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The Mafia's Home Away From Home - Filter Coffee House! Meet Owner Steve Price!

What is your favorite coffee drink? And why? I love our white chocolate mocha with a shot of almond syrup.... so delicious!

What do you like the best about Filter Coffeehouse? Filter welcomes everyone from all walks of life to congregate and share some in some music, great food, great drinks and all in a relaxed atmosphere.

How did you start in the coffee biz? Being in the restaurant business for over 15 years, I decided it was time to do my own thing. It has been a dream of mine for over 10 years now to own my own coffee house... and I'm checking it off my "life list!"

What is your most popular item on the menu? The Lila Panini is our #1 seller. With real chicken breast, pesto, sundried and real tomatoes, topped with provolone cheese, makes this item DELICIOUS!

Anything new at Filter Coffeehouse you would like to share? Actually, yes! A few weeks back we finally got our Beer and Wine License. We serve some great funky beers and some really affordable delicious (not typical) wines. Also, we have great Bloody-Mary's. Vodka cranberry/OJ and Mimosas that ROCK!

Why do you have a glass bottle Coke offered? Bottled coke has real sugar in it and is way more refreshing! Try one!

When is the best time to come into visit and get a cup of joe? We are open M-F from 6:30am and on the Weekends at 7am. Every night we close at 2am! So stop by at your convenience!

How did you come up with the name Filter? I once went to this awesome coffee house in Chicago, named FILTER. I loved it and it stuck with me. They have since been bought out by Bank Of America.

We noticed that you have some great art on the walls, how often do you have new artist shows? We love supporting local artists! (YEAH, CRAFT MAFIA!) So, on the 15th of every month we change out the local art works of 4-6 artists at a time. If you are interested in getting your art work shown or even SOLD here, contact the manager, Nick. He arranges great shows!

What inspires you for your business? I love working for myself and making things happen! Honestly, I am so lucky to have such a great staff! That is the #1 key to success! I treat them with lots of respect and they do the same in return in everyway. Stop in and say hi to either Nick, Ashley, Kelly, Natalie, Zeek, or Andrew anytime!



**Filter Coffee House
4096 30th St., San Diego, CA 92104
M-F 6:30 am to 2 am
Sat-Sun 7 am to 2 am**

CRAFTY WEBSITE:

ARTFUL TIES MAKING ART FROM MEN'S NECKTIES

I was searching around for a craft that was "dad" related, for Father's Day, and I came across this fun blog by local crafter, Barb Lawrence. The blog is called Artful Ties - sewingwithneckties.blogspot.com - and it has lots of crafty ideas for men's neckties! As you look through the posts, you will find many links to other sites where crafty people have posted pictorial tutorials so you can try to make some stuff yourself. We love that! In addition to the corset belt (shown in the "Crafty How To") there are fun projects ranging from hats, purses, wearable flowers, Christmas décor, and

even ideas on upholstering furniture with ties. Very colorful and definitely something that my dad would use! The messenger bag tutorial looks easy to follow, and who can't use another bag for craft stuff? I may have to try this one myself! In addition to the blog entries, check out the "Inspiration and Ideas" links. You will find a great collection of tutorials and ideas to get your creative energies going. Scroll down a bit more and you will also find links to sites that offer necktie items for sale with products ranging from apparel to pillows. Do some Father's Day shopping online!



Messenger bag tutorial can be found on [Craftster.org](http://www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=45985.0) (<http://www.craftster.org/forum/index.php?topic=45985.0>)

CRAFTY HOW TO: (IN HONOR OF DAD) MAKE A NECKTIE CORSET BELT!

What you will need:

- 8 - 10 neckties (wide style)
- Wright's double fold bias tape - extra wide or standard width
- Large eyelet kit
- 2.5 yards of 5/8" wide black velvet ribbon
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- A hammer



How to make it:

Cut off the bottom 7 inches of the tie (You can make a hat from these!) Then cut the NEXT four inches from the remaining piece of tie. This is the section that works for the belt. They should be between 3 and 4 inches wide at the widest point and tapered.



Sew the sections together with the wide zigzag stitch. Feed the sections through side by side - no pins, no "right side together." Keep the wider edges at the bottom - you'll get a curved shape - like a smile - after all 8 or 10 sections are sewn together. Keep checking for fit to determine how many sections to add.



Now remove any tags, labels or loops from the back of the ties and zigzag over the seam in the center back of each section. Do this by tracing a junked with chalk around each of the four corners and trimming.

When it is long enough, round off the corners at the ends of the belt.

Now, serge or stay stitch about 1/8-inch around the entire edge of the belt.

Next, pin the folded bias tape all the way around. The tape wraps around the edge of the belt so that the front and back are both outlined with the black bias. Try using regular long pins on the straight sides of the belt and then small short pins on the curved ends. This is the most difficult part of the project. Just be patient and pin carefully. Remember the shorter side of the bias tape goes on the front side of the belt and the longer edge of tape wraps around to the back of the belt.



Stitch to secure the bias tape with the same wide zigzag stitch all the way around removing pins as you go.

Install three grommets on each end of the belt according to the package instructions and then lace up with ribbon.

Tutorial & Images Source:
www.Craftster.org



MADAME CRAFTINA'S
HOROSCOPE

CRAFT YOUR WAY OUT OF JUNE GLOOM

Madame Craftina suggests some fun hobbies for each astrological sign to enjoy and help pass the June Gloom.

Gemini May 21 -June 20: You Twins will really enjoy some light exercise, reading, and movie watching this month. And if none of this sounds fun, get some friends together, you always appreciate some noise and excitement!

Cancer June 21 -July 22: Crabs are sentimental, so a fun hobby to you would be to start a collection or do some scrapbooking. Historic tours of neighborhoods and museums are also great activity for you.

Leo July 23 -August 22: It's time to throw a party Leo! You love being the host and others love your gatherings. A little shopping this month will prove to be a pleasurable time too!

Virgo August 23 -September 22: Virgos are such busy bodies! Some fun ways to stay busy this month include crafting (of course!), cooking, baking and gardening. Have fun!

Libra September 23 -October 22: Sports are a great hobby for Libras this month or anytime. Also getting out for a bite to eat or attending the theatre will keep you Librans happy.

Scorpio October 23 -November 21: You Scorpions really enjoy studying and researching, in and out of school. Keep reading and enjoy yoga regularly to keep your mind and body stimulated.

Sagittarius November 22 -December 21: The best way for you Sags to enjoy some leisurely time is by traveling! If you can't get away right now physically, try spending some time with others wherever you are.

Capricorn December 22 -January 19: Goats love to roam outdoors so any outdoor hobbies like gardening are fun for Capricorns. If it's just too gloomy outside, keep your hands busy with some indoor craft projects.

Aquarius January 20 -February 18: Aquarians can pass hours and hours playing on-line but some group activities are good for you too! Try seeing the latest sci-fi movie with a couple friends and enjoy picking it apart afterwards.

Pisces February 19 -March 20: Nothing pleases you Pisces more than to really appreciate the fine arts. Good music and poetry is a favorite pastime and not one to move away from now.

Aries March 21 -April 19: Very active and exhilarating hobbies are perfect for Aries. Get outside and hike, play sports or jump rope. Invite some friends over and make it a double-dutch affair!

Taurus April 20 -May 20: You bulls enjoy good food, good art and good music. Take up a calorie burning activity this month to help balance it all out!

MA MANGIA

ITALIAN WEDDING COOKIES -
NOT JUST FOR WEDDINGS!

Not going to a wedding this summer? You can enjoy the "wedding cookie" anytime! These powdered sugar delights are known by many names; Mexican wedding cookies, Russian tea cookies, Italian wedding cookies, and others. There are also many variations using different kinds of nuts. Be creative and use your favorite kind!

Visit: www.doghillkitchen.blogspot.com for more fun recipes!

Recipe Source: *Sacred Heart League Cookbook, 1964 (Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Livonia, Michigan).*

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups additional powdered sugar to coat, sifted to remove lumps

DIRECTIONS:

Mix together the butter (or EB), sugar, and vanilla. -Sift the flour and salt together and add to the butter mixture. Stir just until combined. Add in the pecans and again fold in, just until evenly distributed. Cover the dough with plastic wrap, form into an even rectangle and chill for at least 4

hours. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F. -Take half of the dough and cut it into 24 pieces. Gently squeeze the cubes of dough into a ball. This dough crumbles easily and by squeezing instead of rolling you can prevent some of the crumbling. If the cube does crumble, collect all the crumbles and press them together before proceedin' with the squeezin'. -Place the formed balls onto a cookie sheet. These do not spread and can be placed as close as an inch apart. Do try and leave even space between each cookie so that they cook evenly. -Bake for 9-11 minutes. The cookie should be set and the bottoms should be very light brown.

While the cookies are still warm, roll them in the powdered sugar. Allow the cookies to cool completely and roll them a second time.



Photo:doghillkitchen.blogspot.com



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Sunday Crafty Sunday



gifts for all occasions

Sunday, June 7, 12-5pm, Filter coffeehouse 4096 30th St.
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**Crafty Black Book:
Upcoming Events for June**

**MONDAY JUNE 1ST:
PEPPER (OF BELLE PEPPER COUTURE) WILL BE 7 YEARS OLD!
Happy "Lucky" 7th birthday Pepper!**

**SUNDAY JUNE 7TH:
SUNDAY, CRAFTY SUNDAY**
We are going to be at Filter for another Sunday, Crafty Sunday! Come by and find that unique gift for the graduate, bride, or father in your life! The show runs **from 12 noon to 5 PM**. Links to all our vendor's websites can be found at **SundayCraftySunday.com!**

**FRIDAY JUNE 12TH:
MALT SHOP DERBY HOP!**
Do you like burgers and shakes? How about having them served to you by roller girls? Sound fun? Check out this fundraising event for San Diego Roller Derby! **The Malt Shop Derby Hop will be happening on Friday, June 12th from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Classics Malt Shop - 3615 Midway Dr. in the Von's Shopping Center.** The SDRD Starlettes will be car hoppin' on skates & serving up some tasty treats. Be sure to stop by and see the fabulous hot rods on display! There will be some free giveaways with Craft Mafia and SDRD merch! Be there!

**SUNDAY JUNE 17TH:
FATHER'S DAY**



**SATURDAY JUNE 20TH:
CHULA VISTA DOGGIE DASH**
Belle Pepper Couture will be at this annual event happening **June 20th from 8am - 1pm**. For more info visit: www.downtownchulavista.com/things/detail.php?EventID=82

**TUESDAY JUNE 23RD:
CRAFTY CONSPIRACY CRAFT NIGHT**
Consider yourself crafty or want to learn to be? Join the NPCM at **Filter Coffee House** on the fourth Tuesday of each month for a fun night of crafting! Our next get together is happening **Tuesday, May 23rd from 7 to 9 PM**. Bring your own project to work on and enjoy some great coffee & treats - and now wine & beer too!

LOOKING AHEAD!
Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Holiday Hit List event happening on December 6th at Liberty Station! **Interested vendors can apply online beginning July 1st!** Just go to: [www.HolidayHitList.com!](http://www.HolidayHitList.com)