We've got this. I know we do!

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