

Creative Living with Sheryl Borden

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Thanks to those of you who sent me good wishes for my cruise - it was THE best time ever. We had no problems with flights, luggage, ports or anything. In fact, everything was perfect. If you are interested in any details, you can go to my blog and "read all about it!" That way, I won't bore those of you who don't want to waste your time reading about someone else's trip! ha The link to the blog is: <http://sherylborden.wordpress.com>. I had several requests for more information on the book about towel folding, so I've added that at the end of this Newsletter.

Spring break is now behind us, and my tapings have all gone well in March, and we'll have lots of interesting segments to share with you next Fall. I will continue taping through April, and then take a break until next September. Why a break you ask? We start working on our annual online Auction, which is scheduled for June 1-10. If you'd like to take a look at what we have up for sale right now, just go to:

<http://auction.kenw.org>

I have great Auction Coordinators working all of our surrounding communities, and they are doing a super job. I anticipate this may be our biggest and best auction ever. Just so you know, we hold the auction each year -- and this year marks the 35th -- in order to raise money to fund all of the programs that are aired on KENW. With the state appropriations cutting an additional \$58,000 this year, we are even more desperate to make money on the auction. It's vital to us staying on the air. You may have noticed that we are now on both of the small dishes -- DirecTV and DISH, and our coverage has expanded tremendously. I hope this translates into more bidders for the auction. When you want to place a bid, just go to the "Register" link at the top of the home page and fill in the information asked for. Then, you are ready to browse, shop and have a lot of fun. We are going to do a 30-minute preview show in late May, and we are publishing a catalog for those who do not use the

internet or don't have internet access. After looking through the catalog, potential buyers can call the station, and we'll place their bids for them. No one will be left out this year. One additional change is that we are closing out items based on retail value. Items valued up to \$100 will close on Sunday, June 5; the items valued from \$101 to \$249 will close on Wednesday, June 8th, and all remaining items will close on Friday, June 10th. We hope this will be helpful in terms of knowing what a buyer has bought in order to continue bidding.

Anyway, if you choose to participate, I hope you have fun! I've always thought that the most important criteria for a fundraiser is that it is "fun." Since the auction is online, we have bidders from all across the country. Merchandise can be shipped UPS and gift certificates go by mail at no additional charge.

One more note: We are still soliciting items to sell on the auction. If you make things, or if you have a store or business, we would welcome your donations. Our minimum retail value is \$50, but it can be broken down into multiple items to equal \$50 (such as two \$25.00 gift certificates, or two items that equal \$50.) You can claim your item as a tax donation to the full extent of the law.



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Now on to **Creative Living**. As I've mentioned before, it's always nice to have a guest on who has been here before. My

guest on March 10th was **Terrell Sundermann**, and she is from Castle Rock, CO, and she makes Roman Shades. Terrell concentrated her segments on the new Safety Standards that have been imposed on all corded window treatments. One segment dealt with child-proofing the exposed cords on the back of a Roman Shade; another one showed how to convert an exist-ing shade to make it safety-compliant, and then she went over in detail the new safety standards. Of course, if you make shades for yourself and for your own home, these changes may not be important to you, but for someone like Terrell who makes a living out of making shades for other people, these changes are very important. It's also reassuring to us as consumers to know that these standards for corded window treatments have been implemented.

On March 17th, I had the pleasure of meeting and working with **Shannon Bielke**, a very talented crafter from Payson, AZ. She and her friend, Loretta, drove from Payson to Portales -- 8 or 9 hours. We sure had fun while she was here. She did one segment on making "Green" Jewelry (using pieces of old jewelry and combining it with various crafting items to create beautiful bracelets, earrings and necklaces.) Another similar segment was on "Green" Decor, and she showed several new projects - again from previous items. Since I love scrapbooking, I especially enjoyed the segment on mini-books and altered family photo albums.



After we finished Shannon's segments, my good friend, **Curt Jaynes** taped two segments. A week before I was at our local Woman's Club meeting, and Curt was doing the program, and I happened to be seated at the same table with him. During the luncheon, I asked if he would be available to come out on the 17th and tape -- and he said "yes"! The good thing about Curt is that he just "knows" all the information -- he doesn't have to study or do a lot of preparation other than choosing which plants and which products to bring out. He taped one segment on water retaining polymer for potted



plants, gardens, lawns, trees and shrubs. These tiny granules expand considerably in size when exposed to water so it works great in terms of keeping the soil moist longer. He also shared other water saving ideas for plants. The second segment was all about houseplants -- and he had a table full of the most beautiful plants. Just when I think I'll get rid of my houseplants, here comes Curt explaining the benefits of having them. Just wished mine looked as healthy as the ones he showed!

There was no taping on March 24th due to Spring Break, but on March 31st, I had the pleasure of meeting and working with **Barbara Trombley**, who is the President of Art Institute Glitter, Inc. and she drove to Portales from Cottonwood, AZ. Talk about a "sparkling personality."



Actually, that was really a joke she told during one her segments because we were literally covered with glitter during her tapings. Everything she demonstrated had to do with glitter, and they were all gorgeous. She showed home decor items, adding glitter to fabric items, working with glitter, fantasy film and fantasy fiber to create lots of things with wings, and then she showed how to embellish paper mache boxes. Once she showed how to work with the glitter and film, everything seemed so easy and do-able. I told Barb when she was packing up that everytime we saw a piece of glitter anywhere in the studio, we would think of her!

A Glance from the Past

In looking through “old” files, I remembered a lady by the name of **Susan Howe**, and she represented Clorox and Hidden Valley Ranch. I had used Hidden Valley Ranch packets to make dressings and dips for a long time, but I was interested in a Salad Calorie Countdown recipe she shared with us when we taped in 1986. I thought I would share this quick and easy recipe with you.

- 1 can (8 3/4 oz.) garbanzo beans, drained
- 8 oz. julienne-cut beets, drained
- 6 oz. cooked turkey, cut into chunks
- 3 oz. turnip, cut into julienne strips
- 1/4 cup green onion, chopped
- 1 cup prepared Reduced Calorie Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
- Parsley (optional)

In a medium size bowl, combine beans, beets, turkey, turnip and green onion. Mix. Add dressing. Toss to coat. Garnish with parsley. 4-6 servings.

Carnival Towel Creations with Freddy

Quoting from the inside letter (from the Housekeeping Team at Carnival Cruise Lines): Carnival’s towel animals are a very popular and talked about feature aboard the “Fun Ships.”

The copy I purchased is the third edition, and I’ve had so much fun looking through the pictures, figuring out how

to fold the towels, and so far, I haven’t done anything at all! However, I’m thinking this might be a fun activity at a birthday party that I’m planning this summer for a bunch of ten year olds. Then, the towels could be their take home favor from the swimming party.



If you’re interested in getting a copy of this delightful book, you can order it from Carnival Cruise Lines, 3655 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33178-2428 or go to their website: www.carnival.com.

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Since these segments won’t air for several months, I wanted to go ahead and give you the guests’ e-mail addresses and website addresses, and you can browse at your leisure or contact them directly.

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I invite you to share tips, techniques, ideas and recipes with me to include in future newsletters. If you have ideas for guests for “Creative Living,” I’d love to hear about them, too. You can e-mail me at: sheryl.borden@enmu.edu