



JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas party as much as I did! I was the first one to arrive at Stafford Hall that morning to decorate for the party and I was amazed to see how beautifully decorated it already was—a very festive setting for our party. We have the site manager, Larry Michielli, to thank for the holiday ambience. Of course, we wanted to add our personal touch to the tables. Kudos to Rene, who created the beautiful centerpieces for the tables and to Patti, who made the charming little baskets for the table favors—more than 80 of them with no two alike! I also want to thank the dedicated group who came early to decorate and set everything up, the people who raided their gardens for the lovely greenery, and everyone who brought their holiday creations to show and tell. And of course, thanks to everyone for joining into the holiday spirit and spreading joy to us all! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Now our thoughts turn to the New Year! This is the time of the year when we resolve to become better people, accomplish more, and give up our bad habits. Knowing all of you, I'm certain that you make such lofty resolutions and actually keep them, but I am a horse of a different color or perhaps you would describe me as a tiger who cannot change her stripes, as evidenced by

years of good intentions with few results! For example, faced with decluttering my closets (an annual resolution), I am much more likely to read a book instead. For my quilting aspirations, a couple of years ago, I resolved to make a temperature quilt, but never advanced past logging the daily highs and lows and buying the Kona color chart. This year, I am resurrecting that resolution and I hope you all will shame me into actually making the



quilt! For those of you who also want to get some help with keeping your quilting resolutions, I'd like to reserve a few minutes of the next meeting for you who wish to share your resolutions to help inspire others to use their stash, learn new techniques, finish their UFO's, and so on, and to check on your progress towards your goal. We have many interesting things planned for the Guild for the coming year, but we would also love to hear your ideas for new directions you would like to explore.

I wish you all a very happy New Year and look forward to working together in 2024!

Pam Fischer, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of our December meeting, our bank balance totaled \$18,036.67. Income included member dues and raffle baskets. Expenses were for November and December meetings, rent, donation to charity fund and charity quilting supplies.

Regina English, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

Name Badge: Cindy McIntyre

Raffle Baskets made \$98! Winners were Sri Poedjastoeti, Stephanie Sanidas, Becky Densmore, Michelle Elder

Show and Tell Prizes: Dori Batavick, Michelle Elder, Bernadette Burley, Cindy Hickman

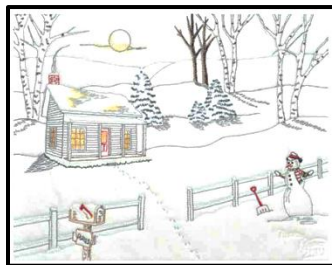
SUNSHINE

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

PROGRAM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The first program of the new year will be given by Nancy Prince on the topic, "So, What Is



Thread Painting All About."

This Zoom presentation will be given while we attend our in-person meeting supporting Faithful Circle Quilters with their raffle quilt "Color Me Happy."

Rose Mary Digby

LINUS PROJECT

At the fun December holiday party, we collected fabric, 4 finished quilts, 8 quilt tops and a roll of batting (hugs to you, Janet Elton!). Thank you for supporting Project Linus throughout 2023 and I look forward to continuing our charity efforts in 2024.



Noteworthy is the February 15th charity sewing day. Think about what task you can do to make our meeting successful. Possible jobs include hand sewing quilt binding, sewing a quilt top, machine quilting, cutting fabric, ironing fabric, etc. We will need to determine how members are bringing a sewing machine so we can set up enough tables near power sources. More details and discussion at our next meeting. Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Stephanie Sanidas

5 INCH SQUARE EXCHANGERS

Happy 2024! Our first exchange in the new year will be blue or white or snow fabrics. Please bring 2 sets of 10 to share. New exchangers are always welcome. Call Kathy Appleton or Bernadette Burley if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kathy Appleton & Bernadette Burley

CHARITY GIVING

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

Kay Worley

BARN START SAMPLER SEW – ALONG

Happy January!! I hope you all were blessed this Christmas & this new year brings lots of sewing & joy. Welcome 2024!!!

Our block due this month (January) is #4 - Tulip Star. You can find this on pages 19-20 of your book.

This will be our first 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" unfinished block.



You will need to USE a SCANT INCH for this block. I don't recommend squaring tulip unit until step 6 is completed. AND.....trim on the sides with no points.

It goes together nicely and was one of my favorites.

* If you are doing scrappy, this is a good block to use a previously used fabric to pull your blocks together.

* 2 blocks are needed for both queen & double size quilts.

SIDE NOTE FOR THOSE MAKING DOUBLE SIZE QUILT: * If you want more variety in your 56" x 76" quilt you may want to do 1 block #4 (Tulip Star) January & 1 block # 9 (Peony Star) in April. Just make sure you change your checklist to reflect your choice.

If you have questions give me a call.

Patty Cirulli

Next General Meeting: January 18, 2024

KITCHEN HELPERS

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you had a lovely time with your families during the holidays.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas party. It went well because of your work.

For January, we could use more people at lunchtime (putting food out, making sure spoons or other serving pieces are in each dish, etc.) Sodas were not signed up for.

Morning: Rene Stiebing

Lunchtime:

1. Ann Eichelman
- 2.
- 3.

Clean-up:

1. Maryellen Kolbe
2. Bernadette Burley

Sodas – To be brought by those who signed up to help:

1. 2 – 2-liter clear diet
2. 2 – 2-liter clear regular
3. 2 – 2-liter regular Coke
4. 2 – 2-liter diet Coke

Thank you!

Kathy Appleton & Joan Costello





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November 24, 2023

Dear C/O Regina English & Village Quilters of Catonsville,

Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$582.00 memory in of Catherine Wooten. Your donation is a thoughtful way to honor her life and her connection to the LSV Scholarship Fund that was dear to her heart. She strongly supported our mission to financially assist high school seniors achieve their educational goals.

The family have been notified of your gift. Your receipt is enclosed. All donations are tax deductible and always welcome. Please visit our website www.lsvscholarship.com

We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity in her Honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah S. Vines".

Leah S. Vines, Director

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