

**The Frayed Edge
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Barb Snider, Gail Goldade, Krispi Staude, Mary D'Ambrosia and Nancy Best

Service: with gratitude Susan Leff, Shauna Rand and Beth Phillips

Ray of **Sunshine:** Mary D'Ambrosia

Hello Friends! Greetings to you all. I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Welcome to the anniversary of the Covid Pandemic. Our county has one of the lowest rates of Covid in the nation, and is one of the few counties in the nation with no deaths so far. One of the reasons for this is that our community embraced wearing masks and maintaining 6 feet distance from each other, early and reliably. I thank you all for all the masks that you made for yourselves, your families, friends, the public, people you bumped into on the street...A friend just returned a few masks I made her family for repairs, and I was reminded that we started making masks in March of last year. Wow. What a landmark. Churning those hummers out in fun colors and patterns helped make them appealing, which can only have helped people to wear them.

So yes, its been a year since everything closed down, and we stopped seeing each other face to face. I look forward to getting back together, and we can hope for that day in the not too distant future. I am hoping that the state metrics will continue to improve and guidelines will loosen up so we can meet outside at the Mullis Center parking lot- in April or May? Until then, join us on Zoom on Wednesdays if you can. Zoom is less than wonderful and some of us dont have the bandwidth (in any one of several ways), but for those who can its always good to see each others faces and check in.

Have you been doing some quilting? Remember, if you have a comfort quilt top out there languishing, waiting for you to feel like quilting it, check in with the board members. The Guild board has agreed to pay for sending some tops out to be quilted. (So really, there is no reason why I shouldnt get that quilt off the wall and send it off, aside from the fact that I would have to admit that Im not getting to it. And Im not getting to it! Ok, I admitted it, lets do it and move on.)

Last month I posed a question: **What is your favorite online fabric (or sewing notion) store, and what about it do you love?** Thanks to all who responded!

First, about this question. **Please please please, go local any time you can!**

***Bonnie's Craft Emporium** has served us in several venues for some time now, has a range of sewing and art supplies that out-performs many other small shops, and both needs and deserves our support in these difficult times.

* **My Rose Cottage Quilt Shop**- Our own Debbie Martinez has opened a sweet new shop full of fabric and quilting gear, you can go by on Saturday or call for an appointment and get the place all to yourself. Bring a buddy and prepare to get inspired!

<https://www.myrosecottage.com/>

***The Quilters Studio**: Anne Dawson on Lopez has

<https://www.lopezislandquiltersstudio.com/about.htm>, you can visit in person during business hours, make an appointment, or yes, shop online. Those Lopez quilters have great taste, and Anne's offerings really sing.

So, now to the online-

Im happy to say we got a bunch of good responses. There is certainly enough choices to spend an afternoon cruising through, lost in lovely fabrics. These are listed in no particular order, jus' saying. If I forgot your entry, let me know and I will add it next month.

From Gail Goldade:

I still shop online from local shops but my fav for ease of use and great visuals is Quilt Expressions <https://quiltexpressions.com/> in Boise where Linda Cooper's cousin works. Great shop online and in person!

From Carol Hooper

I have two favorites:

Equilter.com because of their very accurate color label system

And

Overrainbow.com on Camano Island because they are really fast filling orders and a bit less expensive per yard

Claudia Cross and Susan Leff both like Jordan Fabrics:

Claudia: I'm quite partial to Jordan Fabrics in Grants Pass OR. They have a wide variety of fabrics and are very helpful. I love going there to shop but of course now we can't. I'll be extremely happy when this Covid thing is under control!

Susan: I like Jordan fabrics for their tutorials and fabrics. I like the way they put colors together and they seem to have a lot of fabrics to choose from. I would love to take a trip down to Grant's Pass Oregon just to check out their store.

From Marie Johansen *I thought that I would send you my picks for favorite online fabric resource websites. These are sites that always have apparel fabrics that I love.....as well as, in most cases, quilting fabrics too*

<https://stonemountainfabric.com/>

<https://stylemakerfabrics.com/>

<https://www.emmaonesock.com/fabrics>

<https://naturesfabrics.com/> [editor- this place supports 'natural and organic' fabrics, you can get organic cotton, bamboo, fleece made using recycled material and hemp fabrics to name a few. You can have your fabric and smoke it too! Though I dont think that would do much for you.]

<https://www.wazoodle.com/>

this website is for lots of specialty fabrics (medical grade, athletic wear etc)

<https://www.hartsfabric.com/>

good mix of apparel and quilting

<https://www.hawthornesupplyco.com/>

another for good mix of apparel and quilting

And from Mary Zeretzke

have been shopping more at Fat Quarter Shop lately. They have a daily Flash Sale, Precuts of the Week on sale and a Basic of the Month on Sale. Plus my Wish List, which always has a few things on it! And the fabric is always good quality. It is an easy site to navigate. The name implies they only have precuts but there is plenty of yardage.

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*Anne Dawson has a Peppered Cotton Club going!
Monthly shipments of assorted peppered cottons shipped to your home.
Lovely solids with a Color Card coding all the solids for your files.
Included with a 10% discount on all in-stock Peppered Cottons for 2021.*

And Edie Blomber seconds that:

In your list of fabric shops, be sure to include Anne Dawson at The Quilters Studio. She has an online presence plus is reachable by phone. She is happy to search her collection and email you photos of things that are not shown online. For those of us on Lopez, there is a handy box outside her door where we can pick up things, or she has been known to bring several bolts outside for our selection, or we can make an appointment to visit the shop (masked of course). She has just started The Pep Club, whereby we get a selection of peppered cotton each month for the next seven months. Lovely solids.

Shauna Rand recommends:

A Block Away - Aboriginal prints

Fat Quarter shop - Kaffe Club - quarterly fat quarters!!

Missouri Star - Daily deals, and who doesn't love Jenny?

Island Batiks - Right in Anacortes.....quick shipping and good sales!!

I look forward to some new shopping suggestions. Quarantining has not been good for my fabric budget!!

From Deb Eshelman

I've ordered from Cindy Skelton twice at her Etsy website: [Engineer yourself a quilt by FabricToEngineer on Etsy](#) and can tell you that she's responsive, sells in half yards, and seems generous in her cuts.

I haven't ordered from <https://JordanFabrics.com> yet, but have purchased fabric from her when she came to the Sew Expo at the state fairgrounds a few years ago. I've watched several of her videos and she seems to have just about everything you would need for quilting. I get an email from her every day with a new sale item, which is probably overload for me, but fun to window shop with my morning tea.

*******March Question- What is your favorite tool? Why?*******

How about that 2021 UFO challenge?

From Mary Z:

My February UFO was a pattern from a Quiltmania book, using 19th century reproduction fabrics. The design looks like birds flying to me although the author called it Barman Baskets. The pattern was so poorly written and wrong in amounts needed and in directions that I spent a good deal of time rewriting all over the book. Doing the math which is good for our aging brains! I did finish half of the blocks with the other half cut out before I tucked it away when March began.

MaryZ

PS. I still really like the result in spite of the hassle.

Nancy B I have taken on making clothes, and some made their way to the UFO project. Last month I made a silk nightgown, very plain, first- time- ever- to- work- with- silk. No, there is no picture of this item. Its in the 'complete, not perfect' range of projects and deserves to be seen only in the dark, but it got me over working with silk. I have made enough mistakes, the next project should be something I can share/wear in public. I have to say, working with cotton, making items that are supposed to lay flat, now has a lot of appeal.

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/how-to-quilt/finishing/2021-ufo-challenge>

March is number 11. Im afraid to look at what that is!

Have a good month, everyone! Vaccine seems to be rolling out, I hope everyone who wants it will be in line to get it soon!

Nancy

Comfort Quilt Sizes-

Pike Market Pre-School and Head Start All Day Program

42 x 54 inches

Pike Market Baby Quilts, SJ Resource Center Baby Quilts

36/38 x 40 inches

Healing Quilts & Chemo Quilts for Peace Health

48/50 Minimum x 60 inches

Quilts of Valor

(Official Size is) 60 x 80 But we accept 58 x 72 (at leas

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