

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
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- 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.



NEW Members

- Liz Hood
- DoJe Weaver
- Jeannette Perry
- Bev Zepp
- Marcia 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 & Female
School 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 Shackelford*
-  *Julie Shier*
-  *Pam Greswolde*
-  *Kathy Weaver*
-  *Kelli Slunt*



If you have not already provided your birthday month, please email

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FUNdraising

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 13th Tuesday
- JAN 11th Wednesday
- JAN 24th Tuesday
- FEB 8th Wednesday
- FEB 21st Tuesday
- MAR 8th Wednesday
- MAR 21st Tuesday
- APRIL 5th Wednesday
- APRIL 18th Tuesday
- MAY 10th Wednesday
- MAY 23rd Tuesday
- JUNE 7th Wednesday
- JUNE 17th Saturday
Workshop 10 - 3
- JUNE 20th Tuesday
- JULY 5th Wednesday
- JULY 18th Tuesday
- AUG 2nd Wednesday
- AUG 15th Tuesday
- SEPT 6th Wednesday
- SEPT 19th Tuesday
- OCT 4th Wednesday
- OCT 17th Tuesday
- NOV 1st Wednesday
- NOV 14th Tuesday
- NOV 28th Tuesday
- DEC 12th Tuesday

Special Events

Mark your calendars NOW

- Workshop: Saturday June 17, 2023
Watch 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

Inclement Weather Policy

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

