



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

*** REMINDER ***

NEW MEETING LOCATION BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

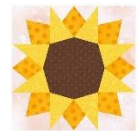
It has been a long, hot summer and I am really looking forward to Fall! I was always the kid who couldn't wait to begin the new school year—seeing old friends again and meeting new ones, plunging into exciting new classes, and sharing “what I did last summer” stories. Now I have that same feeling of pleasurable anticipation about starting our new Guild year with the September meeting.

This year has exciting activities and events to look forward to. First, we will be starting the year in a new location—Stafford Hall. I think everyone will be pleased with this facility and I am certainly looking forward to enjoying many delicious potluck lunches there. Rose Mary has organized some truly wonderful speakers with many coming in person to delight us with their quilts and engage us with their techniques. Especially exciting is that we are bringing

back Bingo this October. This is an event that we all enjoy and that we have really missed due to the pandemic delay. The creativity, artistry, and industry of all of you is truly awesome and I am hoping to see the summer crop of quilts that you have produced at the September meeting.

I am really looking forward to serving as the Guild President this year. While it is daunting to follow the stellar leadership of Ann Eichelman and the others who have come before me, I know that I can count on all of you to help me and together, we can make this a wonderful year. The Board and I hope that as the year goes on, you will bring us your ideas for speakers, activities, and so forth.

Pam Fischer, President



SUNSHINE

Sadly, longtime member Catherine Wooten passed away the end of August. Keep her family in your thoughts.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Many thanks to all for the good work done for the Guild in our last program year. Expenses in June and July, for the June tea and upcoming bingo, totaled \$755.74. As of the end of July, we had \$7,559.06 in the bank. We will close out our program year at the end of August.

Regina English, Treasurer

LINUS PROJECT



I hope you found some happy time during the summer to work on charity (and Bingo) quilts. We are busy preparing for our Charity Sewing meeting in

February 2024. Our goal is to have 45 quilts ready for hand or machine meeting at this meeting. To date, we are halfway to this goal. So please remember to bring your quilt tops or almost finished quilts to an upcoming meeting.

Our current membership is smaller, so we need more participation to continue our community outreach efforts. Please get your Bingo quilted-items finished ASAP, so you can focus on charity sewing!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our new meeting location on September 21st.

Stephanie Sanidas

PROGRAM

The speaker for our September meeting is Barbara Dahlberg. Her topic is titled, "Blue Guitar," and according to her website

<http://www.barbarasartquilts.com/>

This "collection of twelve small art quilts inspired by famous artists. These quilts are her original designs using mixed media techniques on fabric. Techniques include applique, collage, drawing, painting, thread painting, printing, stamping, stenciling. Materials include various types of fabric, thread, paper, fiber, sand, cord, paper towel, ink, beads, buttons. Each one measures 12" x 12". A blue guitar or its unseen presence flows through the pieces to provide unity."

I would like to thank the three members of our guild that shared their talent, knowledge, and imagination with us last year. I would like other members to consider sharing their talent with the guild. I have seen such amazing quilts via show and tell. The workmanship, the imagination of the quilts leaves me truly humble. Please consider sharing your talents.

Rose Mary Digby

MEMBERSHIP

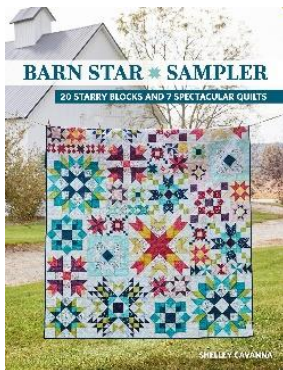
If you haven't paid your dues for 2023-2024 yet, please send them to Sue Grandizio with the completed form. If you have any questions, email contact@villagequiltersmd.com.

Sue Grandizio

BARN START SAMPLER SEW – ALONG

Just a reminder that the Barn Star Sampler Sew-Along will be starting in September. I have made several of the blocks and will have them at our upcoming meeting. If you would like to join me, please let me know so I can send you the information to get you started. October is the first month members can bring their blocks to share with the guild.

There are 15 members already pulling and preparing their fabrics to begin this sew-along with me. The book, Barn Star Sampler by Shelley Cavanna, is necessary to do this with us each month. It can be purchased on Amazon or "Cora's Quilts" website.



If the size is intimidating, the layout of the quilt can be adjusted to make several different sizes. I will be making the 80.5" x 100.5" and will have instructions and the # of each block required for the 56.5" x 77.5". This quilt can be made in batiks, 1930's, reproductions, red & white & blues and scraps are encouraged. Don't let size or fabrics scare you.

See you all in September,
Patty Cirulli

5-INCH SQUARE EXCHANGE

We will meet briefly after lunch to discuss how we want to proceed with our choices of fabrics this year. Some people have expressed a desire to do "color only," others for holiday themes related to the months. Please come with your ideas.

Bernadette will be co-chairmen this year. She can fill in if I am not available or we can take turns.

New members of the group are always welcome.

Thank you.

Kathy Appleton

MISSING VQ ITEM



If you happen to have this item, please contact Joan Costello. It's the VQ's receiver for the lavalier mic (wearable). It is not that big so it could have gotten tucked somewhere. If you helped on move day, please check around for it. Thanks for your help. Joan went through the cabinet at Stafford Hall and went to the Lodge.



Sunday, October 22, 2023

This event will be held at the Lodge.

We are really pleased to tell you we have all the quilts for bingo turned in! 35 quilts were submitted, 24 have been chosen for the 20 games and 4 specials. We would like to use the extra quilts as raffle items or consolation prizes. THANK YOU to all the members who made quilts to make our bingo such a success.

We are still in need of consolation prizes and door prizes. Please bring them to the September meeting or let us know if you have something but can't bring it until the October meeting.

Chairpersons should be putting together their work teams for the day of bingo. Please make their job easier by volunteering to help. We still need a few people to handle the cold drinks and packaged snacks. Let us know if you are willing to help.

In the meantime, keep selling those tickets! We want to sell out the hall and make this bingo a huge success! If you have any tickets unsold, please return them to Cindy Hickman at the meeting.

Linda Newsom
Cindy Hickman
Rene Stiebing

Raffle Baskets for BINGO

Those who have finished baskets, please bring them to the September meeting along with a list of their contents. If you have the contents and no basket, I have baskets that I can use. I would like all baskets by the end of the first week in October.

A dog lovers' basket has been started. If anyone would like to donate an item for it, please bring it in September.

Gift certificates to various stores are always good items to include in baskets.

If you have any questions, contact me. Thanks in advance for your support.

Carol Phillips

CHARITY GIVING



Don't forget to bring your contribution for the local food bank. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Kay Worley

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 just tune in 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.

KITCHEN HELPERS

Hi, Everyone!

For September, we need more people to help with lunchtime set-up and clean-up. So far, we have one morning helper: Daria Phair, and one lunchtime helper, Patty Cirulli. Three more helpers are needed for lunch, and three people for clean-up.

Sodas have not yet been signed up for, either. They are the responsibility of those who are helping at the various times.

We need –

- 2 – 2-liter bottles of clear, caffeine-free.
- 2 – 2-litre bottles of diet clear caffeine-free.
- 2 – 2-liter bottles of ‘real’ Coke.
- 2 – 2-liter bottles of diet Coke, 1 caffeine-free.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting for October and November.

Thank you.

Kathy Appleton and Joan Costello



2023-2024 ELECTED OFFICERS

President – Pam Fischer

Vice President – Rene Stiebing

Treasurer – Regina English

Secretary – Jane Stolte

Programs – Rose Mary Digby

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