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## Incredible gift from those who can sew

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Martha de Laveaga Stewart, Maria Mord and Trudi Robinson during a mask distribution day. Photo provided

Orinda resident Martha de Laveaga Stewart, Lafayette resident Maria Mord and Trudi Robinson who lives in Concord have sewn over 300 masks, along with about 10 others who have helped as well, and they continue to sew as the need continues. All members of Hillside Covenant Church in Walnut Creek, the group on April 18 had a drive-in and drive-out mask distribution for the Hillside community, distributing over 180 masks in a two-hour period.

The group has distributed masks to a urology clinic which had none for their workers, made a dozen or more for residents of the Restore House in Concord, which is a men and women's sober living home, and Stewart has made some for her gardeners, her hairdresser, and her cleaning ladies. "And of course, we have sewn them for our families," Stewart said. The group has also made over 40 children's masks and has distributed those who have children under 13 (and over 2).

"For those of us who love sewing it is a great project," said Stewart. "I work as a psychotherapist and do see my clients via Zoom, but I have plenty of time to sew. Just didn't know how wonderful it is to give masks to others so we all stay safe."

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