

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

**The Craft Club ladies' assemble festive Spring Bazaar**

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CLE ELUM – On Saturday, April 6, at the Cle Elum Eagles, Craft Club ladies once again piled their tables with handmade goods and sweets – nothing less than a Herculean feat, considering the hours they spent over the past year preparing.

Said Elaine Muzzoco, “If I had to guess, between all of us, that’s probably thousands of hours.

Darlene Selzler makes 15 or 20 quilted baby blankets each year. The math says that’s 200 over a decade – and she’s been doing it for several decades, along with creating a variety of other useful items.

“I love to sew,” she said. “It’s never boring to me. I love the challenge. We were blessed with so many donations of materials this year, we had to give it our best to make things with them.”

For shoppers, the draw is the unusual variety: linens, dish towels, aprons, pin cushions, swiffer pads, birdhouses, patio rocks, Seahawk cushions, quilts, un-paper towels and sometimes lid grabbers. And there’s always something new.

“I made about 55 of these this year. Got the idea from Facebook,” said event chair Patti Eidemiller, pointing to a basket filled with Tootsie Pop Easter Bunnies.

On the baked goods table there was a country kitchen



**CRAFT CLUB LADIES** sporting their own aprons, a first, made by Elaine Muzzoco and emblazoned by Cle Elum’s Central Cascade Embroidery & Screen Printing. Pictured are (L-R) Cheri Carbonatto, Dorothy Paulson, Teri Frey, Aerie member Bridgette Scramlin, Elaine Muzzoco, Patti Eidemiller and Viva Rogers. Muzzoco said it took her about an hour to make each one.

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inventory of sweet things: Zucchini bread, breadsticks, chocolate chip and pecan cookies, dark chocolate cookies, Snickerdoodle cookies, no-bake cookies, brownies of all kinds, peanut brittle, banana bread, lemon loaf, carrot bread, Snickerdoodle Bundt Cake, apple

fritter bread, blueberry cupcakes, cherry pie, peanut butter cookies, cinnamon crumb cake, peach pie, apple pie and cherry pie.

Adding to the mix, Cammy Seelye carved out a half-day to cook up 12 six-inch pans of her trademark quiche.

For the traditional soup and sandwich lunch, the ladies had eight crockpots on the serving line: bean with bacon soup, chicken corn chowder, beef stew, creamy broccoli with ham soup, and chicken noodle. For sandwiches patrons chose from a variety of fresh breads to go with a show stopping egg salad, tuna, or ham with a variety of cheeses. Cost: a whopping five-dollars.

Said Eidemiller, “We’re very happy with the turnout and the prospect that proceeds help people in our community over the holidays.”

On that note, proceeds from the Spring Bazaar go to the Craft Club’s annual holiday food and gift basket drive for challenged families. Why do they do it? As they would tell you, “We’re people helping people.”



**ONE OF FIVE or six birdhouses** Rick Graham made with scraps of fir and cedar, a nail gun and Titebond glue. Patti Eidemiller dressed them up with miniature birds and other things. This is actually two birdhouses. Call it an avian duplex.

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**THERE WERE A GOOD number of festive Easter baskets on hand for sale.**

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**PATTI EIDEMILLER** handmade 55 Tootsie Roll Easter Bunnies for the spring bazaar at the Cle Elum Eagles on April 6. She said she got the idea from a Facebook post.

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