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I am a Board member of the Friends of the Milton Library (FOML)
Please consider becoming a member and support the Milton Library. The membership meeting is at 1pm March 12th, the main agenda item is April Book Sale planning.
See more at the website:

Click on link, or type it into a browser:
<https://friendsofthemiltonlibrary.wordpress.com/>

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Welcome Message

If you are reading this newsletter on paper you won't be able to access the information behind the Internet links, so go to my website at www.maggiescorner.org and find the newsletter link. All issues are archived back to 2011 when I started the Newsletters.

Current Programs:

- **Totes made from Feed Bags and Coffee Bags Program**
- **Broom Handles to Looms Program**
- **Rags to Rugs Program**
- **Tutorials on How-To process and make the totes from recycled materials Program**
- **Textile Remnants to Floorcloths Program**

Current Projects:

- **Studio and Workshop Project**
- **Nursery Greenhouse Project**
- **Garage Workshop Project**

March Activities

At the Desk:

- I finished another Pattern-Tutorial for the 5-Panel lined tote Edition 2, see Featured Article this month.
- I reviewed many listings to update the new Etsy category thing they did, and now they have changed the listings format too so that will take more time.
- Free-motion quilting and photo transfer techniques that I mentioned last month, I been studying GIMP, and open source software

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programs. After exploring many different avenues for software for photo manipulation, I found a YouTube Channel that was very helpful using GIMP and another I found when searching for “How to Posterize in GIMP,” that was using [GIMP](#) to make a quilt which is what I am wanting to do. I saved in my playlist on my YouTube Channel and I subscribed to her channel. Her Channel name is Ashley May, she not only showed how to posterize a picture in GIMP for use as a quilt with 5 fabrics, she also lead me to the program [Block Posters](#). I added links to these programs on my [blog page](#).

- Research on Homebrew Spent Grain, it’s been used hundreds of years for animal feed but I wondered about the nutritional value from my homebrew mash used in homemade bread. I plan to write an article in April on my blog about my finding findings.
- Lisa’s Goat Milk Oatmeal Soap
- Lacto-Fermented Beverages and Veggies

Around Town:

Plans for the April earth Day at Navarre Library and Ever’man Cooperative invited me to be in their Earth Day Tribute to Artisan’s work who work in upcycled materials. More on this in April.

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Harold Florida Swap Meet, Lisa of Fainting Grits Farm Goat Milk Soap is AWESOME! I been using it and my homemade moisturizer, both in combination



have cleared up and kept away the psoriasis that my dermatologist had given me steroids to treat, this soap and my moisturizer has eliminated the need for the steroid cream. Lisa also saved feed bags for me and I make totes from the feed bags.

In the Studio:

New hamper design for Paula Gilling



Custom Tote for Barbara Kirsten



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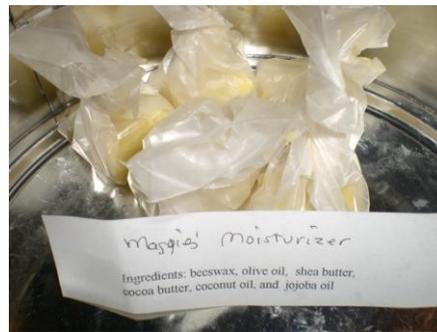
On the Back Deck:

Processed bags

Gardening Endeavors

Planted the onion sets.

Ginger root cuttings



Bottling my Homebrew batch of Northern English Brown Ale, recipe: Nutcastle.

Progress on Projects

Some planning – little action

In the Kitchen

Made more skin moisturizer



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Spent grain bread flour that I made from my Nutcastle Homebrew, and then I made it into Spent Grain Focaccia Bread



Fermented drinks and food is full of beneficial organisms that improve health. I did a lot of research in March. March was filled with making lacto-fermented beverages and kimchi. I plan to make sauerkraut and other fermented veggies in April. See the articles on my blog, go here: <https://maggiescornerdotorg.wordpress.com/> then scroll down to see all the articles.



Ginger Ale, Strawberry soda, Pineapple soda, and two kinds of Kimchi.

In the Garage Workshop

Sorting and threw out some bags in to bad a shape to recycle. Hunted for flip top bottles that got moved in garage from old house when we cleared it out a few months ago.

Featured Article of the Month

Another New Tutorial – I’m on a Roll

It has been awhile since I published new sewing tutorials. I’ve published two new tutorials this year so far, I’m on a roll! The design of the tote is not new, it is my original 5-panel design but the construction techniques I use to make the tote has transformed over time to a different method than when I started making these totes. [read more on the blog] Click on picture or link to see more information and pictures in my [Craftsy Shop](#)

