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## May Brings Two Craft Shows to North Park - Sunday Crafty Sunday on May 3rd & The North Park Festival of the Arts on May 17th!



The San Diego North Park Craft Mafia's Mother's Day Edition of Sunday Crafty Sunday, will take place on May 3, 2009 from 12pm to 5pm at Filter Coffee House, 4096 30<sup>th</sup> St, San Diego, CA 92104, 619-521-0533. Come support some wonderful local artists who will be displaying their crafty wares at the Sunday Crafty Sunday art show. This show is just in time for Mother's Day so why not honor dear old Mom with a handcrafted one-of-a-kind gift this year?! This craft show will be at the Filter Coffee House, so it is also a great place to just hang out with a hot cup of joe and hang out with the girls of the San Diego North Park Craft Mafia. Shoppers can browse through this unique market from local do-it-yourself vendors (DIYer) with hand-made offerings from; Velvet Klaw, Belle Pepper Couture, Designs de Luna, Meagan Rae Designs, Altered Provisions, Beth Mann Jewelry, CiCi's Beaded Art, Zedena Designs, Jantzen B. Handcrafted Jewelry, Emily Grace Goodrich, : Delilahs Interior Gifts and Services, Haute Scissor Action, & BibsByBecca. Visit our new website for links to all our vendors. Go to [www.SundayCraftySunday.com](http://www.SundayCraftySunday.com)!

Want more? You are in luck! May 17th is the date of the North Park Festival of the Arts event. This annual extravaganza is not to be missed! Visitors will find arts, crafts, musical performances, an international beer festival, circus acts, children's activity area, food, and more! The Mafia will have our own Spring Line Up section with vendors that we chose to represent the best of San Diego's DIY community. Did we mention that we'll be giving away some swag bags? Want to know who will be there? Here's a peak at our line up of crafty vendors; Velvet Klaw, Belle Pepper Couture, Designs de Luna, Meagan Rae Designs, Altered Provisions, Lo Boheme, Junk & Po, Shenna Designs, Naiad Soap Arts, Artista Muerta, The Chase is Over, Cici's Beaded Art, Fine Line Accessories, Whiskey Doll Couture Jantzen B. Handcrafted Jewelry, Peppermint Day Dreams, Made with Luv, & The Wee Set. For atthe latest info, please visit our website: [www.SDNPCM.com](http://www.SDNPCM.com)!



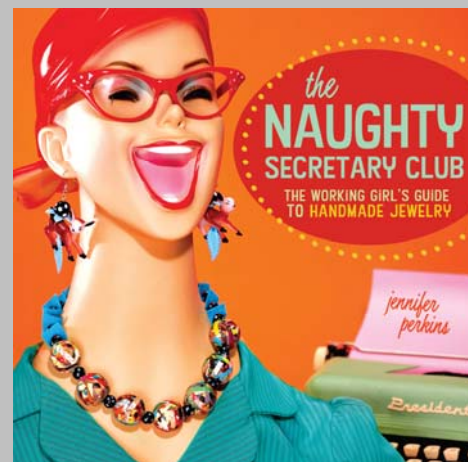
## CRAFTY LIBRARY: THE NAUGHTY SECRETARY CLUB - THE WORKING GIRL'S GUIDE TO HANDMADE JEWELRY BY JENNIFER PERKINS (OF THE AUSTIN CRAFT MAFIA)

I was looking through a catalog of craft books and was really excited! I found a book by Jennifer Perkins of the Naughty Secretary Club, a fellow Craft Mafia member! Well, I'm personally about, "keeping it in the family," so I decided to support her and buy her book. I clicked on my computer, and ordered it! I was waiting for it to come in the mail, I couldn't wait!!! Finally it was here. I opened the book and felt right at home. Remember those really cool plastic necklaces that we would wear that had all of the charms on it? I was looking through it thinking about what I could make my mom for Mother's Day.

This book includes 29 different craft idea projects. What's nice about it, in the beginning of the book, is that it gives the basic info on how to do jewelry making such as opening and closing jump rings, how to make a loop at the top of a charm with wire. There is a list and picture of many different

findings and tools that you might need to do the projects in the book. It has a nice theme, recycle! Many of the items that you would need can be found at a thrift store or an antique store. Also she has a resources page with some great sources. It definitely has some great info for the DIY crafter.

My favorite project is the "Tied Down Brooch" I think this is a great idea, I can find some great ties at a thrift store, and make a really cool accessory for my business meetings and it's professional and stylish! Plus I can make it my own style. Of course it would have to be purple! On a rating scale of 1 Mafia Bullets being-awful to 5 Mafia Bullets being-killer awesome, I rated this book 5 Mafia Bullets! It is definitely a must read, a must have and a must make! Great Projects and Great Ideas make it a great book! Enjoy!



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## CRAFTY HOW TO: MAKE A STAR PINATA!

### What you will need:

- 1 Balloon
- Newspaper cut into strips
- Flour & water paste
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Tissue paper in various colors
- Stapler

### How to make it:

Blow up balloon and hang from ceiling. Dip newspaper strips into flour & water paste. Remove excess paste and place strips on balloon until completely covered. Allow it to dry overnight.

Tie heavy-duty string around the balloon twice from bottom to top and make a loop at the top with the ends of the string. This is what you will use to hang the piñata later.

Shape 5 pieces of construction paper into cones securing them with tape. Fringe the edges and attach to balloon in star pattern with newspaper strips dipped in paste.

Cut tissue paper into strips 5-6 inches wide. Fold the tissue paper vertically. Open the paper and turn inside out. Glue the uncut edges together. (Figure A) Decorate the cones and the balloon with these tissue paper loops starting from the tip of the cone progressing to the balloon. (Figure B). Staple or glue tissue paper streamers to the ends of the cones. After piñata is completely decorated, pop the balloon and fill with candy. Cover the hole in the top with tissue paper and hang to be broken.

(Instructions Source: The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages)

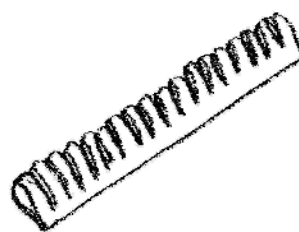
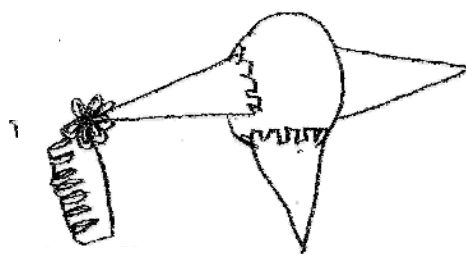


Figure A

Figure B



MADAME CRAFTINA'S  
HOROSCOPE

## MAY WILL SHOWER YOU IN FLOWERS

Well now that April has ended along with its showers, May is here and it is time to appreciate the flowers! Madame Craftina gives some insight about what flora and fauna each sign is attracted to. Take notes gardeners!

**Taurus** (April 20 to May 20) Bulls appreciate roses, poppies, foxglove, violets and daisies and are also attracted to trees of apple, crab apple, citrus, fig and pears. Happy Earthday Taurus!

**Gemini** (May 21 to June 20) Lavender, fern, lilacs, lily-of-the-valley and nut-bearing trees always excite and calm the twins.

**Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) The crabs love any and all white flowers and lilies, morning glory, geraniums, lotus and verbenas.

**Leo** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Passionate lions surround themselves with big sunflowers, marigolds, rosemary, vines and walnut, olive and citrus trees.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Brightly colored small flowers speak softly to Virgos, especially small yellow and blue flowers. They also like chrysanthemum and cherry trees.

**Libra** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Libras should surround themselves with mint, daisies, berries and plum trees, hydrangeas and large roses.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Bushy trees are just one thing that brings joy to the scorpion. Cactus, honeysuckle, geranium, heather and gardenia are some others.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Mulberry, lime and sage along with black-

berry bushes, peony, moss, dandelions and carnations will keep the sags smiling throughout the month.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) When goats aren't eating every plant and flower in sight, they enjoy ivy, magnolia, hemp, pine, pansies and baby's breath.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Bird of paradise, orchid, goldenrod, kiwi and other fruit trees are what keep Aquarians tranquil.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Pisces tend to love any plant that grows near water. Others include poppies, wisteria, moss of course and rhubarb.

**Aries** (March 21 to April 19) Peppermint, hops, onions, tiger lily and honeysuckle will keep Aries grounded and balanced.

## MA MANGIA

## MARGARITA CAKE

## FOR YOUR CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!

If you are searching for fun ideas for your Cinco de Mayo party, or just want to try something new, check out this fun website - Recipe Girl! You will be treated to all kinds of recipes, party menus, blog, and even a food dictionary! Go to [www.recipegirl.com](http://www.recipegirl.com)

**Recipe Source:** California Sol Food: Casual Cooking from the Junior League of San Diego

**CAKE:**

1¾ cups granulated sugar  
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
½ tsp baking soda  
¼ tsp salt  
3 large eggs  
1 Tbs grated lemon peel  
1 Tbs fresh lemon juice  
2½ cups flour  
1 cup lemon or plain yogurt

**LIME GLAZE AND ASSEMBLY:**

½ cup superfine sugar  
2 Tbs fresh lime juice (preferably Mexican limes)  
1 Tbs water  
1 Tbs tequila

**Servings: 16**

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9×13-inch cake pan.

2. Prepare cake: Combine sugar, butter, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl and beat until blended. add the eggs 1 at a time, beating well and scraping the bowl after each addition. Mix in the lemon zest and lemon juice. Add the flour and yogurt alternately, beating well after each addition.

3. Spoon the batter into prepared pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes.

4. Prepare glaze: Combine sugar, lime juice and water in a saucepan and mix well. Cook until the sugar dissolves, stirring frequently. Stir in the tequila.

5. Assembly: Invert the warm cake onto a serving platter and brush with the glaze until it is absorbed. Let stand until cool. Slice and garnish each serving with a twisted lime slice and a dollop of whipped cream.

**Cooking Tips:**

\*If you're having trouble inverting the cake onto a serving platter, or if you're afraid that it might fall apart, it's ok to just spoon the glaze over the top of the cake while it's in the pan. Then cut neat slices and transfer to a serving platter.





## WHO IS KEEPING SAN DIEGO CRAFTY?

Teresa Salazar of *Velvet Klaw*  
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Karen Jorgenson of *Altered Provisions*  
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**THE SAN DIEGO NORTH PARK CRAFT MAFIA WAS FOUNDED IN SEPTEMBER 2007 AND IS DEDICATED TO CRAFTING, FASHIONING, STYLING AND CREATING THEIR SAN DIEGO.**

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## Crafty Black Book: Upcoming Events for May

**TUESDAY MAY 5TH:  
CINCO DE MAYO**



**FRIDAY MAY 8TH:  
CITIES CRAFT SHOW @ STINGAREE NIGHTCLUB**

Meagan Rae will be a jewelry vendor featured on the Phoenix themed club night. Other Fridays in May will include Vegas, Chicago & San Diego. Live art and DJ's will also be presented. Don't miss this! 1454 6th Ave., SD - 92101

**SUNDAY MAY 10TH:  
MOTHER'S DAY**



**TUESDAY MAY 26TH:  
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 26th from 7 to 9 PM**. Bring your own project to work on and enjoy some great coffee & treats.

**SATURDAY MAY 16TH:  
DR. SKETCHY'S ANTI-ART SCHOOL FEATURING MEMBERS OF  
SAN DIEGO ROLLER DERBY**

Want to try your hand at drawing? Check out this great event at the **Ruby Room** on **May 16th from 3—6 pm!** Each month Dr. Sketchy brings different models for a fun life drawing session with music & cocktails! You bring your drawing supplies and draw! This month will feature SDRD gals—including NPCM member Velvet Klaw! Don't miss this one! Space is limited, so visit to get more info [www.drsketchysandiego.com](http://www.drsketchysandiego.com) to reserve your spot!

**SUNDAY MAY 17TH:  
THE SPRING LINE UP AT THE NORTH PARK FESTIVAL OF THE  
ARTS**

If you want to be a vendor at this fantastic event, then don't wait! The deadline to apply has been extended and you have until **May 10th** to avoid a late fee!

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

We'll be back at Filter on **June 7th** for another Sunday, Craft Sunday - Father's Day. We'll be celebrating our 2 Year Anniversary with a fun party in September. Check back here later for more info!