Fall City Quarantine Collage

The inspiration behind this collage is an old-fashioned patchwork quilt utilizing 12 different quilt patterns specially chosen for their names such as “Next Door Neighbor,” “Patience Corner,” “Hourglass,” “House,” and “Basket of Scraps.” Because the Fall City community is a creative one with lots of artists, makers, knitters, and quilters, I felt it to be the perfect framework. In each square, there is also a touch of embroidery to hunt for, again a nod to the clever people who live in our valley. The repeating blue fabric is automotive toweling that a good friend of mine used to make masks!

Most of all, this collage represents a community that has made the best of a tough situation. We should all be proud of ourselves for surviving 2020 thus far.

My deep gratitude to Fall City Arts and King County 4Culture for commissioning this work. As a labor of love, it certainly helped me survive the quarantine.

MARILEE CLARKE

The collage is now on display upstairs in Aroma Coffee in Fall City for another month. It will travel around the community for several months.

The opening of the Aroma Coffee Co. in the Prescott-Harshman House has created an opportunity for the community to be able to experience what the house is like on the inside, rather than just viewing the exterior. No one is more pleased about this development than Dr. Clark, whose vision and efforts saved the building when it was slated to be demolished in the 1980s, making it possible for so many to enjoy the building in its new use. Realizing that Aroma Coffee customers might not be aware that it is a King County Historic Landmark when they come inside for coffee, Dr. Clark framed the historic-landmark designation document and presented one to Emily and Judy Nelson, the owners of the Prescott-Harshman House, and presented an additional framed document to the owners of Aroma Coffee to display inside, where customers are able to view it.

Dr. Clark has been seeing clients in Fall City for a little over two years. She says:

“I have the joy of driving past the Prescott-Harshman House on my way to my clinical practice office just two blocks away. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, and with the knowledge that feelings of anxiety have not only increased for those who have an anxiety disorder, but that most people are experiencing anxiety even if they have not been prone to anxiety before, I was faced with a decision to make. It was either to self-isolate in fear and suspend my practice for a time, or recognize my role as an essential worker. I took the latter approach when I recognized that the need for my services were greater than they have ever been.

My practice specialties include post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression, conflicts in the home between parents and children, and couples and interpersonal communication, as well as addiction and dependency issues. These clinical issues and concerns have been magnified with the pandemic. A majority of my patients use their counseling appointments to process and deal with what they are experiencing in the current environment. My office in Fall City at 33627 Redmond-Fall City Rd. provides a COVID-safe setting for individuals, since I am not part of a larger clinic. Potential clients are encouraged to call with questions and discuss their concerns. I accept all major insurance coverage and can be reached at (425) 455-8518.”