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The North Park Craft Mafia's "Fall Preview Trunk Show"!

The members of the NP Craft Mafia are proud to announce their very first group trunk show! What exactly is a trunk show? A trunk show is an exclusive preview of new products not yet available anywhere else. You will be our special guests at this exciting event! The evening's festivities will include a fashion show, hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine bar (cash bar 21+ with ID), free giveaways, and more! What will you see? All three Mafia members will be on-hand to show their latest and greatest creations for fall. Here's a little peak of what to expect;



Belle Pepper Couture - "My focus is making colorful, fun and fashionable clothing and accessories for pets that are made in the USA, and high quality. I'm working on some different items. New designs that I have been thinking about for a while. New outfits, new fabric patterns for collars, and new fabrics for the fleece vests. Everyday I'm reminded by my sweetheart doggies, Belle, Pepper and Bambi. They always want to be dressed. So I'm always changing their accessories. I love looking at fabric design, color and textures, they give me lots of inspiration. Also, I like to see the current trends of fashion to be inspired to create cool new looks for doggies."

Velvet Klaw - "I love to work in many different mediums, so I'm always trying something new. This year I have a new line of jewelry made from vintage flatware. I've also been working in digital collage and creating fun journals and notebooks and have recently returned my attention to millinery design, so you will see some hats in the fashion show! I love all things vintage and find inspiration from many sources including china, silverware, and textile patterns."

Meagan Rae Designs - "My designs are fun, funky fashions and accessories inspired by re-inventing re-cycled items for an urban girlie style. New MR Designs include re-fashioned t-shirts paired with full cocktail skirts, accessorized by origami dangle earrings and recycled handbags. I am overwhelmed with inspiration in everything, all of the time. People around me, nature walks with my dog, *Sex and the City* re-runs, and vintage anything keeps my mind from ever stopping!!!! When I'm focused, the end product is very exciting!"



We here at the North Park Craft Mafia love Etsy. What's Etsy? Etsy has been a major contributor to the crafting community since 2005. They make it very easy for crafters around the world to sell their wares and buy supplies by listing items for sale and shopping at Etsy.com. It's all about handmade, and that's what we're about too! Etsy's birthday is June 18th, and in collaboration with over 400 other crafting groups worldwide, we are hosting an Etsy Craft Party - all on the same day! So, we will be participating in a World Wide Crafting event!!! Because our

Crafty Conspiracy craft night was to be held soon after this event, we decided to combine the Etsy Craft Party and our craft night! There will be a group craft project and craft swap. What's a Craft Swap? Basically, you bring your extra craft supplies, that you don't want or need any more, and swap them with someone else for new stuff! More details on the craft project will be posted on our website. It will be lots of fun! Be sure to RSVP on our meetup group's page for this event: www.meetup.com/Etsy-Craft-Party/6333/

TAKE THESE TASTY SANDWICHES TO YOUR NEXT PICNIC!

Chicken, Brie & Pear Sandwich with Balsamic Onions

Ingredients

4 thick slices bread
 10ml (2 tsp) mayonnaise [one per sandwich]
 10ml (2 tsp) fig or apricot jam
 sliced cooked chicken breast
 Brie cheese (3 to 4 slices per sandwich)
 30ml (2 tbsp) [balsamic onions](#) [one per sandwich]
 1 ripe pear, unpeeled, cored and thinly sliced
 salad leaves

Arrange the slices of bread on the work surface. Spread the mayo lightly on one slice and the jam on the other. Place the chicken slices on the mayo side of each pair, covering the bread. Top with the Brie slices. Spread out the balsamic onions over the layer of Brie. Top with pear slices. Add a layer of salad leaves per sandwich. Put the jam-covered bread slice on the sandwich,

jam side down. Slice into two triangles.

Notes: Serve with a beverage for a simple lunch or with a salad for a light dinner.

In a pinch, use a rotisserie chicken from the supermarket rather than cooking the chicken breast beforehand. Toasting the bread gives a little extra flavour and crunch.

Source: GreedyGourmet.com



Goat's Cheese, Sundried Tomato & Walnut Sandwich

Ingredients

30g (1 oz) sundried tomatoes, finely chopped
 60g (2 oz) soft goat's cheese
 15ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh basil (optional)
 5 walnuts, chopped
 15ml (1 tbsp) olive oil, if needed

Place the sundried tomatoes and basil (if using) in a bowl with the goat's cheese and stir to mix. If you find the mixture a bit too stiff add the tablespoon of olive oil. Lastly, add the nuts to the filling, mix thoroughly.

Notes: Look for sundried tomatoes found preserved in jars of olive oil. They are so much better than the ones found dried out in packets.

If you like sundried tomatoes, by all means top the filling up with them. Chop and change the quantities of these ingredients to your desire.

Source: Greedy-Gourmet.com



Crafty Black Book: Upcoming Events for June

June is Acordian Awareness Month!



SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 12-13

14TH ANNUAL SAN LUIS REY MISSION POWWOW

Powwows celebrate Native American culture and many different tribes will be represented in dance, art, and music. This free two-day event shares with the community local tribal history and spiritual traditions of the Luiseno people. Visitors will enjoy shopping and browsing through the vendor village consisting of many unusual and unique Native American jewelry, artwork, music and crafts.

Old Mission San Luis Rey, 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA. www.slrmissionindians.org

FRIDAY JUNE 18TH

CRAFTY CONSPIRACY/ETSY CRAFT PARTY

See pg. 1 for info. **Ruby Kitchen -The Upstairs Lounge Area -1263 University Ave., 92103 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

RSVP at: www.meetup.com/Etsy-Craft-Party/6333/

THURSDAY JUNE 24TH

FALL PREVIEW TRUNK SHOW

Come see all the Craft Mafia's new items for fall! See cover story for all the details!

Queen Bee's Art and Culture Center, 3925 Ohio St. - 92104 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. www.queenbeessd.com

SATURDAY JUNE 26TH

SAN DIEGO ROLLER DERBY - BOUT 5, SEASON 1

Come see SDRD's brand new team - the Rockettes - take on the West Coast Derby Knockouts! Game starts at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$12!

Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Rd. - 92111. Visit SanDiegoRollerDerby.com for all the info. And buy tickets online!

LOOKING AHEAD!

JULY 1- Vendor Application goes live for the 4th Annual Holiday Hit List shopping extravaganza!