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FROM THE EDUCATION CHAIR
Pretty Posies

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Button display styles have certainly changed over the years, haven't they? I remember my first glimpse of an older collection: the buttons were mounted on white paper plates and secured with paper clips!

I have seen buttons mounted on manila folders, sewn on fabrics, stored in bottles—you name it—but the mark of a true collector is the organization and grouping of the objects collected.

I'm sure you recall the charming display cards that used to be popular. We exclaimed over them at a recent local button club meeting. One of our members had found a stash of blank ones and made copies for everyone. What fun! I remembered the clown holding balloons, the high-top ladies shoe embellished with shoe buttons, and (my favorite) a line of music in which the buttons create the melody.

Why don't we see these any more? Perhaps it is because they are too simple. They don't leave room for the extensive cataloging and classifying notes and labeling that we are prone to now. They simply are for enjoyment and pleasure, and a way to display a small collection of like buttons. To that end I thought, "Well, it's time I created one of these myself!" So I did.

I first used my Posies card to feature a collection of pretty Synthetic Polymer flowers. This card is shown on the next page. I loved it! I then shared it with my local club. They now are on the "Posies" hunt. Posies don't have to be of plastics, you know. They can be metal, or wood, or shell, or whatever you like.

As a way to revisit those simple buttons of the past, I then created a Posies card of vintage Metalized Plastic (shown at right). I enjoyed my search so much that I have decided to grant this card to the first place winner of the Metalized...
Plastics award I have sponsored for WRBA 2010. So in addition to the munificent amount of $5, plus that ribbon, you get your very own piece of button art.

I hope you enjoy the Posies card, and I also hope you share it with your club members. Wouldn't it be fun if clubs sent in Posies cards for the next

WRBA show? Let me know if you are interested. It would be wonderful to see a huge grouping. Revisit your simple buttons and find them a new home. You will be glad you did!

Vintage Metalized Plastic Posies card to be granted to the 1st place competitor in the Metalized Plastics award at WRBA 2010.