April Fool’s Day Gift! I grew up in a family who always tried to be the first one to say “Christmas Gift” or “Halloween Gift,” or “Easter Gift” to the rest of the family. Now my kids and I even text each other so we can be the first one to spread the greeting. Do any of you do this, too! Let me know please.

March has flown by, and today was my very last taping for this semester. I’ve had a great crew, and I’ll miss seeing and working with the students every Thursday.

Let’s start at the beginning of the month. My dear friend, Nancy Siler with Wilton Enterprises in Woodridge, IL was here on March 1st to tape four new segments. She’s been here lots of times, and I am always impressed that she can come up with so many new ideas. One segment was on cupcakes, another on watercolor cookies, one on candy pinwheels, and the final one was on nature designs for an oriental cake, and it featured fondant.

After Nancy’s taping, I met and worked with Michelle Dudash, a chef and spokesperson for the California Raisin Marketing Board. Michelle taped a segment on “Keep It Real with All Natural, Nutrient-Packed Foods,” one on “Economize Your Kitchen: Choose Foods that Add Flavor and Nutrition

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Without Breaking the Bank,” and finally, one on “Snack Smart!” Of course, she used nutritious raisins in every recipe and if you like raisins, as I do, you’ll enjoy trying some of Michelle’s recipes, which you’ll find here: Raisin Recipes

The next week, all of the guests were designers and crafters so I had fun learning new tips, techniques, products, etc. The first guest was Sandy Grossman-Morris from Brentwood, CA. She and her husband drove to Portales for the taping session, and she taped four segments - all dealing with custom needlepoint. She showed how she takes actual photographs or pictures and creates a needlepoint canvas that’s ready to stitch. She also talked about hardware embellishments for needlepoint, how to use ribbon and how to create a personalized needlepoint plaid design. She made me a cute tree that is MY VERY OWN plaid design based on the numbers in my anniversary date!

The second guest on March 8th was Ann Butler, from Villard, MN. She taped four segments: “Makin’s No Bake Polymer Clay Blending Technique,” “Design Possibilities with Push Molds,” and “Making a Magazine Purse.” (I loved learning how to use old magazines to create a very stylish purse.)

After Ann finished, I four segments with Lisa Rojas from Victorville, CA. Lisa showed how to use a die cutting machine to create a frame, which she titled ‘Beauty at the Beach,” and then showed how to cut out a gift card holder that she decorated with rubber stamps and stickers. Her next segment dealt with decorating a wood frame with stamps (Lisa is known as the stampin’ queen!) and adding color with chalk pencils. Finally, she showed how to use Graphic 45 papers and other embellishments to decorate a vinyl record -- and she gave me one! (Of course, most of our students had never heard of vinyl records! ha)

On March 15th, my good friend, John Vollertsen (more commonly known as Chef Johnny Vee) was here, and he taped four cooking segments with me. Johnny came to the station the day before the taping to start his food prep - and by 5:00 when everyone was supposed to leave work, they were coming to me and asking where that fabulous smell was coming from! Johnny had the entire Broadcast Center smelling like a chef’s kitchen. None of us wanted to go home - we were ready to eat dinner here!

Johnny teaches people to cook at his Las Cosas Cooking School in Santa Fe, NM and these recipes are some of the ones he uses. Click here for the recipes.
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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