



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

NEW MEETING LOCATION

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

SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

Name Badge: Pat Lieske
Raffle Baskets: Mary Brown,
Jane Stolte (won two!)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our first meeting of the year was a resounding success! This was also our first meeting at our new venue, Stafford Hall. Despite a few glitches, everyone seemed very pleased with the space. The rooms are light and airy and the atmosphere seemed so cheerful. Of course, everyone was talking about the bathrooms—no more contortions to squeeze past the door! We received a number of good suggestions about how to resolve some of the glitches, e.g., parking, noisy hand dryer, etc., and we hope to address them before the next meeting.

The meeting was very well-attended and everyone expressed their pleasure at seeing their friends again. Having a smaller room and seating people at round tables really promoted

conversations among members. Many of you came up to me after the meeting saying how much you enjoyed the greater opportunity to mingle.

This was an auspicious beginning for what will be a year full of events and activities, beginning next month with bingo, and we have a full slate of speakers! We will be trying some different things this year, such as the Barn Star Sew-Along, and it was suggested that we bring back featuring a member's quilt at each meeting. Our first speaker of the year, Barbara Dahlberg, showed us her series of small art quilts based on some of her favorite artists. I wonder whether this could inspire us to initiate some group projects of our own organized around a theme or something quite different.

Pam Fischer, President

Quilt Bingo!

Sunday 10/22/23 2PM

The Lodge

2832 Nine Mile Circle
Catonsville, MD 21228

\$20 in advance

\$22 at the door

contact@villagequiltersmd.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

We ended our program year with a bank balance of \$7649.60. Our income was slightly higher than anticipated and our expenses were considerably lower, so we entered this year in good shape.

The Board approved the 2023-24 budget at its last meeting. The budget projects positive income for the year, due to our October Bingo. The only major changes are a reduced rent for our new location and some additional funds for programs.

The year-end audit has been scheduled and results will be reported at the next meeting.

Thanks to all for your ongoing enthusiastic support.

Regina English, Treasurer



PROGRAM

Aniko Feher, who lives in Elkridge, will speak on "*Basement Quilter to Portrait Artist.*" Her passion and fears of portrait quilting will be told through the humorous stories of her quilts. She will show the progression of one of her quilts, how it developed from beginning to end. As she closes her presentation, there will be a slide show of her student's work.

Rose Mary Digby

LINUS PROJECT

It was wonderful to see so many happy quilters at the September meeting. We collected the following donations:



fabric (wonderful cat novelties that you will see in kits next month), 26 quilt tops, 14 finished quilts and several bags of textiles to recycle. Thank you to everyone who sewed donation quilts over the summer. Please keep sewing since we need more quilts ready for hand binding at the February 15th, 2024 Charity Sewing Meeting.

Stephanie Sanidas

SHOWCASE OUR CREATIVITY

Our first Village Quilter to entertain us will be Daria Phair. She has pieced and quilted on her longarm a memory quilt from her husband's wardrobe. Daria brought this quilt in September also but this program was not up and running as yet. I really appreciate her sharing with us as well as bringing her work twice!

Jacque Formica

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't paid your dues for 2023-2024 yet, please send them to Sue Grandizio with the completed form.

Sue Grandizio

PARKING AT STAFFORD HALL

Due to our amazing attendance at September's meeting, we filled the lot completely at Stafford Hall. Some possible solutions have been investigated.

Car pool as much as possible. (It gives you more time to visit with your friends, too.)

Overflow parking on Frederick Road on the same side as the meeting place is permitted.

Bishop Cummins Church, located ½ block up the hill on the same side as Stafford Hall, has graciously agreed to allow overflow parking on their lot. They do have another group activity on Thursdays so please be mindful of people, including children, on the lot. A suggestion would be for several members to meet there to park, then one drive down to park at our meeting place.

The Board will continue to work on this, including provisions for dropping off items and for handicapped parking. Watch your email reminders about next month's meeting for additional information.

Thanks for your patience.

SUNSHINE

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



BARN START SAMPLER SEW – ALONG

We have 25 quilters doing the sew-along with me as of the last meeting. I am excited to have company on this journey and to share ideas and techniques along the way.

Please reference Shelley Cavanna's "YouTube" videos. You can find her under Cora's Quilts or by searching for her name. Just make sure you have her official site. I encourage you to follow her on Facebook also.



The following is what we will be working on this month.
October blocks:

Block 10 (page 27/28)

King size: 3 OR 56 x 76: 0

Block 11 (page 28/29)

King size: 3 OR 56 x 76: 2

Spiral binding your book will make it easier to use. I know Staples, UPS and some Fed Ex stores will do them at a small fee.

If you have any questions about these blocks let me know. You can contact me by email, and I will get back to you.

Happy sewing,
Patty Cirulli

KITCHEN HELPERS

October Kitchen Helpers

First, I want to thank everyone who stepped up to help in September. Because of being in a new location, we had a few issues that were quickly resolved, mostly thanks to our astute helpers.

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

Morning:

1. Cindy Reisberg
- 2.

Lunchtime:

1. Cathy King
2. Anne Eichelman
- 3.

Clean-up:

1. Jane Sinek
2. Mary Rutter

Sodas: 2 – 2 – liter bottles of:

1. clear, decaffeinated – Cindy Reisberg
2. clear, diet -
3. Real Coke -
4. Diet, decaffeinated Coke -

As you can see, a few spots are yet unfilled. Please consider helping if you have not yet done so this V.Q. year.

Thank you.

Kathy Appleton and Joan Costello



5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

We had difficulty getting the entire group together, so Bernadette and I decided for you regarding October. Some people want colors only, others like themes, and still others like both. For October, please bring 1 set of 10 that are colors (not necessarily solids) of fall. Think oranges, golds, reds, and rich browns. Also bring a set of 10 fabrics that look like fall – especially October, - candy corn, black cats, etc.

Each person can choose whatever they would prefer, colors or fall-themed fabric or both. Take the number that you brought.

New members are always welcome and encouraged. Bring your squares and join the fun.

Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

CHARITY GIVING



Please remember to bring your food donations to the next meeting; leave them near the entrance so that Cindy McIntyre can load them into her car and deliver them to her church food bank. Please get back into the habit of donating to this worthy cause. Thank you.

Thank you, Kay Worley



Sunday, October 22, 2023

*This event will be held at the FOP Lodge
Nine Mile Lane
Catonsville, MD 21228*

Only one month until Bingo! Keep selling your tickets! We want this to be a very successful fundraiser so we can enjoy the next two years of guild activities.

We ask that you return all unsold tickets and the money for the sold tickets at the next Guild meeting on October 19.

Thank you to everyone who brought in door prizes and consolation items and for all the members who signed up to bring items for the bake table. If you didn't sign up but want to bring something, please make sure you bag the items individually and indicate whether or not there are nuts in the items.

Here are the jobs for the evening of bingo and the people who signed up to help:

Set up/ Clean up:

Joan Costello, Chairperson
Please be at the lodge by 11am.
Maryellen Kolke Jenny Cecil – set up
Cindy McIntyre Gwen Cooley
Yvonne Thomas Sharon Adams

Sales:

Nancy Winchester, Chairperson
Front Door, extra game boards, specials, raffle tickets, daubers
Please be at the lodge by 12:30
Michele Elder Sue Grandizio
Regina English
Jacqueline Formica – front door

Kitchen and Bake Table:

Joan Morin, Chairperson
Please be at the lodge by 12:30
Carol Matlin Penny Clifton

Floor Runners:

Linda Newsom, Chairperson
Holding quilts, selling extras, helping with door prizes and consolation prizes, checking bingo cards.
Please be at the lodge by 12:45
Patty Cirulli Paulette Chellis
Cathy King Cindy McIntyre
Dori Batavik Jane Sinek
Fern Bowman

Bingo Committee:
Linda Newsom
Cindy Hickman
Rene Stiebing

SEW AND CHAT

Sew and Chat continues every Thursday from 10 to noon (except on Guild meeting Thursdays). It is a good time to see what others are creating and get to know other members or work on your Sew Along project. Or just tune in to visit even if you are not working on a project at the moment. The link is sent out at the beginning of each Sew and Chat week.



*Celebration of life and
art exhibit for Catherine Wooten*

October 28, 2023

*Baltimore Washington Conference Center
of the United Methodist Church
11711 E. Market Pl {Rt216}
Fulton, MD 20759*

Gallery 10-11:30

Memorial 12-2

Gallery will reopen with reception 2:30-4pm

Private Repass