

This Week's Story of Hope: Lake Barcroft's "Mary Mask Makers" are busy making over 300 masks for neighbors and local nursing homes!

In Lake Barcroft there are five of us who have been sewing masks for the past couple of weeks. Each person is using a pattern of their own choosing—there are many choices online! To date we have produced and given away over 300 masks. I have lots of fabric from my fiber art work that I am using, some of it hand-dyed. I also have some commercial fabric I have accumulated over the years.

Of course the idea is that everyone should wear a mask whenever they go out in public, to the grocery store, etc. The masks are not "approved medical equipment", and are intended to keep one's cough, sneeze or mouth vapors away from others.

Along with fulfilling the needs of our community we have branched out to supply masks to a local nursing home for the residents.



The biggest challenge has been finding elastic for the masks! ***If anyone has extra cotton fabric and/or narrow (1/4 inch or less) elastic that they don't need there are many stitchers who could use it.*** Please email Jan Barrett at [jan5008@hotmail.com](mailto:jan5008@hotmail.com) for any donations.

Thank to Jan and her neighbors for making these masks – and to Walt Cooper for selflessly giving up his good Joseph A. Banks t-shirts for the cause! You all make the world a brighter place!