

UFOS REJOICE!

Living in an active adult community means I get to be retired AND active. We are in a situation where people are asking, "What do I do when there is nothing to do?"

Here at WG I have become active in committees, clubs and classes as well as building activities. Now that we are being asked to practice social distancing and all facilities and activities are cancelled for weeks and maybe longer, my UFOS (unfinished objects) and projects are rejoicing because they are coming off the shelves and are no longer neglected.

As an avid reader, most particularly of cozy books, I order books from the Bookmobile. Seeing my shelf holds on the DPL site, saddens me that we cannot get together; however, I had an inspiration to hustle over to the WG library the day before closures and picked up a dozen books. They are strictly for enjoyment and trying to figure out "who done it" before the author lets me in on the secret. I am having to curtail my desire to read a bit because my stash is running low.

Quilting is another of my passions. I have finished three large queens since October. When asked how long it takes to make a quilt, I reply, "It depends if we continue to get along through the process or it gets put on a shelf until it and I can communicate in a friendlier manner." That is why there are usually two (or maybe even three) in progress at any given time. You see those three and I started communicating much better at year-end and they were removed from time out and finished. I am quite non-traditional when it comes to quilting so my brain keeps active (sometimes overactive!) as I plan, design and redesign mentally before I even start slicing and dicing fabric just to sew it back together again.

There are days when I go on a cooking or baking binge. Thank goodness there was a place for my commercial freezer in my condo storage room. Neighbors on my floor often get a knock on the door with a sample of my latest cooking or baking favorite recipe or "experiment." So why can't I figure out what I'm having for dinner when all I need to do is look at the inventory list for my freezer or just open the door and grab? Maybe some of the kid is still in me that requires that I stand at an open frig or freezer trying to see what I'm "in the mood for" today.

As much as I enjoy all of the activities in which I participate here at WG and all the people I encounter, it is a new reality when my phone buzzes as a reminder of something that was supposed to happen at a given day or time is not happening, I can say, "So what are you going to do for YOU today and all those UFOS still waiting for your attention?"

Well, first of all, I'll have a cup of coffee, listen to hear which UFO is cheering the loudest and WASH MY HANDS!

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