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## Toledo Craftsman's Guild Board Members

By Sharon Dunsoki

We would like to introduce or reintroduce The Toledo Craftsman's Guild Board with a brief synopsis. These members have given untold volunteer hours throughout each year to advance the Guild. Each show venue to includes creating applications, collecting money, managing budgets, floor maps for set up, caterers, etc. It is like putting on a wedding reception several times a year. These same members jury in new members, welcoming them at shows and helping to make sure their first show is a success. There is compiling information for current membership lists several times a year, arranging publicity for each show, sending out quarterly newsletters and so many other duties. Recently we have stepped up the website to include several categories to inform the membership and public.

Let us introduce you to our Board:

**President: Sharon Anderson.** Sharon arranges for us to meet at Toledo Botanical Gardens four times a year (Board members meet an additional four times). She is always open to suggestions and encourages new ideas. She also helps to co chair the Crafts for

Christmas Show ( Rec Center Show in November). She types, prints and sends the Newsletter to all members and mails post cards announcing the shows to our faithful customers, along with many other issues that come up during the year. She is also on the Journal committee. Oh...and let's not forget, she coordinates all board positions!!

**Vice President: Gary Ilconich,** co chairs The Winter Festival of Crafts (Lourdes University in December). He helps to set up at shows and if the President is unable to make a meeting will step in to help.

**Secretary: Judi Hildebrand** records and prepares the minutes for all the Board Meetings and General Meetings. She sends out cards to members who are dealing with a death or illness. She chairs The Homespun Holiday Art and Craft Show (Stranahan Great Hall in November). She is also the editor of the Journal, compiling articles from committee members and taking the finished product to the publisher.

**Treasurer: Sue Haynes,** is treasurer extraordinaire. She records all accounts receivable. Included are member dues, show monies and comprehensive financial reports. She writes checks for all venues, goes through all bills presented (no easy task) and once a year visits the "tax man". In past years she has chaired and co chaired many shows.

**Membership: Debi Methvin** maintains TCG's membership list, making changes and constantly updating their membership status. She gets approximately 3 – 25 calls a week; people looking to become members, businesses, and customers looking for members with a particular craft. Debi maintains and updates membership packets to include current show applications, Constitution/bylaws, and informational correspondence. She has taken on making name badges for all members and works on the Journal. Debi also co chairs the Spring Festival of Crafts (Stranahan Great Hall in March) and is a committee member of Jr. Membership.

**Jury Chairman: Ann Young** is the first person to see applications by prospective members. She will determine if the craft meets the Guild's requirements stated in our bylaws. Ann emails all the board members with this collected information to be juried into the Guild. She sends acceptance correspondence or if the crafter does not meet the requirements, she will make suggestions to meet our standards without discouragement. Ann also co chairs the Spring Crafters' Showcase (Tam O Shanter Sports Center in April) and is a committee member of Jr. Membership.

Don't Forget to Visit our Fall Shows.  
 Nov 8-9 The Great Hall  
 Stranhan Theater  
 Nov 28-29 LinezDrive Sports (Lucas  
 Cty Rec Ceter)  
 Dec 14 Lourdes University

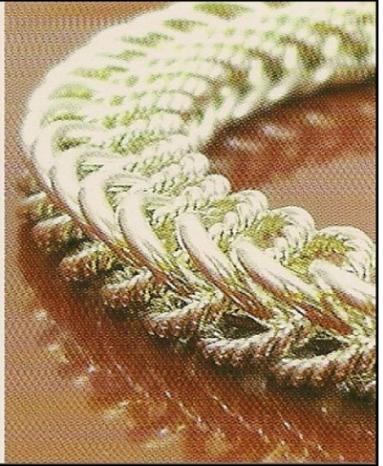
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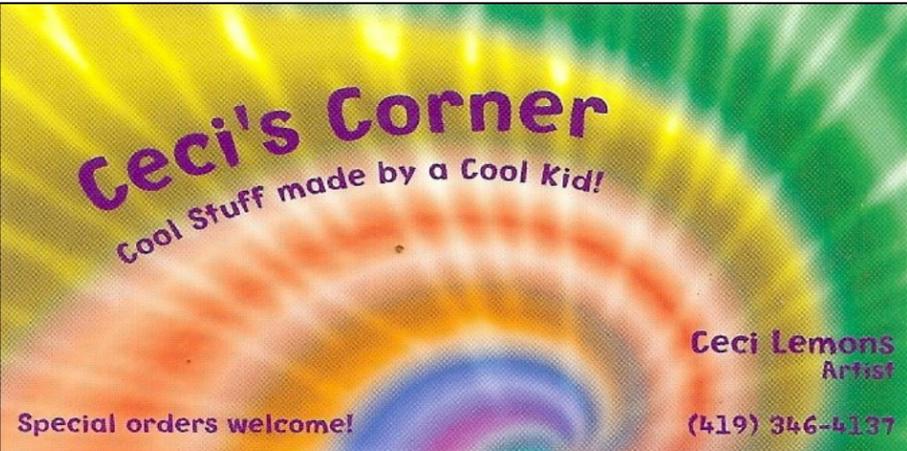


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# Homespun Arts and Crafts for the Holidays

## Stranahan Great Hall

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**Saturday, November 8, 2014 10am-5pm**

**Sunday November 9, 2014 11am-4pm**

The first fall show of the season, start your holiday shopping season at the beautiful Great Hall with local artists.

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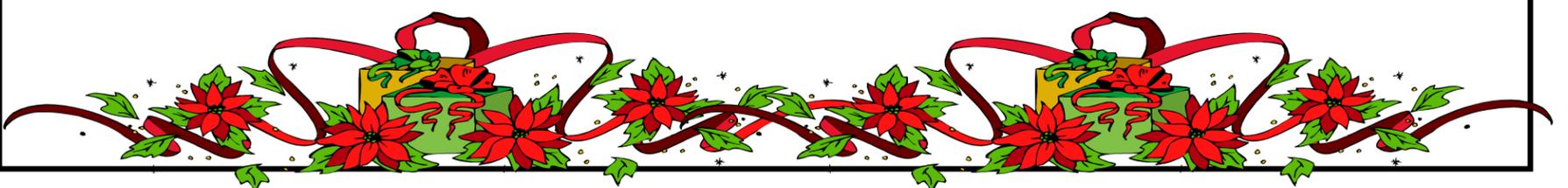
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## Hawley & Belmont

By Kathy Dreyer

I'm Kathy Dreyer, creator of the Hawley & Belmont Designs, former teacher and elementary school principal. My interest includes everything paper and paper related. This interest came from a love of creating bulletin boards in the third grade classroom and evolved to the creation of notebooks, bookmarks, greeting and note cards, magnets and pin board pins, photo books and other paper related items. From creating my display to selling a notebook at my first craft show. I find that the people who browse and the people who stop to talk and show are my inspiration for my handcrafted paper goods. My products are always changing depending on the research I have done. I make things that I love would like to have. Altered notebooks and journals provide that avenue in which to write note, make lists, or share ideas. My binder clips and paperclip bookmarks and clothespin photo and spot holders are used to mark a favorite spot in a book or have a special photo on your table or desk. The cookbooks are meant to contain those special family recipes, to be handwritten and given as gifts as cherished memory keepers. Photo books make wonderful gifts to new moms, grandparents. Also, the memory books keep those wonderful family stories and reminders of a child's growing up years and family life thoughts and wishes. There are easily mailed with your thoughtful note on the note cards I have created. I have clipboards with paper pads, gift card envelopes, pocketbooks and post it pads, skinny notepads, notecards sets, and lots of other creations created with paper to keep you organized and informed. Stop by the Hawley & Belmont Designs booth at The Toledo Craftsman's Guild Shows in November and December. I'll be there with new designs and favorite projects to help you find that special item to have for yourself or to give as a gift.

## **USING ESSENTIAL OILS**

### **FOR A CLEANER, SAFER HOME**

By Debi Methvin

Take a look at the back label of any cleaning product and chances are there are numerous chemicals listed which are harmful or even toxic and dangerous.

According to the Organic Consumers Association, one-third of all substances used by the fragrance industry are toxic. Fragrances used in cleaners can cause respiratory irritation, headaches, sneezing and watery eyes. In 2000, cleaning products were responsible for nearly 10% of all toxic exposures reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers. Using harsh chemicals as a way to try to rid a home of bacteria and mold may be causing more harm than good to us and our family. But cleaning our home does not need to be dangerous. Essential oils, combined with simple ingredients already found in many homes such as baking soda and vinegar, offer a safer

and more effective means to clean a home. Essential oils kill germs safely and are powerfully concentrated, making them very cost-effective. They are nontoxic and do not pollute the water supply or the environment.

Here are some great examples: Lemon is a natural antibiotic, is antimicrobial and has an uplifting energizing scent.

A 1995 study showed no bacteria, virus or fungus can survive cinnamon essential oil. Rosemary is great to use as an antibacterial agent, yet also good for improving respiration and stimulating mental activity.

Here are some simple recipes to try:

#### **Tile Scrubbing Paste**

1 cup baking soda  
¼ cup liquid castile soap, such as Dr. Bonner's  
1 Tbsp. white vinegar  
10 drops Lemon or rosemary essential oil  
Combine and store in an airtight container. Add water if mixture is too thick

(should be the consistency of frosting)

#### **All-Purpose Cleaner**

2 cups boiling water  
2Tbsp white vinegar  
½ tsp dish soap  
1 tsp baking soda  
5 drops lemon essential oil  
Mix baking soda, water and dish soap together with essential oils. Add vinegar. Mix. Pour into spray bottle to use.

#### **Disinfectant Spray**

5 drops cinnamon essential oil  
5 drops lemon or wild orange essential oil  
2 Cups water  
Place in a spray bottle and shake well before using



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**Publicity Chairman:**

**Dave Grabarczyk**

Has gotten press releases down to a science. He will advertise in The Blade as well as with many local/regional papers and radio stations. The prices are constantly changing so Dave is constantly comparing prices to stretch the Guild's money. He has to check that all information is current; this is done for each show. He is also responsible for submitting our shows to various websites, the Ohio Arts and Craft's Organizations, printing flyers, pink sheets and distributing this information. Dave also chairs The Crafts for Christmas (Rec Center in November).

**Social Media and Webmaster:**

**Pam Lemons**

has updated the website, making it very easy to navigate. She has catalogued crafters by name, craft and business name. We now share links with many organizations. A pictorial of a show setting up gives members and guests an insight into one of the shows. Pam set up facebook (free advertising) and our twitter account. She is trying to get an ATM machine for our shows and had 5/3 speak to members about credit card usage. Pam chairs Winter Festival of Crafts (Lourdes University in December),

works on the Journal committee and committee member of Jr. Membership.

**Trustee:**

**Pam Rohrbacher** has been responsible for booking a speaker for our general meeting. She is chair of the Spring Festival of Crafts (Stranahan Great Hall in March) and member of the Journal committee. She helps to mentor new members.

**Trustee:**

**Mark Hopkins** has been a speaker at our general meetings. Mark co chairs the Spring Crafters' Showcase (Tam O Shanter Sports Center in April) and works on the committee for Jr. Membership. Mark helps to mentor new members.

**Trustee:**

**Traci Lender** emails information to TCG members (other non-conflicting shows). She answers TCG's Yahoo emails. Traci chairs the Spring Crafters' Showcase (Tam O Shanter Sports Center in April) and is a member of the Journal committee. Traci helps to mentor new members.

**Trustee:**

**Bob Czyzewski** is new to the Board. He has helped with many projects as a general member.

Bob will co chair Homespun Holiday Art & Craft Show (Stranahan Great Hall in November).

Bob helps to mentor new members.

**Past President:**

**Sharon Dunoski**

Serves to help the President, advising and recommending as needed. She co chairs Winter Festival of Crafts (Lourdes University in December), serves on the Journal committee and Jr. Membership committee.

These are only highlights of some of the duties of the board member volunteers. Most board members have served on the board for several years working many positions, accumulating a wealth of knowledge, often wearing several hats at once. These members have gladly volunteered many hours to the Guild, in addition to making time for their personal crafting. We applaud and congratulate them for years of service.

**SAVIN' NICKELS**  
**SAVIN'DIMES**

by Debi Methvin

Like everyone else, in preparation for my craft shows, I collect a baggy of coins for my cash box. I usually don't count the change afterward and add it to my profits, but leave it in the baggy and usually in my tote bag for the next show. After the last spring show for 2014, I had realized that I had two very heavy baggies of coins. Instead of putting them in the "coin jar" at home we took them to one of the big coin machines at the store to cash them in. I was very surprised to see that after dumping my coins (and collecting the rejected ones) that I had over \$137.00 in those two little bags. Unfortunately this service is not free and the machine kept over 8% of my reward. WHAT? That was almost \$11.00. Back when I was living on my own that \$137.00 would have paid for two months of my electric bills or a month of groceries. I had tucked away that much money without even realizing it!

I am not one to spend coins. And I don't like carrying them around in my pocket or wallet, either. Every night both my husband and I dump the day's accumulation into a container to save for a trip or to buy something special. I have to admit the logistics can be a royal pain.

I was telling my story to one of my co-workers. She told me she had recently suffered from a severe case of TMC (too much change). In a fit of frustration, she dumped her cans into a big bag and drove to the supermarket. She knew it would cost her 10.9% to use the coinstar machine, but it seemed reasonable. After a few minutes of shoveling, out popped a voucher for \$417.50. Her heart sank once she realized that she had walked in with \$468.57. The big green clobbered her with a 51.07 fee!

So get started savin' those coins: pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Even the dollar coins seem to be in circulation more lately. For this article I had my daughter go out to the car and gather all the change I had dropped in the "cubby" from drive thru purchases. We came up with \$10.82! Wow that would cover two lunches at work. Who would have thought! (And nope! They went into the jar).

\*Empty the change out of your pocket into your piggy bank at the end of the day.

\*Instead of using piggy banks, you can also use empty, clean water bottles or an empty jar. My grandfather used the old metal coffee cans and when he passed away we found over a dozen full cans of coins under his bathroom sink. What a fun surprise!

\*You can also find loose change in many other places, like in between the couch cushions, underneath the seats of your car, and on the street if you keep your eyes peeled and are willing to pick them up.

\*If you are a server, save all the coins you get... don't trade them out. You can make a lot of money in a month by saving every coin you get, and it won't actually impact your nightly tips too much.

Have some fun with your cash!

\*Learn a little bit about coin collecting and you'll learn to spot other gems as well.

\*The raw metal in a nickel is worth 6 cents. The metal in a penny from 1982 or earlier is worth about 2.5 cents.

\*Prior to 1965, dimes and quarters used to be made out of silver. When you get a stack, turn them sideways and look for the silver ones and save them separately.

\*If you are working on your home or just looking to replace some appliances, you can take your coins to the coinstar machine at Lowe's or Home Depot. (You are not charged a counting

fee if you get gift cards). So while you might have to hire an electrician or plumber your materials will be covered. Or use it to buy crafting supplies!

\*Retire on it. Not entirely of course, but if you can save a few hundred a year, why not put it into a Roth IRA or an investment account?

\*Create an emergency fund. Your emergency fund can grow a few coins at a time. To keep yourself motivated, trade coins for bills from time to time and put them back into the jar.

Once you get \$20 or \$30 in paper money, deposit it into a savings account. To remind you of your progress, leave a piece of paper with the running total on it and leave it in the jar.

Before loading up your coins and heading to the bank, give them a call and see what their policy is for making the exchange. You may need to bring them in sorted and wrapped in paper rolls.

\* 5/3 Bank has "heavy duty coin bags". If you are a customer you can stop at a branch and pick up a few if you don't want to roll your coins. They will send it to their main branch with your deposit slip and count them for you at no charge and put the money in the bank for you! I suggest you put it right into your savings account.

\*The Huntington and PNC banks do not have coin counters, but they will accept your sorted and rolled coins at no charge for cash or deposit as long as you have an account with them. They have a way to weigh them to insure accuracy so that you don't have to put any personal information on the wrappers.

I wish I would have started saving this way years ago... I'll bet I could have saved enough to pay cash for at least a year of my children's college.

SO GOOD LUCK!

Have fun savin.... a nickel at a time.

Debi

## The Toledo Craftsman's Guild Application for Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Categories

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual - \$30.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$35.00

Membership is renewable each January family membership is husband & wife, and only children under 18 years of age.

Please include a one-time initiation fee of \$12.00 upon joining the guild.

**Do not send money with this application, Dues are payable only when accepted into The Toledo Craftsman's Guild.**

List your major craft (limit 3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Send your photos (4) and paragraph describing how you make your craft, along with your application to:  
The Toledo Craftsman's Guild  
C/O Ann Marie Young  
2431 Eastmoreland Blvd  
Oregon OH 43616

Or you may email your photos and information to [annysc@aol.com](mailto:annysc@aol.com)

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

All photos will be prescreened prior to submitting to the board members for jurying.

They should be good quality. Please send three color photographs of your craft and one photo of several items of your display. Photos must have your name and type of craft written on them.

You may also submit your paragraph and photos on line at the email address listed

You will be notified by mail or on line after the items have been juried. Also please send a self-addressed

stamped envelope (business envelope) with your application if you wish your photos returned. Be sure the envelope has sufficient postage.

**Membership requirements and General Information**

Work that is submitted for jurying must be the original creation of the craft

person applying for the membership and not produced by employees. To become a member of The Toledo Craftsman's Guild. The craft you submit to be juried must meet the standards set by the jurying committee and will be evaluated by:

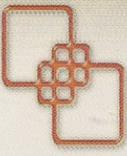
Originality 1-5 points

Quality 1-10 points

Appearance 1-5 points

You must receive a total of at least 14 points to be accepted as a member.

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## Spring Festival of Crafts

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Saturday March 9, 2015 10 am-5pm

Sunday March 10, 2015 11 am-4pm

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This annual event held at the Beautiful Stranahan Great Hall is the first  
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## "Spring Crafters Showcase"

### Saturday April 25: 10am-4pm

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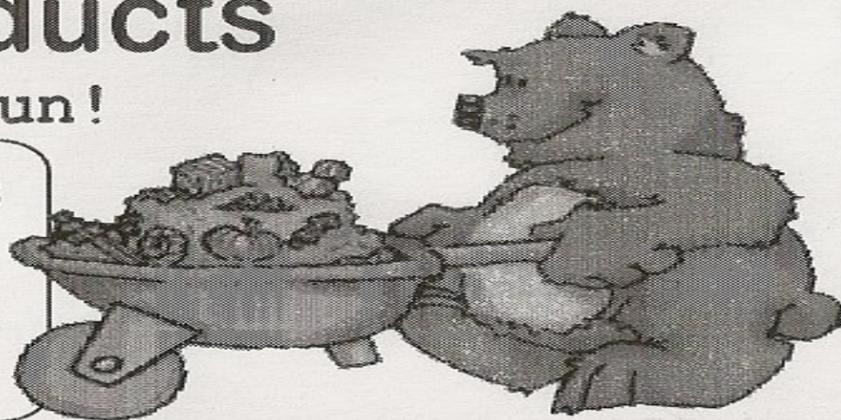
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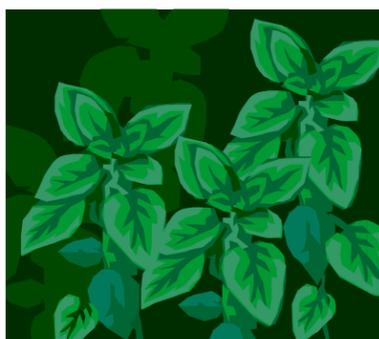
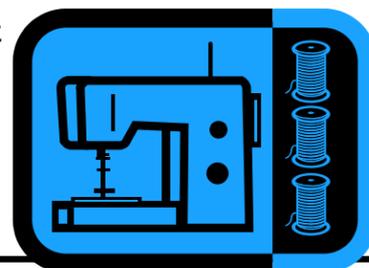
Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do...Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are

difficult when indifference predominates.

Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing.

When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress, keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have

your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look heartily put together, you will not enjoy your sewing



## Drying Herbs

By Pamela Rohrbacher

If you garden, chances are that you have grown your own herbs. But, have you ever tried drying them?

It may sound difficult, but is easy and can be very rewarding. Some herbs do well dried in an oven, while better results are had for some by the air drying process.

Rinse all herbs and dry with a paper towel prior to starting.

Chives do well spread in a single layer on a cookie sheet, with the oven temperature at 180-200 degrees. Keep the door about 1/3 of the way open. They will get much darker green, but watch that they do

not brown. The chives are done when they are completely dry, and can crumble easily. The process may take a few hours, so be patient!

Sage and lavender are better air dried. Cut stalks the stems long. Tie in bundles with cotton or hemp string. Cut a hole in the bottom of a paper grocery sack. Insert the bundle tied end through the hole. Hang this upside down, (so the leafy end of the herbs are hanging down). The drying process will take a few months, but the open bag allows air to circulate, while it protects the herbs from dust, grease, and pet fur.

Celery leaves make great seasoning. Cut and clean the leaves only from celery stalks. Follow the directions as that of the chives.

Basil and oregano can be oven dried, while mint, lemon balm, and dill yield better results air dried. Next year, consider planting a few extra herbs. Dried, they last all winter, and package nicely, make great gifts!

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