



Maggie's Corner is about learning to live a more sustainable lifestyle. We are about sharing information with the public to bring together like minded folks who enjoy sustainable living ideas, crafting, sewing, recycling, and re-purposing. We also offer classes, patterns and materials. Some classes are free for non-profit purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Soon to be opening Maggie's Corner booth in the Shop at Green Up in Milton, FL. Come out and support Green Up and Maggie's Corner. Watch for announcement, on our website and Facebook page, of Grand Opening to be announced soon.

Patterns and material now available for the customers who want to make their own items. See in our Etsy store in our Pattern and Material Section. Maggie records in pictures the making of the items that she designs and creates. These pictures are then incorporated into a tutorial of step by step how-to instructions.



Fundraiser Membership Drive  
Help support our Recycling Efforts  
You can go to [www.maggiescorner.org](http://www.maggiescorner.org) and at the top center of the page  
Online click on the link [FUNDRAISER DRIVE MEMBERSHIP](#)

Our newest custom order turned into a tutorial pattern, for those DIY customers, of this feed Bag tote lined with Starbucks silver coffee bags. This was a custom order for a customer in Milton, Florida.



I have produced a tutorial with many pictures and directions for this tote which can be found in our Etsy store along with other tutorials that I produced for how-to make many of the items we carry in our Etsy store.



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Santa Rosa County Master Gardener's monthly newsletter is called Earthworm.  
This article was published in the June issue of the Earthworm.

## Sometimes Making a Change in Our Daily Lives Takes Extreme Measures

Article by Maggie

In the April Earthworm Jim mentioned that he has challenged himself to stay off the computer until afternoon so that he can pursue other endeavors around home in the morning, and that made me think about how many times I have got so wrapped up doing tasks on my computer that the entire day went by and I had not done much else, so I decided to give myself a challenge and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, I decided to turn off the internet at my house; which also means no phone at the house because I have a magic jack phone. I gave up cable TV years ago but I have held on tight to the internet because I do everything online and thought I couldn't possibly survive if my internet was off! The challenge I have given myself is to do without the internet at home all this summer.



Most of my computer tasks are done on the internet, where I operate [www.maggiescorner.org](http://www.maggiescorner.org) Where I showcase the items I make from recycled materials, such as the tote (shown in the picture) that I donated to the Master Gardener monthly winner recently. When I used to get online at home in the morning with my first cup of coffee, I must admit that I usually got sidetracked with updating website, finding a recipe, doing research or socializing, and then I would be glued to the computer or phone and never got around to getting out in the yard!

I knew it would cost money for gas to drive to a WIFI spot, and I know turning off the internet may sound extreme, but I have challenged myself to spend more

volunteer hours out in the community this summer, including spending more time at the Milton Extension office in the lab doing soil samples, using the microscope for identification of insects, and in the MG office answering customer's phone in questions. I am challenging myself to do online tasks from the public library and other WIFI spots, and I have found that I have become much more organized, I stay on task, and I'm learning alternative ways of doing things. Amazingly I am getting more done around the homestead too. I have found a renewed joy in writing a letter to family and friends with pen and paper! I also delight in receiving a "real letter" from a family member or friend now!

The money I would be spending on the internet at home is now going to gasoline for the car to drive to town. The added benefit of turning off the internet for a time is that when I have it turned back on, Mediacom will consider me a new customer so I will get the special pricing that they refuse to extend to current customers. I am not advocating that everyone turn off their internet, but I am saying that making a change in our lives, sometimes takes extreme measures.

# Making a Difference

Article by Maggie,

Making a difference in anything that we do, whether it be dedication to recycling, saving the homeless, or whatever is our pet project, this timeless story about the old man and the starfish, by an anonymous author, is a great tale to bring across the meaning that to make a difference we need to do our part in our own backyard and we can make a difference on a one to one basis. As for the big picture, the world wide problems could be solved if everyone all over the world took care of their own backyard. An attitude such as the young man has in this story is pervasive in minds of people who do nothing. The actions of the old man in the story speak louder than words, he leads by example, and hopefully others will follow his good example. Who do you think that you are more like, the young man or the old man?

## *The Starfish Story.*

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There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man. As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea.

The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water. He asked, "Old man, why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?"

The old man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. "But there must be thousands of beaches and millions of starfish!" exclaimed the young man. "How can you make any difference?"

The old man looked down at the small starfish in his hand and as he threw it to the safety of the sea, he said "I made a difference to this one."

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I try to be like the old man, and that is why I started Maggie's Corner. I hope you will join me and strive to be more like the old man in the Starfish Story. Make a difference in your own backyard.

**Thanks to our newest participating business Santa Rosa County Animal Services**

**Thanks to all the Participating Businesses:**

Pensacola Bay Brewery, 225 E. Zaragoza St, Pensacola FL 32502  
Santa Rosa County Animal Services, 4451 Pine Forest Road, Milton, FL 32583  
Rustic Trail Stable, 4645 Rustic Trail, Milton, FL 32570  
Pitts Farms at 8994 Hickory Hammock Rd, Milton, FL 32583  
The Garden Gate, 3268 Fordham Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563  
Starbucks in front of Cordova Mall at 5040 Bayou Blvd  
Starbucks inside Cordova Mall, at 5100 9<sup>th</sup> Av H818  
Starbucks in front of Rave Theatre, 5145 Bayou Blvd  
Starbucks inside Barnes and Noble, 1200 Airport Blvd  
Starbucks on corner of Pine Forest and 9 mile Road 2200 West 9 mi Rd  
Ever'man Natural Food Store located at 315 West Garden St

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