



## DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### NEW MEETING LOCATION

Stafford Hall 2021 Frederick Road  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
[thestaffordhall.com](http://thestaffordhall.com)

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

For many of us, Fall is our favorite season. I love feeling the nip in the air, savoring the aroma of cinnamon, and coming back from the Farmers' Market weighed down with baskets of juicy apples. Of course, Fall colors often serve as the inspiration for the color choices we make in designing our quilts.

However, for myself, although I revel in the glorious reds and vivid yellows, I do not like the rust, gold, and brown portion of the Fall palette at all! I just saw an article about the resurgence of interest among the younger generation about the effects of color on dress according to your "season" (remember the "Color Me Beautiful" movement in the 1980's?), and I started thinking about how important color is in various aspects of our lives and how strongly we are either attracted or repelled by certain colors. We know that we can look better in the colors that are "right" for our natural coloring and we know that color of our clothing or our homes

can affect our mood by being soothing or jarring. Color has great symbolic and sentimental meaning that I have heard you express when you show the quilts you have made for a baby or to mark a special occasion. It is interesting to consider how best to use color in design to express multiple layers of meaning.

Of course, Fall ushers in the holiday season. Christmas decorations are now up well before Halloween! I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving. I am especially thankful to be a part of the Village Quilters community of women. I so enjoy getting to know you as individuals and as artists. Your creativity is inspirational, and your tirelessness is awe-inspiring! In addition to forming personal relationships, through our Guild we are linked to the community of quilters everywhere.

Pam Fischer, President

### SUNSHINE

Need some sunshine or know someone who does? Send any Sunshine requests to Janet Ruehl.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our October 31 bank balance was \$18,708.20. Income included member dues, raffle baskets, donations, and most significantly, funds raised by our Bingo. Expenses included Bingo, October speaker, and rent.

The wonderfully successful bingo surpassed our budget projections.

Ticket Sales	\$ 5,671
Specials	2,317
Auction Baskets	1,700
Food & Drinks	663
50/50	500
Donations	280
Daubers & Pads	586
Total	\$11,717

- Expenses - \$1,347 (low due to donations of many items)
  - Donation - \$500 (LSV Scholarship in memory of Catherine Wooten)
  - Net Income- \$9,870
- Regina English, Treasurer

## **SEPTEMBER WINNERS:**

Name Badge: Cindy McIntyre  
Raffle Baskets made \$125! Winners were: Mary Ellen Kolbe, Mary Hesse, Janice Barthel, Debbie McJilton.  
The fourth Raffle Basket was made by Catherine Wooten with proceeds going to her scholarship fund. \$82 was donated and it was won by Linda Newsom!

## **PROGRAM**

This month our wonderful, talented, generous members will enjoy Christmas fun, laughs and, as always, fabulous food.

Rose Mary Digby

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our Christmas party will take place at our next meeting on December 21. We have some fun activities planned!



\* Yankee Swap gift exchange: Please bring a wrapped gift of either three fat quarters or one yard of fabric if you want to join in the gift exchange.

\* Holiday Show and Tell: We are inviting everyone to bring in one or more holiday-themed item to show. This includes quilts, table runners, wall hangings, pillows, garments, tree skirts, or anything you have made that is holiday-themed (holidays other than Christmas are also welcome— Thanksgiving cornucopias, for example). There will be prizes!

\* Decorations: We ask for kind donations of greenery for the tables from those of you with gardens.

Although we will not be having a business meeting, we will have the usual activities of the meetings, like the free table, and a sumptuous holiday lunch! I look forward to seeing you all there.

## LINUS PROJECT

At the November meeting we collected 24 quilt tops! Thankfully, we will have enough hand binding sewing for the February Charity meeting, for those who do not want to bring a sewing machine. We also collected batting, fabric and 3 finished quilts. Also, I'm very happy to report we received large pieces of backing fabrics for almost all the quilt tops collected. It is amazing that we receive the right colors and sizes to be able to finish a quilt. Great work quilters!

Stephanie Sanidas

## CHARITY GIVING

Thank you for supporting Toys For Tots— we filled a large donation box with our contributions.



Please remember to bring your canned /boxed donations for the Food Bank.

Kay Worley

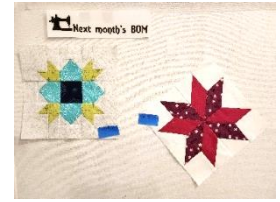
## 5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Merry Christmas! Our December exchange will feature 2 sets of 10 Christmas or Hanukkah colored fabrics or prints with the holiday theme. Reds and greens for Christmas, blue and white for Hanukkah, or prints if you prefer. New exchangers are always welcome. We will meet at the table where I am sitting, right after lunch.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

## BARN START SAMPLER SEW – ALONG

I hope this finds you excited and having fun making these star blocks. They don't need to be perfect.



Enjoy the process of learning to sew new blocks & pulling fabrics for them. Fabric should make you smile & at peace.... at least for a moment.

Block 13 & 14 are our current blocks to have finished in December.

We will be moving on to the larger blocks for January. See you at the December meeting,

Patty Cirulli

## KITCHEN HELPERS

Thank you to those who signed up to help this month. Here is your reminder...  
Morning:

1. Betty Zuercher

Lunchtime:

1. Sue Brunt

2. Diane Moritz

3. Patty Cirulli

4. Robin Dodd

Clean-up:

1. Maryellen Kolbe

2. Jan Barthel

3. **Need 1 more person**

Sodas:

2 – 2 – liter bottles of “Real’ Coke

2 – 2 – liter bottles of diet Coke

2 – 2 – liter bottles of Sprite

We still need 2-2-liter bottles of diet clear soda.

Please consider helping if you have not yet done so this V.Q. year. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello

