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Katydid Square Dance Club Newsletter

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START YOUR WEEKEND RIGHT ... DANCE WITH THE KATYDIDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT VIA ZOOM!



She's a grand ole gal. She may be frayed around the edges but still waves most proudly on National holidays!

CLUB CALENDAR



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KATYDIDS' CLUB EVENTS

All Katydid in-person events have been postponed, cancelled or otherwise on hold until further notice. We are, however, meeting via ZOOM on Friday nights.

LOCAL SQUARE DANCING EVENTS

Most local square dancing events have also been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello Katydids!

This Shelter-in-Place deal is really getting old fast. Oh, how I wish we could all meet in person again! Not to be, yet, I guess. Resurrection Church is still meeting outside, and, the Salvation Army has yet to determine what their new protocols are. So . . . the "holding" pattern continues . . .

Our Friday meetings via Zoom have been going well still with an average of about 25 participants each week. In the past couple of weeks we learned that **Liv** is moving to the East Bay the end of this month. She is looking forward to being able to have chickens again. (Who knew!?) Both **Tillie** and his daughter, **Laurie**, are usually in attendance and Laurie had a picture of many large drying trays of apricots from their trees that she was sulfuring and drying. Looks like a lot of work! Lately it has been especially nice to have **Roger** back on board after having many computer issues to solve. Apparently **Jim** and **Jed & Sue Cyr** were computer angels sent to the rescue. And, speaking of Sue Cyr, we understand that she will be going in for knee replacement surgery the end of the month. We wish you well, Sue!

Recently I received an email from **Lisa Steele** telling me about the new baby twig on **Bob's** family tree. See photo to the right that was taken at about 8 weeks of age. Lisa also mentioned that Bob has lost 48 pounds in 18 months. DOUBLE congratulations Bob!!!

Don Gaubatz, a Katydone, sent in a story and **Morris** sent a "puzzle" that may take some of us all month to figure out! They are printed to the right and on pages 3 and 4. Many thanks to both.

Mark your calendars: (unless it is cancelled due to you know what) Saturday, **August 8th** is the date of the Lucky Steppers' Anniversary Hoedown that will be held at the Slab in Ben Lomond. **Jim Osborne** and **Mike Luna** will be the callers with **Sue Harris** doing the rounds.

We're all in this COVID-19 thing together. Be sure to take care of each other. Call a friend, send virtual flowers, or offer to run an errand for someone who can't get out as easily and you can. Not only will reaching out brighten someone's mood, it will cheer you up as well.

Wishing you all a safe month! See you on ZOOM!

Stephanie

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANDPA BOB!



Bob Steele's son's new daughter, Amelia Rose, born April 21st (pix at about 2 months),

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My Great Pandemic Bank Heist

June 15, 2020

By Katydone, Don Gaubatz

I haven't visited a bank since the very early part of the year. I long ago ran out of cash to reimburse those doing shopping for me. If I am going to hold up a bank, I need to plan and prepare carefully, days ahead of time.

No, don't wash the car. You want your getaway car to blend in with most others on the street. Oh no! the car hasn't been driven for months. I had better recharge the battery. That is an extensive overnight effort with a battery charger.

Hmmm, maybe I should at least wash the windshield so I can see where I am going. Get a bottle of Windex and a roll of paper towels. Oh my, how the dirt has built up over the months without use. It requires three or four applications of Windex and paper towel wiping to get the windshield so I can at least see through safely as I attempt to drive away after my heist.

I carefully prepare the note I am going to hand the bank teller with my demand for cash. It details the number of each denomination of bill I feel I need to at least cover my demands.

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The day for the heist is here. No, don't park in front of the bank – too likely someone will see my license plate as I make my escape. I carefully park behind the bank in the only open parking space available. Trader Joe's Market is just behind me. People are lined up on the socially distanced sidewalk markers, waiting their turn to enter the market.

Like any good bank robber, I must cover my face with a mask. I double check my N95 mask to make certain it is in place and not likely to fall off and reveal my face. I glance around, most people in view are wearing their mask. Are they robbing Trader Joe's?

I carefully slink along a narrow walk at the side of the bank building. I'm lucky, there is no one in sight at the front of the bank. I open the bank door and step in. "Hands up!" a clerk demands and slathers my hands with a sanitizer.

Fortunately, there are no other customers in the bank during this mid-afternoon bank heist. Strange, all the tellers are wearing face masks, and each is standing behind a shielding sheet of plastic.

I shove an envelope under the plastic sheet and gruffly speak the word "Deposit" for its contents. And then it is time for me to present my demand for cash. I slide my demand note under the plastic sheet.

As the teller reads it, I check the fit of my mask to be certain it is still properly in place. She slides her cash door open and dutifully fulfills my demand – even sorting and counting out the cash as directed by my demand note. She places the cash and a receipt in an envelope and pushes it out under the sheet of plastic to me.

I turn and walk toward the door for my escape when I hear "Hands up!" Again, a bank clerk slathers my hands with sanitizer.

I carefully exit the bank with my loot. Again, no one is in sight to watch me leave the bank. I think I am going to make it. Back in my car, I remove my N95 mask and head for home.

Never in my wildest dreams could I see myself calmly entering a bank, wearing a mask, and demanding cash.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

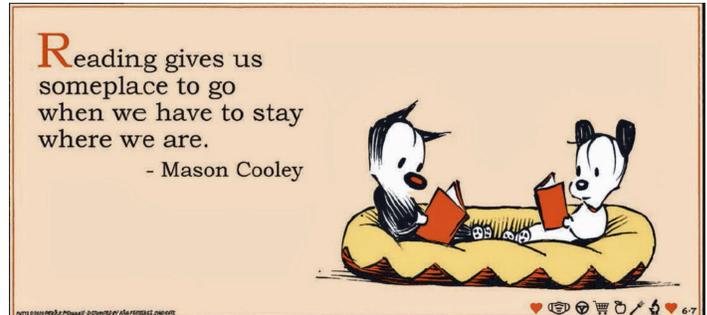
Sandy Franger.....July 22

Marjorie WilserJuly 24

Lisa SteeleJuly 29

IF YOU NEED SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO, check out this link : [:https://youtu.be/KdN1-oW00k](https://youtu.be/KdN1-oW00k) The YouTube video is long but you will find an interesting clip on square dancing towards the beginning , otherwise it is about Appalachian people culture and History.

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The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.
- Socrates

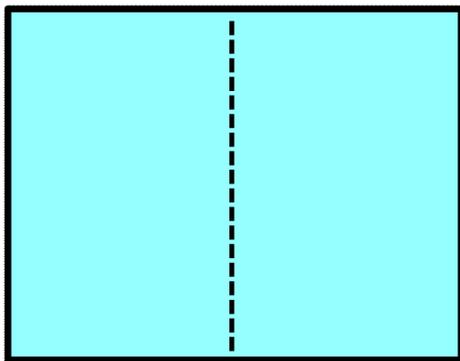
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KORI BASKET - ORIGAMI

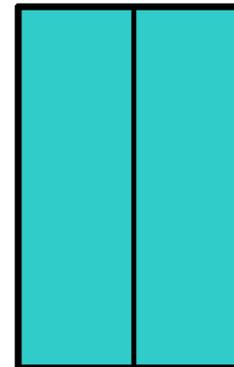
Try your hand at solving this “puzzle” that Morris submitted to help keep us sane during the Shelter-in-Place order. Good Luck . . . !!!

Kori Basket - Origami
(Use Rectangular Sheets Only)



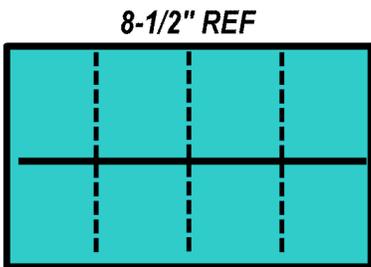
11" REF

1) Fold at 1/2 way mark.



5-1/2"

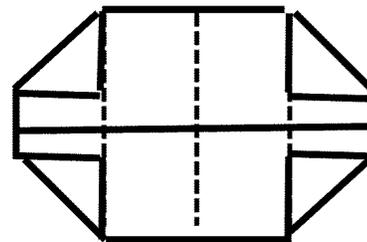
2) Fold outer edges to 1/2 way creased mark.



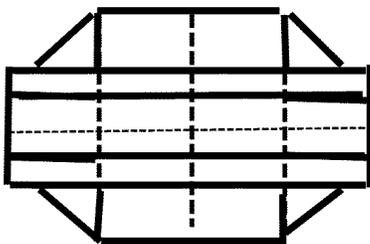
5-1/2" REF

3) Turn project to work on short edge.

4) Repeat folding at 1/2 way mark on both ends.



5) Fold all 4 corners 45 degrees as shown.

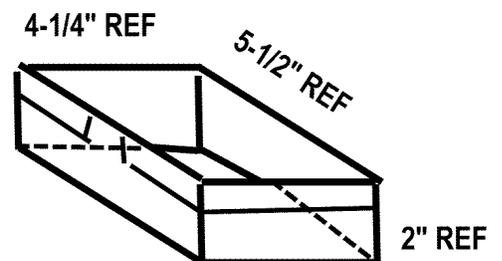


6) Fold center sheet over the folded angles.

7) Open basket by lifting the just folded strip

Eureka! You did it! Finish by creasing all the edges of the basket. You can make another one to be the cover or use card stock to make a box.

SORRY, I COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO FILL DIFFERENT SHAPES WITH DIFFERENT COLORS.



LEGEND	
Solid lines	are edges of paper, dashed lines represent unfolded creased paper or hidden edges of paper.