The Thread

"Stitching our community together, one thread at a time!"

Message from the President

I am blown away by the rapid growth of our group! Word is spreading – membership is growing, and we have even had some donations of funds, yarn, fabric, and clothing.

I have received so much positive feedback about our meetings, our mission and our recipients are thrilled we can provide clothing to those in need. I am SO excited to see where 2023 will take us!

Pam Greswolde, Founder & President

Meet the Board

- Pam Greswolde Founder/President 540-661-7967
- Jeannie Duris Secretary
- Linda Foldvik Treasurer 703-395-4064
- Kathy Weaver Communications Director 540-809-5218
- Holli Seibert Creative Director
- Bertha Rector 540-907-5259
- Doris Bowling 540-406-7237

Please reach out to any of the board members with comments, thoughts, and suggestions.



<u>NEW</u> <u>Members</u>

- Líz Hood
- DoJe Weaver
- Jeannette Perry
- Bev Zepp
- Marcía Reed
- Kelli Slunt



Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to serve the community by providing items of warmth, comfort and dignity, hand crafted by our volunteers and clothing donated by our neighbors.

What we have done for the community

Stitch Count	Last Month's #s	Year to Date #s
Handmade items	441	496

From the Closet	Last Month's #s	Year to Date #s
Clothes	253	770

Immediate Needs

- Hats Male & FemaleSchool age through adult
- Scarves- Male & Female
 School age through adult
- Lap for Men & Women
- Wheelchair Totes
- Walker Totes

As always, we encourage you make ANYTHING you like to make, and we will find a good home for it.

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Community Spotlight: Patawomeck Tribe



We recently made a delivery of blankets and hats to this group. The Patawomeck tribe of Virginia Indians is based in Stafford County, Virginia, along the Potomac River (Patawomeck

is another spelling of Potomac).

The Patawomeck tribe was awarded Virginia Humanities grant for February ell pot workshop. The link below is for the article that was in the Free-Lane Star on December 22,202.

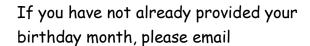
https://fredericksburg.com/studio/news/patawomeck-tribe-awarded-virginia-humanities-grant-for-february-ell-pot-workshop/video_27bb8ef9-f18d-59df-a646-8a9e8df39112.html

If you want to know more about this group checkout their website; https://patawomeckindiantribeofvirginia.org

January Birthdays

Wishing the following members, a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Aubrey Quasney
- Judy Shackleford
- Julie Shier
- Pam Greswolde
- Kathy Weaver
- Kellí Slunt



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Thank you to all who have donated! There will be a donation envelope at each meeting should you wish to donate additional funds.

Additional ongoing expenses include things like bags, receipts, business cards/ tags, website development, maintenance and insurance.

We currently do not have any sponsors. If you know of a person or business that might be willing to make a donation or become a sponsor, please reach out to them. If you prefer not to reach out, then provide us with the information and we will contact them

Tips, Tricks & Resources:

If you have a pattern you want to share, or a link to a great tutorial, send an email to communitythreads@comcast.net so it can be posted in the newsletter next month to share with other members.

Tip of the Month:

Did you ever have a skein of yarn that was just not soft enough to use for the project you had in mind? Create your project and don't worry it is not soft. When the item is completed, spritz it LIGHTLY with water on both sides and put it in the dryer on low for a few minutes. So soft you won't believe it! Now you can start stitching even if the yarn feels rough!

Pam Greswolde

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Event Schedule

Unless otherwise noted; all Events are at the Chancellor Ruritan Club 5994 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Member Meetings 9:30-12:30

DEC 42th	T
DEC 13 th	Tuesday
	Wednesday
JAN 24 th	Tuesday
	Wednesday
	Tuesday
	Wednesday
MAR 21 st	Tuesday
APRIL 5 th	Wednesday
APRIL 18 th	Tuesday
MAY 10 th	Wednesday
MAY 23 rd	Tuesday
JUNE 7th	Wednesday
JUNE 17 th	Saturday
	Workshop 10 - 3
JUNE 20th	Tuesday
JULY 5 th	Wednesday
JULY 18th	Tuesday
AUG 2 nd	Wednesday
AUG 15 th	Tuesday
	Wednesday
SEPT 19 th	Tuesday
OCT 4 th	Wednesday
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<u>Special Events</u>

Mark your calendars NOW

Workshop: Saturday June 17, 2023Watch your newsletter for more details!

Any suggestions for the newsletter please email communitythreads@comcast.net

Masks are OPTIONAL

Masks will continue to be optional. We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable. We know our members want the same & will remain home if having any symptoms.

Upcoming & Ongoing Needs

Since our group is new; currently 34 members, we will initially try to focus on making the following items:

- baby sweaters
- blankets lap/large and baby
- book totes
- cowls
- dignity bibs
- fiddle aprons/mats
- hats adult/children/baby hats must be STRETCHY and at least the size of a grapefruit
- scarves adult/children
- shawls
- shirt protectors
- toys
- walker totes
- wheelchair totes

<u>Inclement Weather Policy</u>

Meetings will be cancelled if Spotsylvania schools open late or are closed due to weather.

