

2016 Home Decor What Sells

Custodian: Barb Doll

We had a very successful turnover of our inventory. Items that were not being sold after several years were donated to several charities that benefit women locally.

SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTS

Coasters - 25 singles sold for \$2.00, 8 sets of 4 for \$8.00 and 1 set of 2 for \$4.00. Several sets of more detailed coasters sold easily.

Wine bags - 46 wine bags from furniture fabric samples from the fabric sale, wine bags made from the pattern on our web site from heavier upholstery fabric or denim, wine bags with matching coasters, or very unique wine bags all sold very well. Wine related products generally sell well.

Casserole Carriers - These sell well if made from good quality, interesting fabric. Add pot holders or a matching table mat that fits inside.

Afghans and Lap Covers - When made from soft yarn in modern colors and easily washed, these sell well. Knitted items sell better than crocheted.

Shoe Bags - Make these in beautiful, heavier fabric. The ones with shoe appliqués were popular.

Placemats - These are a great seller. Sets of 4 sell better than sets of 2. There were requests for sets of 6. Five sets of 2, 22 sets of 4 and 1 set of 6 were offered at the sale this year very few are left; these are in colors that didn't seem to work as well such as bright pink and orange with a lot of fabric busy-ness.

Tea-themed Items - The clay teabag holders with an attached tea bag all sold. This was a new product and would be welcome for the 2017 sale. Tea related products usually sell well. There were also some tiny clay dishes that would hold ear rings and these all sold. We didn't have many tea cozies and all but one sold. We also sold a lot of tea-themed teapot mats.

There were a lot of beautiful, quilted table runners/ wall hangings in a variety of sizes that used beautiful fabric colors and were well quilted. 29/40 of these runners were sold. Although small bags aren't used in home decor, a lot of change purse size bags and 4 detailed cosmetic bags in beautiful fabric with zipper pockets inside sold in this section.

Mug Mats - 130 mug mats made from fun fabric and themed fabric were sold. There are only 21 left to carry over. There are a lot of good ideas for this product on the internet.

Table Mats - Made in small, medium and large sizes, insulated with insulbrite and non-insulated, these sold well. There are 36 left out of 83 insulated and 11 out of 36 of non-insulated.

Pillows - This product is generally a hard sell but we did sell 5 exceptional pillows and 2 plain ones.

Felted bowls are a good seller. They sell as singles or as sets of 2, 3 or 4. There are very few left.

LESS SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTS

Pillowcases - Pillowcases once sold very well but have NOT been selling well the last two years. We gave quite a few away to charity so they will be enjoyed.

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Bowls made from records didn't sell but these will be offered again next year. All occasion gift bags have been cleared out. They only sell for a very low price which is not worth the effort put in them so let's give them a rest. However see the Christmas section for gift bags.

Please keep up your great work. If you have a new product you would like to try, please consult someone on the Handcrafts Committee to discuss feasibility and for any suggestions. The African Grannies know that they make us tired but through our efforts they have projects that improve their lives and those of their grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS - Donna Russell

In 2016 the following Christmas-themed items sold very well. There is very little inventory to carry over although we do have quite a few Canada Maple Leaf Ornaments, and Halloween bags.

Felted and knitted animals and ornaments

Tee ornaments

Glass plant stakes and notes

Tree skirts, Christmas trees

Advent calendars

Runners, placemats, table mats, pot holders.

Gift tags, small and medium gift bags, wine bags and coasters.

The Halloween cat with house was very popular.

KITCHEN PRODUCTS - Joan Benedict

About 55 microwave bowls sold out as did the 22 potatoes bags.

Dryer balls were a new products and all 18 were sold.

All 283 scrubbies left the building!

Only a few pot holders are left to carry over and the insulated ones sold best.

Although there was an abundance of dishcloths, close to a 100 were sold.

Kitchen towels to fit over the oven door sell well.

Aprons are a harder sell requiring just the right buyer. That being said, however, most of our new and old stock were sold.