



## MAY GATHERINGS

### MAY 11

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.

### MAY 28

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

The Legion provides this venue to us  
free. Do not bring food or beverages  
in to the Legion. These are available  
at their snack bar. Consider a food  
bank donation as a thank you.

## MAY at a glance

**MAY 11** - Second Monday  
Gathering at Sewing  
World Gathering

**MAY 28** - Fourth  
Thursday Gathering at  
The Royal Canadian  
Legion.

**MAY 13** - Fabric Open  
House

**MAY 31** - Day 1 of  
Ceramic Workshop



## NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

### FABRIC OPEN HOUSE

Come see what fabric is available for BB&B projects on  
May 13 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM at 13124 Bonaventure  
Drive S.E. If you see something for a personal project,  
fabric will be available at Fabric Sale prices. See you  
there. If you have any questions please email Dawn,  
[debolger@shaw.ca](mailto:debolger@shaw.ca)

### TWO-DAY CLAY WORKSHOP

Join us for a two-day clay workshop, Sunday May 31 and  
Sunday June 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Led by Tracy Franks, local ceramics artist and teacher,  
we will be making buttons, pendants, trivets and any  
other small items that can be added to our handcrafted  
items and sold at BB&B sale. More details online.

As in the past, the workshop will be held at Janice  
McDonald's. Details will be sent to registrants before  
the class. Room for 12, so please [REGISTER](#) soon.

### UPDATES FROM CUSTODIANS

This month, we have an update from Eveline Goodall -  
the new JEWELRY Custodian.

There was a tremendous growth in the number of  
jewelry items for sale at the 2014 BB&B; 759 items as  
compared to 210 items in 2012. Looks like BB&B is a  
good place to shop for unique, well-priced jewelry.

And PETS this year will be managed by Carol Spring  
and Norma Wilson. Norma and Carol are keen to get a  
few new items for PETS as in 2015 the selection we had  
sold out and they are sure there is more market.

## JEWELRY - WHAT SELLS

### NECKLACES

Necklaces are amongst our big sellers. There is usually a great range of products in this category. Keep up the good work. The individual bead charms on leather necklaces sold very well. I-cord still sells. All colours are attractive to buyers.

### BRACELETS



Bracelets are another top seller and the beaded bracelets, particularly the ones with closures were best sellers. Cuffs sold well as did Friendship bracelets. Please pay attention to size. Optimal size seems to be 6.5 to 7.7 inches circumference.

### PINS

We have some pins left from last year's sale, and while we may have saturated the market with wooden shawl pins, beaded shawl pins, lapel and other embellished pins still sold very well.

### LITTLE GIRLS' ITEMS

We didn't have a lot but barrettes and barrettes with cases sold out as did hairbands and scrunchies. A few of the traditional-style button bracelets sold in this category as well. Items for girls are very popular and guess what? Pink and purple are the favoured colours.

### CERAMIC BUTTONS

These sell nicely. In 2015 sets of 4 and 5 sold better than singles or even doubles. There is a two-day, clay button workshop on May 31 and June 14.

Register for this workshop [HERE](#).

### OTHER ITEMS

We sold about half of the earrings we had and still have 29 pairs for next year. They have been a slow seller for some reason. Needle cases sold nicely as did bead-, charm- and button-embellished zipper pulls, purse charms and key fobs.

There are at least eight Members making jewelry. New "Jewelers" are very welcome to join. Eveline is located in NW Calgary and you can drop off your products to her directly or bring them to the north or south gatherings. She says she will even do pick-up if that is what suits you best. You can reach Eveline at [ewgoodall@gmail.com](mailto:ewgoodall@gmail.com) though she will be away mid May to mid June.

## PET PRODUCTS

In 2014, we had a much reduced PET section due to limited products. This year we are hoping to expand this product line a bit. At the June 10 Demo Day, we will have a demo devoted to pet products so drop into that if you are looking for ideas.

Felted, catnip mice (pictured on page 1) continue to amaze us with their popularity. In 2015 we had over 80 and virtually sold out. We usually have them in every colour of the rainbow and every mouse leaves us with a unique name.

This year, consider food mats for either dogs or cats. These are not more complex than quilted placemats with appropriate themed fabric or appliqué. It can be quite fun to let your imagination take over with the pet theme.

Dog beds always sell quite well as do toys for both cats and dogs. We will have examples in the June demo.

Or how about a furniture protector for when pets want to share the people furniture. These are essentially a lap quilt and can be made from a variety of fabrics.

We have found in the past that dog coats are harder to sell than other items as sizing can be an issue. Most shoppers do not have their pooch with them and are hesitant to buy without trying coats on. So while they can be fun to make, non-sized items are preferred.

### HEADS UP for JUNE 10 DEMO DAY

On June 10, we will gather at Woodcliff United Church for a day of demos, socializing, door prizes and generally a bunch of fun. We are aiming for 6 demos focused on a variety of topics for both knitters and sewers. The line up so far looks like this:

1. Pet Products - Get ideas for products of all types.
2. Needle Felting Techniques - A how to.
3. Mystery Project - quick and fun for sewers.
4. Finishing Your Knits - Learn about blocking and conditioning your knits for a professional-looking finished product.
5. Want to start quilting? - What you'll need.
6. Is this you? If you have an idea for a demo, please contact [webmaster@ujamaagrandmas.com](mailto:webmaster@ujamaagrandmas.com).

Registration will be available in mid-May and the day will be designed as a way to get new ideas and skills and to connect and chat with no tasks to distract us.

