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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**

February Activities

At the Desk:

- I continued promotional work for Maggie's Corner through social media, website revisions, promotional postings, and affiliate banners.
- Etsy has added many new categories and they changed all my listings to the category they thought mine fit in but they asked that I look at each item to be sure they got it right. I have about 80 listings currently in my shop to review.
- Free-motion quilting is something I love to, so is photo transfer techniques. I am fascinated with

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doing a quilt portrait study using photo-editing software to manipulate a photo by tones to use as a pattern, and then match fabric to the tones to make a free-motion portrait quilt. I will research and begin a project for study in March.

- 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 March on my blog about my finding findings.

On the Beat:

I had a meeting with Susan the Librarian at the Navarre Library about their upcoming Earth Day program plans for April. I agreed to have a display area where I will demonstrate some of my recycle programs and projects.

In the Studio:

Pensacola Bay Brewery Totes
Etsy Customers

On the Back Deck:

Processed the Pensacola Bay Brewery grain bags for the totes.

Gardening Endeavors

Not much but I did get a bag of the soil conditioner from Pinelands Nursery and I

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have big plans for March potting on the back deck.

Progress on Projects

I finally put the casters on the bases (box springs) for the bed project, and split the mattress in two. I still have to make covers for the mattresses and upholster the bases.



The caster is swivel with ball bearings and is rated for 50 pounds each. I place 6 total casters so that's 300 pound maximum weight.



Making progress, more next month.

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In the Kitchen

Northern English Brown Ale



Spent grain bread flour



Spent Grain Bread



In the Garage Workshop

Not much progress in the garage; it's been too cold!

Featured Article of the Month

QUALITY OF CONSTRUCTION

1. All recycled bags are completely processed by either pulling apart the glued seam, or by cutting a new opening along the side of the bag so that the bag can lay open flat for washing and disinfecting.
2. All bags are opened flat and scrubbed with cleaning and disinfecting solutions on both sides of the bag. Some bags require soaking to disinfectant and remove stains, That is done in a large plastic container when the bags are submersed in a disinfecting solution of chlorine water.
3. Washed bags are hung on line to dry, once dry, the bags are ready to be cut-out for sewing just as any other material.
4. All totes and other items are constructed with great care for durability as well as aesthetics! My mission in upcycling items, such as feed bags and coffee bags, and other materials that are being discarded into our burgeoning landfills worldwide everyday, is to promote awareness for recycling.



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