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Get in Line for this Year's Spring Line Up at the North Park Festival of the Arts!



This year's Spring Line Up section of the North Park Festival of the Arts is going to be great. It will take place on May 16, 2010 from 10am-6pm, with free admission. Besides all of the great publicity the event receives from many of the local tv, radio and print media, our section is featured as a draw for the event and 35,000+ attendance isn't bad for a North Park event! We hand picked the vendors so that our section is fresh and interesting. Some of the vendors that will be participating will be: Belle Pepper Couture, Velvet Klaw, Meagan Rae Designs, Blanca Nieves, Artista Muerta, Zedena Designs, Yasmin Sabur and Made with Luv, just to name a few. We will have three fashion shows on the Main Stage. The first one will be a Dog Fashion Show 10:50am,

featuring members of the Doggie Social Hour. The second show 2:40 pm, will feature Velvet Klaw and Meagan Rae Designs, along with other participating vendors of the SLU. There will be a lot to see, so be sure to stop by and say hi! Our section will be located on University Avenue at Ray Street.

The Spring Line Up started back in 2008. The SLU(Spring Line Up) was created and juried by The North Park Craft Mafia. The first one was at the Silver Gate Masonic hall in North Park. When we opened our doors, we expected to have about 300 shoppers, and ended up having over 1000 during the event. We were amazed at how our idea was well received by the community! While planning the second year of the Spring Line Up, we were approached by the North Park Festival of the Arts committee. The Festival of the Arts committee loved what we did with the SLU and asked us to partner up to make both of our events bigger and better. Last year, our first year with the Festival of the Arts, we had an amazing turnout! We organized a dog fashion show, featuring Belle Pepper Couture Fashions, and had an amazing collection of vendors.

If you know anyone or yourself, would like to be a vendor for this show, there are still spaces available, and we would love to have you participate in our event! Spaces are 10x10, and can be shared by two vendors. Visit: SDNPCM.com for more info!

CRAFTY WEB:

JOIN OUR CRAFTY CONSPIRACY EVERY MONTH!

May is time to get back to craftin', so why not join in on the Craft Mafia's monthly Crafty Conspiracy craft night? What is that, you ask? It's an evening of crafting with food & drinks! The Mafia takes over the entire upstairs area of the Ruby Kitchen in Hillcrest and hosts a fun evening of crafting, visiting with old friends, making new friends, and just having some crafty fun! There's no charge to join, just bring your own craft project & supplies. The Ruby

Kitchen serves up some great comfort food with a menu that includes Mac and Cheese, Meatloaf Cupcakes, and Chicken and Waffles. Sound good? It is! They've also got great salads and tater tots! So, come join us at our next craft night! We meet there on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 pm - 9 pm. Oh, they also have free wi-fi, so bring your laptop!



Crafty Conspiracy Craft Night @ the Ruby Kitchen
 1263 University Ave., San Diego 92103
 The 4th Tuesday Every Month
 (Upstairs Area)

CRAFTY HOW-TO:

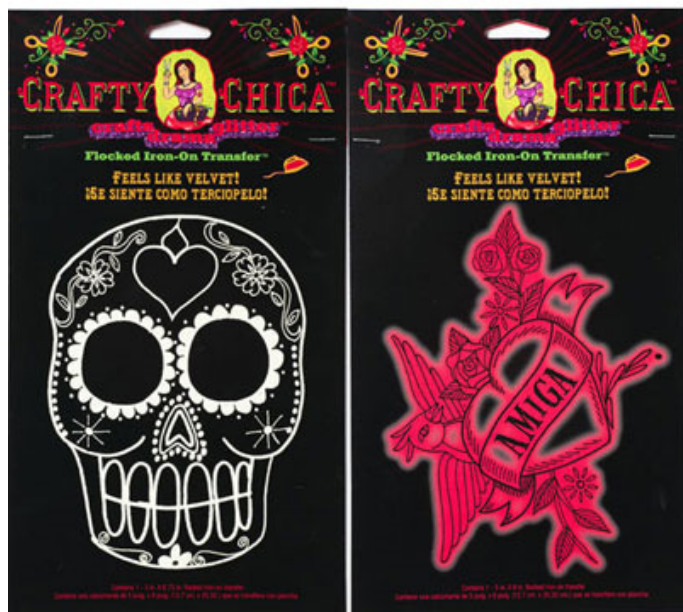
MAKE AN OLD BAG NEW AGAIN!

Supplies:

- 1- hand/tote bag or accessory that needs revamping
- 1-Crafty Chica Velvet Iron on
- An iron
- Fabric paint in colors matching glitter
- Crafty Chica glitter in colors needed
- Piece of copy paper

Iron on the Iron on according to the directions on the package. Make sure the corners and small edges are really stuck before removing the outer film. Fill in one area with one color of fabric paint using the tip from the paint bottle. After filling in the area, sprinkle on top of the paint the glitter that matches the paint color. Cover the whole area with glitter, very generous. Fold a sheet of paper in quarters, and shake off excess glitter onto the paper. Use the paper to pour the excess glitter back into the glitter bottle. Fill and glitter each section of the iron on. Let paint dry for 24 hours or paint is thoroughly dry. You now have an old item that is made new again!!! Enjoy! To learn more about Crafty Chica, her website is:

www.craftychica.com



MADAME CRAFTINA'S
HOROSCOPE

MAY IS TIME TO GET BACK TO CRAFTIN'

May is a time to just chill out and get crafty! Unless your to do list is overflowing, then do one thing at a time, and get some crafting time in!

Aries: Take one big deep breath. Everything will still be there when you get back to it. Its most important for you to take care of your self right now.

Taurus: You will accomplish whatever you put your mind to. Whether its your financial goals, business goals or in terms of love, you can do it!

Gemini: Rejuvenate yourself with some time around water. Take a boat ride, go swimming or spend some time at the beach, your crafty soul will thank you!

Cancer: It seems you are being tested right now,

and the best way to 'pass' this test is to be patient and caring. And do not take it personally.

Leo: You are in great need of a break Leo. Take some time to relax in the sunshine and recognize that your stressors are only temporary.

Virgo: Love is nearing. Don't give up quite yet because you might miss it!

Libra: Whatever your ailments may presently be, the cure is creativity! So like I always say; get your craft on! And it is sure to make you feel better inside and out!

Scorpio: Your best place to relax is outside among nature. Get out to the mountains or forests and bring your craft supplies with you! You never know how the natural elements will influence your art until you try!

Sagittarius: You are climbing the ladder, whether it be the corporate ladder or creative ladder, a promotion is under way! Congratulations in advance!

Capricorn: Things are piling up but the result will be a favorable one for you. Don't give up and you will get thru it!

Aquarius: It is more important now than ever for you to take some 'you' time. Spend some time alone, enjoy a cold beer or just say no to the pressures of others.

Pisces: People who have posed problems for you in the past are now taking the stance of love toward you. Choosing to forgive sometimes is tough but is always the most beneficial way to go.

MA MANGIA

MAKE A BRITISH "MOTHERING SUNDAY" SIMNEL CAKE FOR YOUR MUM!

In the 1600's, England celebrated a day known as Mothering Sunday, celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. This day honored the mothers of England. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch. Try this updated recipe made with chocolate and almonds!

INGREDIENTS:

4oz dark chocolate, broken in pieces
4oz caster sugar
4oz softened butter, plus extra
3 eggs, separated
2oz ground almonds
2oz self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
4 tbsp apricot jam

For the Almond Paste or Marzipan (you can purchase Marzipan if you don't want to make your own):

2oz caster sugar
4oz ground almonds
2oz golden icing sugar
1-2 drops of almond extract
1 egg yolk or 1/2 egg, lightly beaten

For the Icing:

6oz dark chocolate, broken in pieces
142ml carton double cream

For the Decoration:

1 large orange
4oz white chocolate
1oz dark chocolate

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4/fan oven 160C. Butter an 18cm/7in deep round cake tin; line the base. Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of simmering water.
2. Beat the sugar and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in the yolks, one at a time. Stir in the almonds and chocolate.
3. Whisk the egg whites in a bowl until stiff peaks form (see tip). Fold a quarter of the egg white into the chocolate mixture, then sift in a quarter of the flour and baking powder. Repeat three more times until the egg white and flour is evenly mixed in.
4. Pour the mixture into the tin. Bake for 35-40 minutes until risen and firm. Cool for five minutes, turn out on to a wire rack, peel off the paper and cool completely.
5. Make the almond paste: put the caster sugar and almonds in a bowl and sift in the icing sugar. Mix well, add the extract and egg; mix to form a stiff paste. Knead briefly on a surface dusted with icing sugar, then cut off a quarter of the paste and divide into 12. Return one piece to the main lump of paste and shape the other 11 into balls. Leave on a plate to dry slightly. Roll out the remaining paste to the size of the cake, trimming to a neat round using the tin as a template.
6. Warm the jam and two tbsp. of water in a pan, then press through a sieve into a bowl. Split the cake in half, putting one on a serving plate. Brush with jam. Cover with the paste round and brush with jam. Top with the other cake half. Brush the cake top and sides with jam.
7. Make the icing: put the chocolate and cream in a bowl. Microwave on Medium for one to two minutes to melt the chocolate; stir. Cool, then chill for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thick enough to spread. Spread over the cake top and sides with a palette knife. Leave to set.
8. Wedge the orange into a tumbler. Melt the white chocolate in a bowl, as before. Spear a ball of paste with a cocktail stick and dip into the chocolate, turning it to coat, then hold it over the bowl for a few seconds until a point forms. Flip the ball and stick into the orange. Repeat with the remaining balls; leave to set.
9. Melt the dark chocolate. Using the tip of a tsp, drizzle lines back and forth over the chocolate balls. Leave to set. Re-melt a little leftover chocolate and use to attach the balls to the cake.

What Can Go Wrong?

How you whisk egg whites and fold them into the cake are crucial to the success of the cake. When whites are first whisked they look glossy, then take on a drier look and become stiffer (this is the stage you want). Fold a quarter of the whites into the cake mixture to slacken it; when the rest is added more air is preserved.

To Freeze:

This cake freezes beautifully. Open freeze the decorated cake on a flat plate until firm. Wrap in freezer foil or pack into a rigid container. Freeze for up to three months.





WHO IS KEEPING SAN DIEGO CRAFTY?

Teresa Salazar of *Velvet Klaw*
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Svea Komori-Ang of *Belle Pepper Couture*
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Meagan Rae Longtin of *Meagan Rae Designs*
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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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WATCH US ON TV!
Every Month on
San Diego Living
Channel 6 @ 9 am

Can't wait? Check out Our YouTube page!

<http://www.youtube.com/northparkcraftmafia>

Hurry! We still have spaces available the "Spring Line Up" at the North Park Festival of the Arts on May 16th! Are you a crafty vendor? We have 10'x10' booths available! Want to share? Post a note on our Facebook page! Visit us online for more info! SDNPCM.com

May is
National
BBQ Month

Crafty Black Book: Upcoming Events for May



SATURDAY MAY 8TH ASIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Asian Cultural Festival of San Diego is a celebration of the diversity of San Diego with a focus on the cultures of the Asian and Pacific Islander Community! During this fun, free, family friendly, festive event, there will be martial arts, cultural dances and exhibitions, cooking demos, entertainment, games, and of course, food! **11 am to 6pm @ NTC Park at Liberty Station, at the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Cushing Road, 92106. www.asianculturalfestivalsd.com**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 8TH & 9TH AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE DAYS

Native American Indians from across North America participate in this powwow every year. This fiesta is a free family event and is open to the public and Native American community. **10 am to 6 pm Balboa Park, President's Way & Park Blvd.**

SUNDAY MAY 16TH SPRING LINE UP @ North Park Festival of the Arts 10 am

SATURDAY MAY 22ND SAN DIEGO ROLLER DERBY BOUT vs. Santa Cruz Derby Girls

Get ready for bout 4 of SDRD's debut home season when they take on SCDG for some flat-track roller derby! **Bout starts at 5:30 pm at Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Rd - 92111. Tickets just \$12 gen. (kids 5 & under free) Get 'em online at www.SanDiegoRollerDerby.com**

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD 2ND ANNUAL LA JOLLA PET FESTIVAL

You and your dog can enjoy a festival of tail wagging fun that includes shopping for pet products and services, music, and contests. Dogs in costume and dogs without one can hope to win a variety of awards. This event is in conjunction with the "La Jolla Pet Parade". **10am-2:30pm, in downtown La Jolla, Silverado St & Herschel Ave.**

TUESDAY MAY 25TH CRAFTY CONSPIRACY @ THE RUBY KITCHEN

Do you like to craft & make things? Have a project that you're working on? Great! Bring it and have a blast! We take over their upstairs lounge area, so be sure to look for us there! **4th Tues Every Month, 7 pm to 9 pm 1263 University Ave. - 92103**

LOOKING AHEAD!

JUNE 24 - CRAFT MAFIA "FALL FASHION & TRUNK SHOW"