Individual Program Descriptions

Creative Living - #6300 Series

6301 3-7-12
• Rita Fuentes will show how to create a casual picnic setting that can be used indoors or out. She is an Independent Consultant with PartyLite.
• Theresa Cifali, mixed media artist and owner of The Altered Canvas, will show how to use beeswax as the binder when making a collage. She recommends using natural beeswax, not synthetic wax, and she’ll show why she prefers the natural.
• Carol Fenster, cookbook author, says that vegetables provide important nutrients and fiber, but many people are either confused about their preparation or don’t have time. She’ll show how to prepare a variety of vegetables and some fun ways to encourage children to eat vegetables. Her business is Savory Palate, Inc.

6302 3-14-12
• Cookbook authors, Kimberly Reiner and Jenna Sanz-Agero will show how to prepare homemade marshmallows using an old family recipe, which is included in their cookbook, “Sugar, Sugar.” Each recipe in the book has a wonderful story that goes along with it.
• Sara Robbins is the director of Dairy Confidence with DairyMax, and she says the unveiling of the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans brought positive news and a strong affirmation for dairy and the role it plays in our diet. She’ll explain more about it.
• Author and designer, Cindy Losekamp will talk about what threads and stabilizers to use when doing bobbin work upside down, and it’s easier than you might think. Her business is Sew Artfully Yours, Inc.

6303 3-21-12
• Dianna Effner is a designer of doll molds, and she will show several dolls and other items made from Hearty Clay. She’ll show how to mix colors and how to condition the clay for pressing. Her company is Expressions, Inc.
• Lacy Jones is the Visual Coordinator for Havertys Furniture Co., and she’s going to show how to arrange any room in the house in just 5 easy steps with an easy-to-use online room planner.
• Crafter and designer, Marisa Pawelko will show how to make duck tape rosettes using non stick cutting tools and rolls and sheets of duck tape. She’ll show lots of uses for these rosettes, including jewelry, pouches, corsages and more. Her company is Modern Surrealist.

6304 3-28-12
• Debbie Caffrey, Debbie’s Creative Moments, will show how to fine tune your rotary cutting skills as she discusses safety and ergonomics of rotary cutting. Accuracy and efficiency are also rotary cutting basics.
• Carol Fenster, cookbook author, says that beans are an inexpensive, yet very important part of a healthy gluten-free diet. She’ll share her tips for success when preparing beans and using them in baking. Her business is Savory Palate, Inc.

6305 4-4-12
• Eleisha Ensign, Executive Director of TexaSweet Citrus Marketing, Inc., will show how to prepare Rio Star Grapefruit Quinoa Salad, which is a very light, healthy flavorful dish using unique ingredients.
• Franki Kohler has written a book about fabric postcards, which she refers to as “art in the mail!” She’ll demonstrate step-by-step techniques for creating your own postcard using Angelina fibers. She’ll also demonstrate seven other techniques for creating mailable art as well.
• Judy Novella is with Fairfield Processing Corp., and she’s going to show how to make a “preemie” sized cloth doll made with PolyFil Premium Polyester, which is non-allergenic and doesn't bunch or get lumpy. This doll is dressed in a DIY cloth diaper from Babyville Boutique.
• Connie Moyers is with the *NM Cooperative Extension Service*, and she’s going to show some handmade gifts that include a casserole holder, note pad holders, coasters and even a corn cuddler—just to name a few.

• Casey Schwartz is a floral designer, and she’s going to demonstrate how to mix succulents with fresh flowers, as well as share other helpful tips on what to do after flowers have faded. Her company is *Flower Duet*.

• Megan Thome is the spokesperson for *EK Success Brands*, and she’s going to show a variety of border punched projects from scrapbook layouts to cards to home décor.

6307 4-18-12

• Author and doll maker, Terese Cato has been making sculpted dolls for years. She will show how to embellish a handmade doll so that its character comes alive and helps to tell her story. Her book is titled "*Make Cloth Dolls. A Foolproof Way to Sew Fabric Friends.*"

• Laura Keith is the owner of *Laura Keith Apparel Design*, and she’s going to talk about sewing with stretch knits which all include spandex content. The main thing to consider is how much the fabric stretches as this will determine what kind and size of pattern to use and how the garment will fit.

• Karen Eckmeier owns *The Quilted Lizard*, and she’s going to show a new series of patterns which use a paper backed fusible for easy appliqué, and also show how she combines floral, fauna and critters to create a kaleidoscope design.

6308 4-25-12

• Jann Johnson is a designer and crafter, and she will show how to make some special occasion crafts, including a Victorian frame, a seashell frame and some girls’ wrist bouquets. She represents Elmer’s products.

• Casey Schwartz is a floral designer, and she’s going to demonstrate how to create a long and low centerpiece which is perfect for a rectangle table or a mantle. She’ll use a variety of flowers that are available year round. Her company is *Flower Duet*.

6309 5-2-12

• Author, designer, and quilter, Meryl Ann Butler will show step-by-step instructions for using a 90-minute quilt technique to make quick ‘n easy bolster pillows.

• Nancy Siler is going to show how to make a bold lacy chocolate cake that uses a chocolate version of the popular buttercream icing as well as malted milk balls for decoration. Nancy is with *Wilton Brands*.

• Barbara Trombley is President of *Art Institute Glitter, Inc.*, and she’s going to show how to take a paper mache box and embellish it with various paints, glitter, beads and flowers.

6310 5-9-12

• Laura Dellutri is a life and style expert with *Healthy Housekeeper, Inc.*, and she’s going to share some tips for the savvy pet parent, including how to save money on pet food, how to clean up pet hair, and how to clean messes from carpet.

• Author and quilter, Margaret Miller has a quilting technique called Easy Pieces, and she says it’s for quilters who want to sew lots of simple shapes, use a wider range of color and value and have hundreds of quilt design possibilities. She owns *Miller Quilts, Inc.*

• Donna Salazar is a professional crafter and designer, and she’s going to show how to make a mixed media banner using some of the latest crafting tools and products on the market. Her business is *Donna Salazar Designs*.

6311 5-16-12

• Crafter, Maria Nerius will show off the hottest yarns by making pom poms, which is the latest craft trend. Not only are the pom poms easy to make, they use some of the latest fashion and home décor colors. She is with *favercrafts.com*.

• Lauren Ferguson will show an easy way to repurpose vintage book covers for pennies on the dollar, and they make a perfect keepsake for your travels. Lauren is a mixed media artist, and her company is *Everything Altered, LLC*.

• Christy Kabbani and Nicky Poloski are the owners of *Two Mothers Foods*, and they are going to explain how they prepare and serve food at the local elementary school with little or no garbage. It’s quite a unique concept.
• **Rae Cumbie** is a custom dressmaker, artist and designer, and she will talk about how to repurpose garments by turning a vintage wedding dress into a special christening gown. She is President of the *Association of Sewing and Design Professionals*.

• **Bruce Johnson** is the spokesperson for *Minwax*, and he's going to show how to make some quick and easy furniture "makeovers" for people who don’t have a lot of time and want to start and finish a project in one day.

• **Connie Moyers** is with the *NM Cooperative Extension Service*, and she's going to demonstrate some recipes that everyone will enjoy receiving as a gift or preparing for yourself. Wait 'til you see the Chocolate-Drenched Chipotle Roasted Nuts – delicious.

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• **Nancy Siler** is going to demonstrate making whimsical and elegant treats featuring candy bark made with candy melts and numerous embellishments. Nancy is with *Wilton Brands*.

• **Jaime Alcorta**, owner of *Walls of Art*, will show how to make a built-in vanity look new by applying a furniture finish.

• **Michele Muska** is with *Simplicity Creative Group*, and she’s going to show how to make peel and stick decorative frames using a Deluxe Rotary Cutter, which cuts both fabric and paper. Embellishments include trims, ribbons, paper, buttons or anything else you have in your “stash.”

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• **Eric Drexler** is with *Sulky of America*, and he will demonstrate how to use Sulky Iron on Transfer pens for perfect pattern placement. He’ll also show how fusible and temporary adhesives make any project easier and more precise.

• **Rebecca Peck** represents *The Upholstery Studio*, and they make kits for headboards, tuffets, cornices and other DIY projects. She is going to show how to make a beautiful custom upholstered headboard which will make your bedroom a haven of comfort.

• **Clare Rowley** is the owner of *Creative Feet*, and she’s going to show how to gather multiple rows of stitching without having to draw the fabric up. She does this by using the Pearls ’N Piping foot she invented which guarantees no risk of ever breaking threads.

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• **Shannon Wooton** is with the *NM Cooperative Extension Service*, and she works with middle-aged and older adults on a program based on the book “Strong Women, Strong Bones.” The program helps reduce the risk of chronic diseases as well as depression and sleep disorders.

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• **Rae Cumbie** is a custom dressmaker, artist and designer, and she will talk about the benefits of unlined jackets and will show some beautiful finishes for these jackets. This includes a French seam, a rolled edge seam and bias binding using a Hong Kong finish. She is President of the *Association of Sewing and Design Professionals*.

• **Donna Salazar** is a professional crafter and designer, and she’s going to show how to make a framed butterfly wall decoration that includes a quote to make it personalized for the recipient. Her business is *Donna Salazar Designs*.

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• **Sharon Davis** is with the *Home Baking Assn.*, and she will discuss why children who help prepare food actually eat more whole grains, fruits and vegetables. She’ll demonstrate some recipes which are included in her newest cookbook “Baking with Friends” that parents can try with their children.

• **Barbara Trombley** is President of *Art Institute Glitter, Inc.*, and she’s going to show how to work with a product called fantasy film, and make lots of “things with wings” – and they are quick and easy to make.
• **Evelyn Terhune** is the owner of *Ozark Crafts* and according to her, “It seems anything ‘retro’ is popular once again.” Terhune will demonstrate fabric tinting with crayons, which is a great technique that even younger children will enjoy as much as the older ones will.

• **Debbie Caffrey**, *Debbie’s Creative Moments*, will show step by step cutting and visual aids for making “scrap” triangles for quilts. She’ll show several blocks as well as complete quilts that demonstrate this technique.

• **Terrell Sundermann** will give a brief overview of the latest Roman shade safety standards, and then show how to convert an existing Roman shade to make it safety-compliant. Her business is *Terrell Designs*.

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**6319** 7-11-12

• Crafter, **Maria Nerius** will show how to include cupcakes in your crafts whether you’re making home décor or jewelry. She’ll share a website for a special e-book that includes over 30 cupcake themed projects. She is with favecrafts.com.

• **Marty Van Ness** is a spokesperson and home economist for *Butterball*, and she’s going to tell how to enjoy turkey throughout the year – not just during the holidays. She will demonstrate traditional turkey recipe ideas with a more contemporary twist – especially good for the Millennials.

• Designer, **Shannon Bielke** will show how to use an altered-book technique which lends itself to capturing family history, ancestors and heritage when making a personal family photo album. Her business is *Sha & Co*.

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**6320** 7-18-12

• **Connie Crawford**, President, CEO and Designer for *Fashion Patterns by Coni*, will demonstrate how to design and fit strapless gowns by showing various bustier styles that illustrate the most common variations.

• **Sue Hausmann** is with *Sulky of America, Inc.*, and she’s going to share some tips and techniques for using stabilizers in craft projects. She’ll talk about making belts, totes, placemats and other crafts that incorporate various types of stabilizers.

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**6321** 7-25-12

• Author, designer, and quilter, **Meryl Ann Butler** will show step-by-step instructions for making a 90-minute quilt which incorporates piecing and quilting done at the same time.

• Chef and cooking school owner, **John Vollertsen** (known as Chef Johnny Vee) will demonstrate how safe and easy pressure cookers have become, and they are definitely making a comeback in modern day kitchens. He is the owner and director of *Las Cosas Cooking School*.

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**6322** 8-1-12

• **Connie Crawford**, President, CEO and Designer for *Fashion Patterns by Coni*, will show to fit and design knit garments and will show sketches of various knit designs. She’ll illustrate the various knit fabrics and stretch elements.

• **Curt Jaynes** will show some ways to care for various houseplants, as he talks about the advantages and uses of different plants. His business is *GardenSource Nursery and Landscaping*.

• **Laura Dellutri** says she can help us reduce the laundry load by 50% -- and reduce our frustration level at the same time. Her company is *Healthy Housekeeper, Inc*.

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**6323** 8-8-12

• **Robert Del Grande** represents the *California Fig Advisory Board*, and he will demonstrate how easy it is to create indulgent and flavorful desserts as well as create the perfect cheese platter to end any dinner party. Many of these recipes are ones he serves in his restaurant in Houston, Texas.

• **Drew Emborsky** is known as The Crochet Dude, and he represents *Simplicity Creative Group*. He will show how to crochet with fabric, which will include how to cut the fabric with a rotary cutter, how to join the fabric without sewing or tying and then show how to make a crocheted bowl.

• **Sara Robbins** is the director of Dairy Confidence with *DairyMax*, and she says that health authorities agree that low-fat and fat-free milk and milk products are an important and practical source of key nutrients for all people – including those who are lactose intolerant. She’ll talk more about this.
Author and quilter, Margaret Miller will show a template called AnglePlay, which makes working with the long right triangle edges in quilting much easier to piece regardless of the excess seam allowance. She owns Miller Quilts, Inc.

Author, Jane Thompson will talk about dating and choosing a second mate based on her book "Choosing Happiness After Divorce." She will also share some suggested resources, as well as demonstrate a recipe titled "I Don't Pesto Pizza for One!"

Jaime Alcorta, owner of Walls of Art, will show how to add random raised stenciling to walls for extra impact. Many popular fabrics have a damask pattern, and you can use this pattern randomly on the wall.

Crafter and designer, Marisa Pawelko will show how to make duck tape pouches using non stick cutting tools and rolls and sheets of duck tape. These pouches can be made in various sizes, colors and patterns and can be easily embellished, too. Her company is Modern Surrealist.

Jann Johnson is a designer and crafter, and she will show how to make some crafts for various holidays, including Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are all very easy and very inexpensive to make and would be great projects for kids to do.

Charlene Patton is with the Home Baking Assn., and she enjoys discovering family traditions and recipes that can be shared and passed from generation to generation. She’ll demonstrate one of her favorite recipes from her newest cookbook “Baking with Friends.”

Latriece Brooks, owner of Brooks Interiors, will show how to bring nature into the home when decorating a mantle or bookcase.