Spring has sprung at Senior Opportunities Services! The birds are singing, flowers blooming—and our talented crafters have been busy little bees creating one-of-a-kind products and gifts sure to brighten your day and shake off the remnants of those pesky winter blues.

Our featured crafter for this issue is the talented Ann Melle. Ann has been involved in crafting since 1972 when she began making candles. Twenty-five years later, Ann grew tired of carrying the heavy candles to craft shows, opting instead for more lightweight crafts.

In the early nineties, she began her work with S.O.S making a variety of products enjoyed by customers for almost two decades; baby booties, baby afghans, magnets, plastic canvases and lap robes (pictured) are just some of the many beautiful pieces produced by Ann.

Ann’s work is featured annually at the YMCA Christmas Village, but S.O.S. is her creative home. She’s proud to be a part of S.O.S. and her fellow crafters: “I like the people that work there. They’re really helpful and nice. S.O.S. is important because they’re helping people who can’t help themselves,” she said.

Located at the corner of South “D” and South 4th Streets, the former Cutter’s Grocery serves as the home base for Senior Opportunities Services, which provides various cleaning and homemaking services to senior citizens. “S.O.S.” also provides various vocational opportunities for senior citizens who wish to work in the community. Cutter’s Corner showcases the works and talents of over 150 senior citizens—all beautifully handcrafted and ready for purchase!
Featured Volunteer: Becky Alexander

Quilts—like those at Cutter’s Corner—are beautiful because they are made up of a cohesive group of many different colors and designs. Like a great quilt, S.O.S. is made up of many dedicated and amazing staff members and volunteers. In this issue, we’re featuring board member and Richmond resident, Becky Alexander.

Becky joined the S.O.S. board five years and currently serves as secretary. She worked in the banking industry for 26 years, leaving that position to oversee the day to day business at Interfaith Apartments. It was through her work at Interfaith that she became familiar with S.O.S.: “I would see the great things that S.O.S. was doing for the people at Interfaith; I gained a great deal of respect for the organization, and Vicki Brim in particular,” she said, “Vicki is a tremendous person. She’s always been a wonderful volunteer working in the background to get things done.”

Becky is looking forward to what 2016 brings for S.O.S. in upcoming fundraisers as well as the possibility of much-needed grant money: “We have 81 people on our waiting list for services. We only have so much money and the more donations and grants we receive, the more people we can serve,” she said.

We’re grateful to Becky and her continued service to our organization. With her help, we’re moving forward in the community!

Upcoming Events

April 15th

Joe’s Pizza Fundraiser

5-8pm

Music provided by

Duel Entertainment

June 8th

Spring Concert

McGuire Hall (Richmond Art Museum)

Time: TBA

featuring

Gill Miller and Friends