

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

- FEBRUARY 8** - Second Monday Gathering at Sewing World
- FEBRUARY 17** - Fabric Open House
- FEBRUARY 18** - Norwegian Elves/Angels Needle Felting Workshop
- FEBRUARY 25** - Fourth Thursday Gathering at the Legion



FEBRUARY GATHERINGS

**FEBRUARY 8**

10:00 AM to noon, Sewing World 136 71 Ave. SE in the upstairs classroom.

If you wish, bring along a snack to share. Remember to park in the rear of the store. Please thank them for their support when you shop.

**FEBRUARY 25**

1:00 to 3:00 PM, Royal Canadian Legion, 606 38 Ave NE.

The Legion provides this venue to us free. Please, no outside food or beverages as these are available from their snack bar. Consider a food bank donation as a thank you.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

PRODUCT LINE REPORTS

This month find feedback on Home Decor and Children. Check [HANDCRAFTS](#) for these and other product line reports. Over the year, regular feedback on the state of our inventory will be provided to help guide your decision making about what to make next.

WORKSHOPS & DEMOS CALENDAR

Workshops & Demos Calendar is now posted in the Calendar and Handcrafts page. Thanks to those who gave feedback. If you have ideas for workshops or demos or you want to host one, send a message to the new Handcrafts email at [handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com](mailto:handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com).

FABRIC OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: February 17 from noon to 5:00 PM  
WHERE: Dawn Bolger's, 13124 Bonaventure Drive SE.

NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS ELVES WORKSHOP

The first workshop of 2016 will be Norwegian Christmas Elves. Come learn to needle felt these adorable Norwegian Christmas Elves, Angels or Woodland Elves.

During this three hour, hands-on felting class, Carol Spring will lead participants through the steps to complete one elf for BAGS, BABIES & BEYOND. Additional material can be supplied to participants to make more at home. Full directions will be provided and local sourcing of materials will be discussed if participants want to make elves for themselves or more for the sale.

WHEN: February 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

WHERE: Carol Spring's House

REGISTER: [HERE](#). Directions will be provided to registrants. Maximum 6 participants

## HOME DECOR

### Things for the kitchen - Joan Benedict

- Microwave bowls were new and there was interest in them. Once use was explained, selling was easy.
- There was an abundance of dishcloths with lots left for a good start for next year. Some of the smaller cloths were marketed as Spa cloths; these could sell if they were done in neutral colours i.e. pastels and greys and wrapped with ribbons in bundles of three. Please no dark reds as the colour bleeds when wet.
- The unsold aprons should sell next year; most are of excellent quality. All remaining stock will be put into next year's sale.

### On The Bed - Barb Doll

The following list are items that we know sell well with the few noted exceptions.

- Adult pillow cases or teen pillow cases in eye catching/interesting/modern fabric.
- Children's pillowcases in sports fabrics and fabrics appealing to boys. We need themes for older boys and girls; there are lots suitable for younger children.
- Small afghans that are knitted, crocheted, or made from fleece in interesting colors and designs.

### On the Table

- Placemats are best when approximately 13" X 18"; larger don't sell well. Runners, toppers and cloths in interesting fabric and design always sell.
- Insulated mats 9 to 12" square and 7-8" that can be used as table mats or pot holders.
- Insulated casserole carriers; patterns available on [PATTERNS](#) and on the Internet.
- Tie and go bun baskets
- Felted bowls, nested or singles
- Tea cozies

### Wine and Dine

- Coasters in interesting design and beverage related fabric. The origami coasters that fit on a wine glass base are great in a pack of 6. People are using those instead of wine charms to distinguish glasses at a gathering. It is the fabric that makes the sale.
- Mug mats; approximately 6x9"
- Wine bags

Any of the above in Canadian-themed fabric, wine, tea or coffee fabric.

### Bags

- All small bags are good but not tablet or Kobo cases
- Shoe bags
- Small bags to keep items in your purse, back pack, suitcase, drawer, change purses, small and extra small duffel style bags. Use eye-catching fabrics and a variety of styles. Some could have plastic windows.

- All occasion gift bags do not sell but Christmas themed gift bags sell out.

Unique Boutique was new this year and created to highlight speciality items in the home decor categories.

### Christmas items - Donna Russell

The Christmas items at the sale sold very well and there is not much inventory left. Consider the following Christmas-themed items for our next sale.

- Large, medium and small gift bags
- Wine bags
- Tree ornaments
- Advent calendars
- Insulated table mats and pot holders
- Aprons, table cloths, placemats, table runners
- Stockings.

## CHILDREN

### Non-wearable Children's Items - Sandra Burgess

For the 2015 BB&B Sale CHILDREN section had over 200 non-wearable items. Over 150 of the items in the inventory were toys. About 50% sold and there are 94 toys remaining. Some of these toys will be assessed for suitability in the PETS section for the 2016 sale.

- The most popular items were Hedgehogs, Minions, Finger Puppets and items from Alan Dart patterns.
- Hand puppets sell well when displayed by volunteers talking with the customers & children.
- Items that are no longer popular are doll bedding accessories, growth charts, receiving blankets & square-headed bears.

Items with bright colours and animal themes attract the buyers. Watch for unique items and remember to get permission to sell items that may be trademarked or require permission by the pattern designer. Use the permission request letter example on [PATTERNS](#).

If anyone wishes to have items returned, contact Sandra through [handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com](mailto:handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com).

### Wearable Children's Items - Mieke Van Dijk

At this time we have a total of 64 items in the Children's inventory; 59 are carry over from 2015 .

- Sweaters and cardigans - There are quite a few in stock in light baby colours. More in modern colours would be good.
- Hats - Most of those in stock are dark colours. We would love to see a variety of "special" hats for boys and girls.
- The rest of the items in inventory are mitts, booties/socks, legwarmers, aprons, and an assortment of dresses/skirts/sleepwear/pants/ vests.
- Focus on brightly-colored, modern design items for babies and children to attract our young mothers.