

## MASKS: Freshly laundered masks were delivered on Saturday

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online video instruction was provided.

Their labor produced 390 masks as of noon on the fifth day, which fell last Friday. On Saturday, they delivered 350 freshly laundered masks to The Lodge in Sisters, a senior living facility. This week, 30 will go to the office of Dr. May Fan in Sisters. Ten will be delivered to Our House, an adult foster home in Sisters. Medical professionals at all three facilities will use the masks to help protect patients, staff, and residents.

Shepherd noted, "When we started, few healthcare providers in the region were formally encouraging production of homemade masks. That quickly changed. Now, healthcare providers like the St. Charles Health System have published preferred designs. In the space of the same week in which we built the 5 Day/500 Mask network, vigorous self-organizing

regional networks supporting home-based production have blossomed, mostly through social media."

It is important to note that do-it-yourself masks made from home will not replace the heavy-duty, N95 surgical masks. The all-cotton masks created by Shepherd and his team will be given to healthcare providers. They won't be made for patients or as preventive measures for the general public.

Age Friendly Sisters Country (AFSC), a non-profit organization that responds to the needs of the aging population by improving services for all, helped the mask-making initiative by getting the word out to Sisters Country.

Board member John Griffith told *The Nugget*, "Lots of community volunteers have been making masks both for St. Charles via the Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers, and through Pete Shepherd's callout to Sisters to make 500 masks."

East of the Cascade Quilters Guild also put the word out that masks were needed.

Diane Tolzman said, "Gilda Hunt and I are the co-leaders of the guild and our goal is to provide information to our members on the different opportunities available for them to make a difference in our community by making fabric masks."

The guild has 60 active members and over 20 of them, along with their family and friends, have made over 300 masks that were donated to several different groups: Partners in Care, provides home health and hospice services; St. Charles Health System; Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers, distributes masks to local medical organizations; Harmony Farm Sanctuary for the volunteers who care for the animals; and Shepherd's group, the 5 day/500 Mask Challenge.

Valori Wells, co-owner of The Stitchin' Post, donated fabric to Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers.

Tolzman added, "With the shelter-in directive we are not able to meet as a guild, so this is a perfect way to share our passion with others as a group. It is a way to be proactive in a situation where it

is easy to feel out of control. This is a great at-home project for quilters as we all have a large "stash" of fabric and sewing machines that can be used to make masks. It isn't often that we can save a life using our sewing skills. I tell our members they are saving a life one mask at a time!"

Local artist Kit Stafford made masks for home caregivers from Hospice and Partners in Care.

"I am happy to put some time in to help the precious people on the front lines," she said.

"Many organizations know that there are lots of people that sew in Sisters. I have a lot of fabric and I've streamlined a system with a pattern I can make in several sizes. Some are subdued colors, others are not. They can be washed again and again."

Shepherd added, "Now that the 5 Day/500 Mask Challenge is over, I deeply appreciate the dedication all our volunteers brought to their work. Now I encourage all of them to sustain their commitment by making masks according to the St. Charles model — or any other model specifically

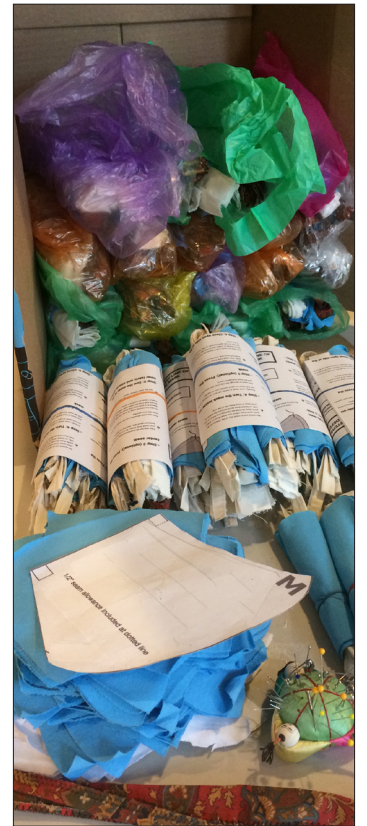


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One project aimed to produce 500 masks in five days.

endorsed by any other healthcare provider — and by coordinating their efforts through one of the new social media networks for home production, such as Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers." (Search Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers on Facebook).

## Forest Service halts prescribed burning

The Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland have announced that all prescribed fire ignitions have been postponed until further notice.

"In consideration of the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic locally and in our region, all burning will be suspended at this time," said Cassidy Kern, USFS Public Affairs Specialist. "The safety and health of our communities are our highest priority. Potential smoke impacts to the public are considered in all prescribed fire and wild-fire management.

"This decision to temporarily postpone ignitions will prevent any effects from smoke that might further worsen conditions for those who are at risk in our communities, while reducing exposure for employees who might not otherwise need to travel, and creating social distancing for resources working on a fire."

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