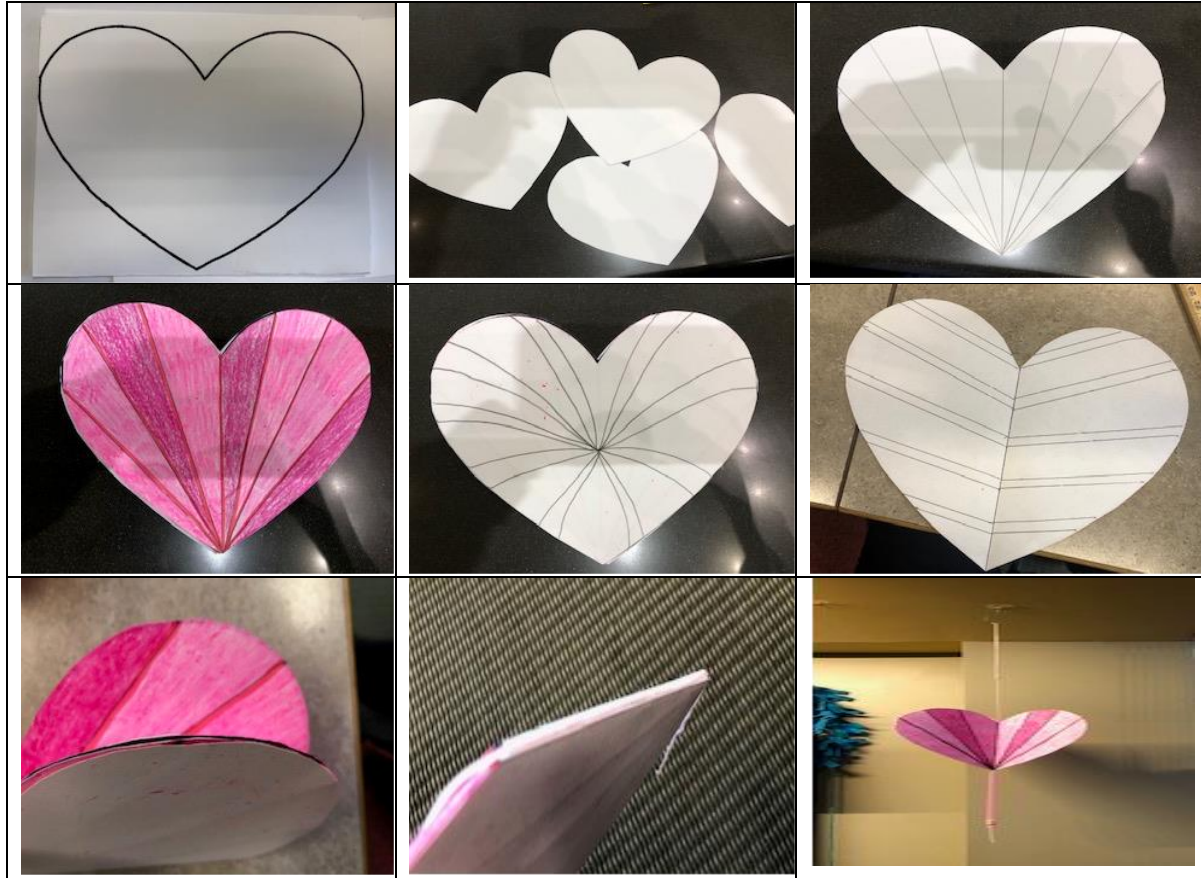


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Some people celebrate the holiday of Valentine's Day by sharing cards and words of love. In Slovenia, a country in Europe, Saint Valentine was considered the saint of good health. It is believed that plants and flowers start to grow on this day. In early days, Valentine's Day was believed to be the spring day that birds found their mates. It is not spring here as yet, but we can share art hearts and think of all the good things that Spring will bring to us. Share your "heart" with someone special, friend, family, or neighbors.



1-On a piece of paper draw four equal size heart shapes. Draw a black line down the middle of each heart. Then draw black lines on each one that reach from the bottom point to the upper edges. Try three on each side of the middle of the heart. You can color each heart with different colors, if you like, or leave just the black lines. For the younger artist, you can make fewer lines or smaller hearts, and highlight them with the black lines. Fold each heart in half with the black lines and colors on the inside. There are other patterns that you can try. One with the lines starting from a center point of the heart. Or one with two sets of lines reaching out from the middle line.

2-Glue the hearts together in a folded stack. Then glue a long string down the middle of the pile on the folded side with about a foot hanging out each end. Glue the two ends of the stack together with the string running down the middle to make a 3D shape. Tie a hoop at the top of the string. Add a few beads or a piece of straw to the bottom string to add weight. You could also make a set of three/ 4-panel smaller hearts and glue them down the string. When it is dry you're ready to set your heart spinning!

Let your heart spin and your love grow!

Ms. Susan