



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Stafford Hall 2021 Frederick Road
Catonsville, MD 21228
thestaffordhall.com

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What a triumph the Quilt Bingo was! The attendance was high enough that tables needed to be added and all the seats were full. I heard many people oohing and aahing over the beautiful quilts and there was a lot of competition over the silent auction baskets. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Kudos to the Bingo Committee, Linda Newsom, Cindy Hickman, and Rene Stiebing, for all their hard work leading up to the event as well as assuring such smooth running on the day, as well as to all of you who contributed so much to the success of the event. It is heart-warming to see how many of you used your energy and creativity to make quilts, items for door prizes, and put together the silent auction baskets. Hats off to the bakers for the delicious treats that were in high demand. Of course, things ran so smoothly due to the people working the floor as runners and

manning the door and the snack table, and the silent auction.

Combining tried and true elements with new ways of doing things contributed to the success of the Bingo.

Congratulations to everyone!

Pam Fischer, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of our October meeting, our bank balance totaled \$10,524.28. This included September deposits for dues and bingo ticket pre-sales. September expenses were for annual insurance, Zoom and website payments as well as our September speaker.

The year-end audit was conducted without exceptions on October 6 by Penny Clifton and Carol Phillips. We appreciate their time.

The wonderfully successful bingo surpassed our budget projections. All in all, we took in over \$11,000 for the event (including those ticket presales). After all the expenses are tallied, a final report will be made.

Regina English, Treasurer



The bingo committee would like to thank all of our members for making our fundraiser such a great success! We had a full house who were ready to play as well as bid on baskets! We could never have done this without our excellent committee chairs, the members who helped the day of the event, each member who sold tickets and brought friends, and especially all of the ladies who made the wonderful quilts, donated to the consolation prizes, and gave items for door prizes. Cindy, Rene, and Linda thank you all!

Bingo Committee:

Linda Newsom - Cindy Hickman -
Rene Stiebing

SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

Name Badge: Cindy McIntyre
Raffle Baskets made \$145! Winners were Diane Moritz, Sue Brunt, Jane Stolte

PROGRAM

Joy Duke's "Stitching in Public" is a fun look at how people see our pastime as everything but what we are actually doing. Joy's primary focus is providing fun applique patterns that you will enjoy using to create quilts that will make you smile. My designs incorporate a fusible technique which makes these fun, portable projects to stitch by hand or machine. Joy will join us via Zoom.

Rose Mary Digby

LINUS PROJECT

At the October meeting we collected fabric (wonderful backings!), three quilt tops, and five finished quilts.

A gorgeous log cabin quilt made and quilted by Donna Badgett was given to Stafford Hall for their upcoming holiday fundraiser. It was a happy coincidence that Donna made a quilt looking for a new home.

Please remember our upcoming charity sewing meeting in February and consider helping with the preparations. Quilt kits will be available at our next meeting for members to take home and sew.

Stephanie Sanidas

CHARITY GIVING

Please get back into the habit of bringing your donations for the food pantry. They are much needed and greatly appreciated.



Donations can be left near the entrance so that Cindy McIntyre can load them into her car and deliver them to her church food bank. Thank you for your support.

Kay Worley

SUNSHINE

Need some sunshine or know someone who does? Send any Sunshine requests to Janet Ruehl, janetruehl@icloud.com.



BARN START SAMPLER SEW – ALONG

Our group will be working on blocks 12 & 15 to bring to our November meeting.



For King size you will need three of each of these blocks; for the Throw you need two of Block 15. Please refer to your book for cutting instructions. Unfinished, both these blocks should measure 8 ½”.

Use YouTube and search “Cora’s Quilts” to follow Shelley and see how the different blocks are made. It will be under month 2 in her lineup and are 8 1/2” X 8 1/2” blocks again. You may use your favorite techniques or use Shelley’s stitch & press technique. I used a scant 1/4” in both blocks.

Have fun choosing fabrics & making beautiful blocks. We will once again share our blocks & have a drawing for those who bring in their finished blocks.

Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.

Patty Cirulli
pcirulli4@gmail.com

SHOWCASE OUR CREATIVITY

We look forward to seeing the work of Fran Noyes this month.

Jacque Formica

KITCHEN HELPERS

Also, thank you to those who signed up to help this month. Here is your reminder...

Morning:

1. Linda Newsom
2. Michele Elder

Lunchtime:

1. Fran Noyes
- 2.
- 3.

Clean-up:

1. Linda Newsom
2. Laurie Gregg



As you can see, a two lunchtime helpers are still needed.

Sodas:

- Paulette Chellis
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
Cell – 443-319-3151



5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

Hi Exchangers,
Welcome back to our established members and Welcome to the group to those who have newly joined us! We are happy for everyone who participates.

This month we will exchange 2 sets of 10 squares that represent Thanksgiving colors and/or themes. Colors might be brown, orange; pine green (for the evergreens you can see because the deciduous trees are bare), etc. Themed fabric might include pilgrims, native Americans, turkeys, or praying hands, etc. for a few ideas. Your own ideas are fine, also.

We will meet right after lunch at the table where Kathy Appleton is sitting, just before the sew-along group. New exchangers always welcome.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

ZOOM COMMITTEE

The November meeting will welcome our first speaker via Zoom in our new location. We will meet in person, but we will also send out the zoom link before the meeting in case you are not able to attend. I am looking forward to seeing how the new set-up works out for everyone, especially with the updated projection equipment. It does make set-up easier, but we will still need to have

an auxiliary speaker similar to the set-up at the lodge.

If you had no trouble hearing at the lodge, you should have no trouble at the new location. If you did have issues hearing, then try to sit a little closer or move your chair if possible.

I hope to see you all in November.

Cheers,
Cathie Shanks



SEW AND CHAT

It is always so nice to see all of the happy faces on the Thursday Sew and Chat. We started Sew and Chat during the Covid lockdown and it was such a success, we have continued meeting via Zoom every Thursday morning. If you are new to the Guild or have not joined us in a while, please tune in. You can stay for a while or tune in to just say hi. Work on whatever projects you have or get help or ideas from other members.

It is a great way to get to know some of the members, make new friends, share interests and stories or good books and movies. We hope to see you on Thursday mornings (of course we will not meet on Thanksgiving). The Zoom link is emailed early each week.

Cathie Shanks