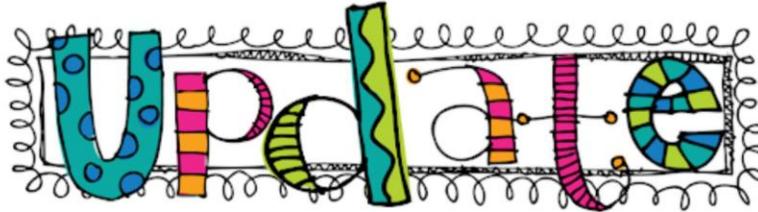


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**Hello Quilters,**

**We are all doing our best at keeping busy these days, navigating the world right now is no easy task. I have been in mask making mode for weeks . I have been using up fabric like a crazy. With every cut of my wonderful stash I am cutting a 4.5 inch strip to be used in a planned scrap quilt, this way I will still have a sliver of it in a quilt... That makes me happy !! I am missing my family so much and can't wait to hug and love on them!!**

**We will have no meeting in May and I hope to get news about June soon... Please know that I am also missing my quilt family and look forward to show and tell , when we meet again.... be safe ! if you are in need of masks please let me know ... Rose [mimisgdogs@aol.com](mailto:mimisgdogs@aol.com)**

Hello to Everyone,

Hope you and your families are well! I wish I had accomplished more quilting in the last month but find myself in a goofy "fog" some days. Anyone else? The spring cleaning bug hit hard .... even the spice cabinet looks pristine. I did finish a table runner that had been put aside for several months and am happy to see it on my dining table. I've been working on small fused wall quilt of a tree which has been slow going. Also started a design for a challenge from the art quilt group. Hopefully I can get both of those finished before long. I miss seeing everyone!

*Patti Glenn*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY QUILTERS

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Good morning, Quilters!

It's amazing what happens when cabin fever is mixed with caffeine. Today I cleaned the inside of my garage door and used a brillo pad to scrub the gasket. Talk about street rat crazy!

I'm trying to stick to a schedule of cleaning, walking, playing and reading. Sometimes I'll do two things at once. Today, I counted the number of Teddy Bears in front windows on my walk. I took a mental picture of flowers where the dominant colors were cream and green mixed with a little bit of red and saw another grouping where the dominant colors were green and red with a tad of cream. A quilt idea is budding.

Picked up ten pillowcase kits from Cheryl Bundy last week. Every time I took the material out of the sandwich bag it felt like unwrapping a present. I admire the packager's choice of colors and designs. Today, I'll return them to Cheryl and pick up ten more "gifts".

The Splendid and the Vile is a great and fast read about Churchill, FDR, and Hitler 1940-1941. I'll take quarantining over bombing.

The Gift of Forgiveness by Katherine Schwarzenegger Pratt is an easy read. I wish Katherine had published it while she was in utero--I could have used her advice 37 years ago when I was holding a grudge. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins reminds me of The Grapes of Wrath. It's not as long but the elements of style are there. "The clouds were so thick you could wash your hair in them....She shows him her voter ID. It feels like a rescue boat and a torpedo at once." Currently, I'm reading Janesville by Amy Goldstein. It's about the closing of the GM plant in WI in 2008.

Every night at 5 PM hubby and I have a glass of beer or wine ( martinis on Fridays) and thank God our three children are not teenagers. By the way, is anyone being lectured by their adult children about what they are allowed and forbidden to do? Door dash--Yes. Going to Costco--NO.

Elizabeth Helmer

Fortunately, in December when I packed up my self and many other things, I included lots of fabric, kits, UFO's, and off we headed for the winter in Scottsdale, Arizona. And, fortunately, I have finished several UFO's, started several new projects, reviewed my patterns, organized a book of "someday maybe I will make this" ideas, organized my sewing room, and found time to relax and enjoy being with friends and family until the end of February. Then, all S---- hit the world. So, I have been sewing, walking the dog several times (he loves it, and is very spoiled now as he walks in a lovely green belt), bicycling, and golfing. Hoping to return to Napa soon, but this extended vacation is not all bad. However, I really miss my friends. Email just doesn't quite do it! Stay safe and healthy!  
Linda Feutz

During the pandemic... I am able to do my job 100% from home. In fact, I prefer it that way and as much as I would like to have this pandemic over with, I hope the work at home stays forever.

Trying to explain to my autistic son what a pandemic is and why he can't take his bi-weekly trip to the library has been challenging. I was very worried about his reaction but he is taking it like a champ. We are so thankful. We are also thankful for his caregivers and home school teachers who continue to report to work to make his life as normal as possible.

As for sewing, I have been making masks for friends and family in fun patterns. Guys just want grey, black or blue—women are much more fun in their fabric choices. I'll attach a picture of my favorite mask. It kind of says it all:

As for quilts. I finished one I had started pre-pandemic. Like Rose, I started a quilt completely from the scrap pile. All 1.5 inch strips. Might take me awhile. Hope all is well and every safe.

Kelly Van Camp

Hello All!

It's been a quiet 2 months here. I made myself a pledge in January that 2020 was a year to finish up old projects. I've not gotten a ton done but am slowly working through them. I've made a few Classmate bags and have picked back up on a quilt I started about 2 years ago. I think I'm finding my groove.

Miss you ladies. Kelly Larson

Hello Quilters,

I hope everyone is doing well. Hopefully you are getting your UFO's projects completed.

I have been sewing Face Masks for my Family and Neighbors. Now that I have run out of Elastic I will be working on my UFO projects.

When I am not sewing I have been helping my husband installing insulation in our Sewing/Machine Shop. We finished the ceiling insulation and now we will work on insulating the walls. I am hoping to have my sewing room completed in a few months.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Positive,  
Maggie Walker  
NVQG Treasure

Hello Quilters,

I have been making LOTS of mask for friends, family, neighbors and lots for Rose to distribute to all the places that are needed. I am lucky that my sister came to visit at the beginning of this quarantine and has been helping me make the mask. I am doing the sewing and she turns the mask and does the pressing. Without her help it would have taken me twice as long to make the mask. I was hoping to work on some projects new and old, but making the mask has taken over most of my time. I am glad I can help because I know there is so much need.

Stay safe and happy sewing.

Cheryl Bundy

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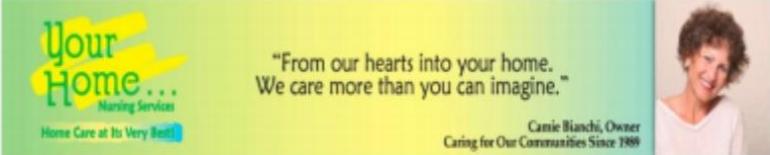


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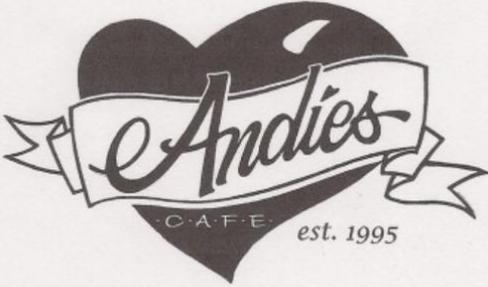


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