The stuffed rabbits in the picture are the prizes for our Tall Tale Contest winners and all members who attended the March Social.

Our March Social started with members greeting each other from home on zoom. Hostess Janet Bradford gave a talk on the Purple and Green (International Women’s day and St. Patrick’s Day).

**International Women’s Day** started in 1909. Historically, **purple** was a colour that denoted justice and dignity, and now it is used to represent women.

**St Patrick's Day** is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. At home in Ireland, **St Patrick's Day** was a modest **day** of religious observance, culminating in a feast. However, in the face of their ill treatment, Irish Catholics in **America** decided to throw **huge**, proud parties on the 17th March to celebrate their heritage and show pride in who they were.

Just like last month’s presentation with the myths of Cupid and Eros by the Roman’s and Greek’s. The Irish also have their myths; A leprechaun, according to Irish myth, is a male fairy living in Ireland. He is mischievous, rich and an adept craftsman making all kinds of things including clothing, bowls, buckets and shields. If a human comes upon a leprechaun, the little guy must divulge where his fortune is, which is why leprechauns are so good at hiding. They do not want to give out this information. Even if the leprechaun is forced to reveal this secret, remember: *He is a wily character*. He may not be giving you the straight story although he won’t be flat-out lying to you.

Bonnie entertained us with Irish songs to sing and Claudia Callas played her recorder for our enjoyment. We had a little discussion on things Irish. The movie Darby O’Gill and the Little People was recommended for an Irish movie to see…

We talked about the Upcoming gardening season a bit as we were anticipating the coming snow storm (the metro area ended up getting 27.1 inches of snow, closing most businesses, city offices and schools).

To start the Tall tales, Janet read the Gazette article by Marta Hedde Wood about legends and myths.

Many members shared a TALL TALE … Linda Grantham started with a new version of the Falling Rock tale. Deb Bollig shared a short video on Pecos Bill. Claudia Callas shared an Irish Poem. Bonnie Botham sang a story song on the Miners. Gay De Leon read about Isabella Bird from the book How to climb Mount Blanc in a skirt. Marta shared more about legends and myths including the cousin of the Jackalope the Elk Hare. Don Wood shared the Jim Bridger-Yellowstone story and Janet Bradford shared the story of the Sheep and the lawyer. By a member’s vote, Linda Grantham won the tall tale contest. With Gay DeLeon and Don Wood taking 2nd and 3rd place.

Member Gary Gorman donated many stuffed rabbits which will be given to the winners of the contest and those who attended the social by stopping into the Historical Park to pick up their new stuffed animal. Payment in the form of a SMILE is required.