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December 2022; January-February 2023
NEWSLETTER

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Good Morning Readers,

While everything is quiet this early morning I will take a peek in each of your homes. Feels cozy with the wood stove burning, which is our only heat for the house. There is just no other heat like it, but it takes more effort to keep it going and clean up afterwards.

Cousin David left in wee hours of morning for Pennsylvania, spending a week or so visiting friends, then home to Missouri to his mom for the winter. Last night I helped to pack his clothes, etc., only what he needs for the winter months and rest stayed here till he comes back in spring. He has been doing this for the last 30+ years. David is Harvey's cousin and one of God's special people. He will have his 62nd birthday next week, so Sunday evening our family, those who could, came home for an after supper party, bringing a large train (locomotive) cake and homemade ice cream, etc. Eric said he had fun making it. Marnita baked the 2 cakes, Eric did the rest. They thought their children were probably just as excited watching them make it as Cousin David was when getting it. They each brought him a little something, mostly something he needed or clothes. But the next morning he assured me he doesn't need more of that cake because that's why he didn't sleep good last night. His driver is an old time family friend of David's mom, also from MO. He and his wife and their new puppy spent a short night here. They came late, after we were in bed. I told them their bedroom light will be on and the coffee perk will be on at 3 o'clock in the morning. This morning we heard a few footsteps and a click of the door, so we got up. To our surprise all were gone and the coffee perk was empty. It will seem awfully quiet around here with him gone as he can talk up a storm some days, especially like last week when the forklift brake was not latched and was setting on the barn hill. It started rolling, picked up speed while rolling, and made a quarter turn, running right into the equipment shed. It tore a big hole in the shed and threw over all the racking inside, the full length of the gable end, scattering all the collectibles of the last 40 years. What a mess to clean up. Anyway, cousin David came running to tell me it wasn't him and that he doesn't know what's going on with Harvey, he must be getting old, maybe he's forgetful, and now he has his own mess to clean up. With a big smile he said, "And I am going home!"

We are having cold weather these days, kind of reminds me of the year we got married, December 2, 1976. My parents had already lived here in Ohio, the farm where we live now. A few of my siblings and I had stayed in Berks Co., PA to be with the youth there and also keep the dairy farm going. That next summer we had raised approximately 7 turkeys I had wanted for our wedding. We butchered and smoked them in the old smoke house which was on the farm. My parents used it every year for their meat so I kind of knew how to run the smoker to smoke our wedding meat. We also had mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, corn, gravy, cheese cubes, pretzels, and cranberry sauce. For dessert we had Prince of Wales cake and Spanish cream (both in Ohio cookbook), fruit salad, and candy. There were around 190 people and the wedding was at my folk's home place. It was a cold, snowy day with sun peeping between the snow flurries. We had a big well-built brick house with no insulation and high ceilings, so each room had its own heater, which was 5 stoves, mostly using coal for heat. Only when we had company the parlor and living room were heated. The parlor was the only one using fuel. And each room had its own chimney which two of them were connected into unused fireplaces. When I was a little girl, I still remember the good feeling when every room was warm and for a few days it felt like we were rich people. The upstairs was always cold. On cold nights we put heated flagstones or hot water bottles in beds about an hour before bedtime. No time was wasted getting in and out of bed.



Happy birthday Toby Earl, December 17, 2017. Toby was up early one morning when his mom was sketching a layout for the newsletter and wondered if his birth date can be put in here. And he also wants a train cake. Liz Rachel, February 4, 2020, she's not sure what kind of cake she wants. Lance Harvey, January 24, 2022.

We had an early Thanksgiving meal with our children a few weeks ago. Now we will spend Thanksgiving with Daudy Harvey's 92 year old Dad. We plan to have pig stomach for dinner. We had a few in the freezer yet from last year's butchering, so better get them used as this year's butcher season is soon here. Youth gun, 3 grandchildren each got a deer. Annie's was a 12 point and her first, which was pretty exciting. Carson's was a nice 8 point, also his first.

At this season may we remember the birth of our Savior, may we have the gift of Faith, the Blessing of Hope, and the Peace of His Love this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Rachel & the rest

YESTERDAY IS A CANCELED CHECK; TOMORROW IS A PROMISSORY NOTE; TODAY IS READY CASH. SPEND IT WISELY.



HOT OFF THE PRESS! OHIO FAVORITES COOKBOOK

Just in time for your Holiday gift giving!

Our Story

For generations, cooks have been inspired by swapping recipes with friends and trying new dishes to enhance ordinary foods and create tasty meals for hearty appetites.

In the mid 1980s, a young cook was inspired to collect recipes among the kitchens in the Shiloh, Ohio Mennonite community and create a cookbook. The community was small, from the approximately 40 households, our first volume was formed. It contained several hundred recipes. Now more than 30 years later, our community has grown to include Richland, Huron, Ashland and Crawford County with more than 300 households. We continue to cook and swap recipes.

Here is our 5th Volume. It includes some of the recipes that were in that finest volume. This new book includes recipes from 4 generations of cooks.

So pick up this cookbook and continue the tradition of cooking up good foods for your families. For breakfast, lunch, supper and entertaining, we have them all. May your families enjoy these dishes as much as ours do.

CLOSED!

**January 2, 2023
for inventory**

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- Valdani cotton appliqué thread
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CELEBRATE HOFFMAN FABRICS' 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE HOFFMAN CHALLENGE.

Hoffman California Fabrics was founded in 1924 by Rube P. Hoffman. Today, the fourth generation of the family carries on its traditions of design excellence, superior quality and forward-thinking textile fashion.

To celebrate, Hoffman California Fabrics has created a special edition of the Hoffman Challenge. For the first time ever, Hoffman Challenge participants are required to use a minimum of 5 out of 15 batik fabrics from the Challenge collection in their artwork entry. As a challenge participant, put your creative and technical skills to the test.

Participant registration, submissions and initial jurying all take place online, with a panel of certified judges considering all entries. If it is determined that your artwork qualifies for in-person judging, you will be asked to mail it to Hoffman Fabrics.

Finalists' and award winners' artwork go on tour for the year of 2024 to celebrate Hoffman's 100th Anniversary. They will be displayed in our virtual showroom and exhibitors may include quilt shows and festivals, museums and libraries, cultural centers, guilds and even some Hoffman retailers.



HERE ARE SOME SPECIAL FEATURES TO NOTE

Why Batiks?: Hoffman Fabrics was the first to bring the art of batik making to the retail fabric world. Founding and owning its factory in Bali, Hoffman creates over 800 batik designs yearly, hand-dyeing over 1 million yards per year. This is the first Hoffman Challenge to ever use Hoffman Bali Batiks as the fabrics. We are celebrating being the **first and finest** in batiks!

Why Blue?: Hoffman has a long, family history revolving around water. It is the center of all that we do. Our lineage in the surfing world propelled our business forward as we pivoted to create the first aloha prints for the fashion industry.

GENERAL RULES

A minimum of 5 out of 15 of the following fabrics are REQUIRED to be in your entry. *please note this is a new rule

884 207-SEA BREEZE	U2488 252-DUBLIN
885 718-MERMAID	U2488 492-BREEZE
1384 79-SEAFOAM	U2489 F7-FRENCH BLUE
1384 682-DEEP BLUE	U2495 194-ROBINS EGG
1895 579-AUGUSTA	U2498 578-DELTA
Q2148 19-NAVY	U2500 254-TAHITI
S2334 167-MARINE	U2506 449-WATERFALL
U2406 553-RAINFORREST	

A minimum of five of these challenge fabrics must be used in the body of the quilt top or garment in recognizable, but not necessarily equal amounts.

The completion of your online registration, including photos of your artwork (one overall and one close-up) must be submitted by September 1, 2023. You may submit up to three different pieces of artwork with the \$30 entry fee (paid online).

Judging Categories:

Quilts • Clothing • Accessories • Youth (18 yr or younger) • Best use of Aurifil Thread

The following is an overview of the general rules, categories, prizes.

For more details, please visit the Hoffman Fabrics' website where you will find a page dedicated to the contest at <http://hoffmanfabrics.com/challenge>

COMING SOON!

CUSTOMIZED EMBROIDERY WORK

- Ball Caps
- Quilt Labels
- Sweaters
- Shirts
- Burp Cloths
- Quilts, etc.

You Design, We Create



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BLOCK-A-MONTH

AMISH WITH A TWIST V

By Marcus Fabrics & Nancy Rink

95" x 95"



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In-stock items only.
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FEBRUARY SAVINGS

Save \$5.00

off of a \$40.00 purchase

Valid February 1-28, 2023. MUST PRESENT COUPON.

Classes by Joanne

GREASED LIGHTNING TABLE RUNNER



2 1/2" Strip Friendly

Need a gift for a friend? Grab a jelly roll and a main fabric and you are ready to make a table runner! The easy construction method makes this 15" x 60" table runner lightning fast to make.

Tuesday, Jan. 10th
10:00am - 4:00pm
\$30.00 plus pattern

EQUAL RIGHTS QUILT



In this class, you will learn a variety of triangle cutting and piecing techniques, including how to make the triangle-in-a-triangle block which makes this quilt so fun. The pattern includes instructions for three different sizes, lap, twin, and quilt. A 60-degree triangle ruler is used to make this quilt.

This class is suitable for confident beginners & experienced quilters alike.

Tuesday, Feb. 7th 10:00am - 4pm \$30.00 plus pattern

COZY CABIN

Fat Quarter Friendly

Cozy Cabin combines the classic log cabin construction technique with a star element to create a new and fun design.

This fat quarter friendly quilt can easily be made using scraps or yardage.

The pattern includes three different size options, but this quilt can be adjusted to many sizes, like the sample which is 60" x 80".



Wednesday, Mar. 15th 10:00am - 4:00pm \$30.00 plus pattern

SIT AND SEW - BYOP (BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT)

Bring a project (or two) of your own choosing & get some serious work done on it. There is always lots of sewing, laughter, & fellowship, so come join the fun! This is a great time to finish up those UFOs.



Monday, Jan. 9th, Wednesday, Feb. 8th, or Thursday, Mar. 16th
10:00am - 4pm Cost: \$30

Silent Night

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

It was Christmas Eve in the Austrian Alps. At the newly constructed Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, a Tyrol village near Salzburg, Father Joseph Mohr prepared for the midnight service. He was distraught because the church organ was broken, ruining prospects for that evening's carefully planned music. But Father Joseph was about to learn that our problems are God's opportunities, that the Lord causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him. It came into Father Joseph's mind to write a new song, one that could be sung organless. Hastily, he wrote the words, "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright ..." Taking the text to his organist, Franz Gruber, he explained the situation and asked Franz to compose a simple tune.

That night, December 24, 1818, "Silent Night" was sung for the first time as a duet accompanied by a guitar at the aptly named Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf.

Shortly afterward, as Karl Mauracher came to repair the organ, he heard about the near-disaster on Christmas Eve. Acquiring a copy of the text

and tune, he spread it throughout the Alpine region of Austria, referring to it as "Tiroler Volkslied."

The song came to the attention of the Strasser Family, makers of fine chamois-skin gloves. To drum up business at various fairs and festivals, the four Strasser children would sing in front of their parent's booth. Like the Von Trapp children a century later, they became popular folk singers throughout the Alps.

When the children—Carlina, Joseph, Andreas, and Amalie—began singing "Tiroler Volkslied" at their performances, audiences were charmed. It seemed perfect for the snow-clad region, and perfect for the Christian heart. "Silent Night" even came to the attention of the king and queen, and the Strasser children were asked to give a royal performance, assuring the carol's fame.

"Silent Night" was first published for congregational singing in 1838 in the German hymnbook, *Katholisches Gesang- und Gebetbuch für den öffentlichen und häuslichen Gottesdienst zunächst zum Gebrauche der katholischen Gemeinden im Königreiche Sachsen*. It was used in America by German-speaking congregations, then appeared in its current English form in a book of Sunday school songs in 1863.

Were it not for a broken organ, there would never have been a "Silent Night!"

Classes by Laura

TAKE A STAND STAND-UP TOTE

Come and learn to make a ByAnnie bag by selecting either the large or small tote. Choose some fun fabrics and make this cute zippered tote with pockets inside and out. Zippers, hardware and other items are included in the cost of the class.



Friday, Jan. 6th

10:00am - 4:00pm

\$30.00

SAVANNAH

Make this gorgeous quilt in lap, throw, or queen size. This is a great project for the beginner or experienced quilter. Choose your horizontal panel and coordinating fabrics and join us for a fun day of sewing.



Tuesday, Jan. 24th

10:00am - 4:00pm

\$30.00



Who packed your parachute?

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

Charles Plumb, a US Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man grabbed his hand and said "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb kept wondering what the man might have looked like in a Navy uniform. He wondered how many times he might have seen him and not even said good morning, how are you, or anything, because you see, he was fighter pilot and the man was just a sailor.

Plumb thought of the many hours that sailor had spent in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he did not know.

Now Plumb asks his audience, "Who is packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it though the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down.

As you go through your week, month, or special achievements in life, recognize the people who have packed your parachute and enabled you to get where you are today!

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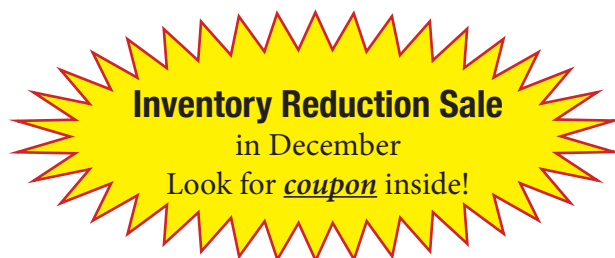
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Stuffed Pig Stomach

Ingredients

9 slices cubed bread
1 cup diced potatoes
1 cup peas
1 cup celery
1 Tbsp parsley flakes
2 Tbsp chopped onions
1 Tbsp salt

3 eggs, well beaten
2 cups liquid meat stock or milk
Smoked sausage, *cooked, diced
enough to give a good flavor*
1 med-lg size pig stomach, *ask
at your local butcher shop*

Directions

Put everything in a large bowl. Add eggs and liquid, toss lightly. Cook in well-buttered skillet. When set, scoop into pig stomach. Sew opening shut with needle and thread. Put in covered roaster. Bake 300° for 3 hours, temperature may vary according to oven. It is best made slowly. When done, take out threads, slice and enjoy.

P.S. - This may be more stuffing than your pig stomach will hold. Leftover can be made in the same roaster, just put out around.

Spanish Cream

Ingredients

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
6 tbsp sugar, divided
1/8 tsp salt
2 eggs, separated
2 cups milk
1 tsp vanilla

Directions

Mix gelatin, salt and 2 tablespoons sugar thoroughly in top of a double boiler. Beat egg yolks and milk together. Add to gelatin. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, until gelatin is dissolved, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add vanilla. Chill to unbeaten egg white consistency. Beat egg whites until stiff. Beat in remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Fold in gelatin mixture. Pour in dish or mold and chill.

Note: a dessert served at Harvey & Rachel's wedding, December 2, 1976

As we enter into the holiday season, may we remember the real reason that we have days set apart - to give Thanks and Honor to our Maker.

May Peace dominate the place in our heart where so often stress and worry settle in and steal the Joy out of our days.

Have a blessed Holiday.