

The Thread

June 2023

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

Message from the President

Can you believe it has been six months since 11 people first came together and decided to start this amazing group. We left the meeting that day with the necessary funds to become a registered nonprofit organization!

Here we are six months later with 54 members, 2,269 handcrafted items and 4,099 clothing items delivered to our community!

We were invited to take part in the Art of Aging at the Fredericksburg Expo Center on June 14th and our 1st Semi annual workshop is on June 17th.

This has all happened so fast and it is such a wonderful group coming together to enjoy each others company, share ideas, have some fun and help our community at the same time!

What an impact! We couldn't do it without all of you.

Thank you for all you do for our community!

Pam



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.*



New Members

Faye Porter
Linda Brasington

Fredericksburg Fair

July 29 - August 7, 2023

Community Threads has been invited to setup a table and tell folks about who we are and what do for the community.

We will be looking for volunteers to work our table for a 2 hour slots (free admittance). Our table is in an air conditioned building.

Sign up at any meeting!
Working for 2 hours gives you free admission to the fair.

Stitch Count	Last Month's #s	Grand Total
Handcrafted Items	324	2,243
From the Closet	Last Month's #s	Grand Total
Clothes	1,967	4,125

June Birthdays

- Jeanne Thomas
- Marcia Reed



Masks continue to be optional.

\$\$\$\$ FUNdraising \$\$\$\$

Thank you to all who have donated!

The **Ruritan** does not charge us a fee to hold our meetings there but there will be a donation envelope at each meeting should you wish to make a donation to help with the operating costs of the facility.

Additionally, there will be a Community Threads donation envelope at each meeting should you wish to donate funds to help with the overhead and operating budget of our group.

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 reach out, then provide us with the information and we will contact them.

Immediate Needs

- Walker totes
- Wheelchair totes for back & side
- Large blankets
- Lap blankets for men & women
- Dialysis mitts (fingerless gloves)

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

We have fabric and patterns available if you are willing to make walker or wheelchair totes.

Community Spotlight: Thank you!



We typically spotlight how our handcrafted items are so well received and appreciated. Let's see the impact of our clothing donations.

A family of seven lost everything in a fire. Everyone was safe but they lost their home and all contents. We provided them with clothing for everyone. We were even able to provide some household items and games for the children thanks to our generous and giving members!

A grandmother that does not drive and is not in great health herself was suddenly responsible for caring for her four grandchildren full time. The children were dropped at her home with only the clothes they had on. The case worker contacted Community Threads and we provided clothes for all for children as well as the grandmother. We also provided warm crocheted hats for each of them.

This is why we do what we do. We can't change the world but we can make the lives of members of our community better!

Event Schedule - Fredericksburg

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

Member Meetings 9:30-12:30

Fredericksburg		
June	7th	Wednesday
June	17th	Saturday Workshop 10-3
June	20th	Tuesday
July	5th	Wednesday
July	18th	Tuesday
August	2nd	Wednesday
August	15th	Tuesday
September	6th	Wednesday
September	19th	Tuesday
October	4th	Wednesday
October	17th	Tuesday
November	1st	Wednesday
November	4th	Saturday Workshop 10-3
November	14th	Tuesday
November	28th	Tuesday
December	12th	Wednesday

Event Schedule - King George

All Events are at the Smoot Library Room A
9533 Kings Highway, King George, VA 22485

Member Meetings - Friday 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

King George	
June	2nd
June	16th
July	7th
July	21st
August	4th
August	18th

Meet the Board

Pam Greswolde – President 540-661-7967
Jeannie Duris – Secretary
Linda Foldvik – Treasurer 703-395-4064
Bertha Rector – 540-907-5259
Doris Bowling – 540-859-3081
Marcia Reed – 540-656-0474
Donna Edwards

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

Community Threads Clothes Closet!

Thank you to our generous members, friends, neighbors
and those who found us online for all of the clothing
donations we have received! With these donations we are
able to provide to individuals in need.

In order to continue with this part of our mission we need to
hold off on accepting clothing donations for the month of
June. This will allow us to complete our inventory of the
abundance of clothing we have received over the last
several months and be able to quickly access and provide
the items needed.

We will resume accepting clothing donations as of
July 1st 2023. Thank you to everyone who has helped us
build up such an amazing inventory to help us meet the
needs of the community!

Upcoming & Ongoing Needs

- Blankets – lap/large and baby
- Dialysis mitts (fingerless gloves)
- Fiddle mats
- Shawls
- Shirt protectors
- Button shirts for making dignity bibs



15th Annual Art of Aging at Fredericksburg Expo Center

Wednesday June 14th
10 am - 2 pm
Life Begins at 50



Partners in Aging, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is a collaboration of local organizations dedicated to developing public awareness of resources for seniors in our community.

This is a fun and educational event at which to discover the wealth of opportunities available to those over the age of 50!

Vendors at the event will represent sectors as varied as health, recreation, housing, entertainment, finances, and much, much more. On the day of the event, your company has the opportunity to receive wide-spread publicity at this premier venue - visible to hundreds of attendees, vendors, and media.

Community Threads was invited to have a booth at the event. Please be sure to stop by our booth if you attend this event.

We'd love to see you there !

Community Threads 1st Semi Annual Workshop

Saturday June 17th 10 am - 3 pm

A day full of stitching, taking a class and spending time with friends. We can't forget to mention the **Raffles** and **Door prizes**.

Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch! Bring your recipe if you are willing to share it.

We will have available the coffee, tea and bottled water along with the plates, napkins, cups and silverware. For those that are not aware, there is a refrigerator, microwave and stove available.

Please feel free to bring a friend or two - everyone is welcome.

Don't forget to bring your stitching project with you to work on.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help us set up and clean for the workshop:

Stay late to help with the following:

- inventory and pack up the kitchen supplies
- inventory and pack up signs, and raffle supplies
- clear all tables and put them away
- put away all chairs
- help load cars with supplies

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



Tips of the Month:

To frog, or not to frog, you decide! What's **frogging**? It's when you "rip-it" out (get it? Rip it, ribbit? Frog?) If you have a lot of attention to detail and you recognize a mistake a few rows back, it might be worth frogging it back and fixing the mistake (it will bug you forever). If it's not a noticeable mistake, decide if you want to go back and fix it. Everyone has a different preference. Don't feel guilty about your choice.

Project Size Guidelines For Community Threads

Constantly Needed Items

Project	Size	Notes
Large Blankets	48"x 50" up to full bed size	Large rectangular
Lap Blankets	32-36" square	not necessarily square, no less 32" width & length
Chemo Blankets	32-34 x 48-50"	Rectangular
Chemo caps	all sizes	no wool, washable - male & female colors winter - acrylic mix, fun fur with acrylic summer -cotton, acrylic & fun fur, or cotton & fun fur
Baby blankets	30" to 40" square	no wool
Baby sweaters	newborn to toddler	no wool
Baby hats	fit a grapefruit or larger	no wool – hats should fit a 5" ball
Baby booties	newborn	no wool
Hats & Scarves	all sizes - child to adult	matching sets are helpful - male & female colors wool mix okay - tag with red yarn can be made & turned in year-round
Shawls	all sizes	

Appreciated when available

Project	Size	Notes
Book Totes	Approx. 8 x 10	Kits or fabric & ribbon available
Fiddle Mats		Sewn – Men & Women (pattern and fabric available)
Dignity Bibs		Men & Women
Shirt protectors		Sewn – Men & Women (pattern & fabric available) Velcro at neck
Sweaters	child to adult	all male & female colors
Walker totes		Sewn – Men & Women (pattern and fabric available)
Wheelchair tote for back		Sewn – Men & Women (pattern and fabric available)
Wheelchair tote for side	Approx. 8 x 10	Kits or fabric & ribbon available
Toys	all types	crochet, knit or sewn – example: blankets & hats for bears
Pet cozy	18" up to 3 feet any shape	Blankets for animals in distress great way to use slightly soiled yarn or scratchy yarn

The above projects are suggestions, but anything you want to make will warm the hearts and bodies of those in need.

Helpful Tips

- **Please tag every item.** There are tags available at every meeting, and you may take a stack home.
- **On items containing wool, please tie on the item tags using red yarn so that we can identify them. Some people are sensitive to wool.**
- Yarn is available at every meeting, or you can use your own. If you use Community Threads yarn, the yarn should be logged out on a *Sign-In/Sign-Out* sheet, and any completed items using Community Threads yarn should be logged in on a *Sign-In/Sign-Out* sheet.
- If you wash item(s), please do not use scented fabric softener, many are allergic.
- If you write on the back of the item tag, please put only your first name and/or washing instructions.
- Remember to tie at least 2 knots when not using the magic knot to ensure it does not come undone in washing.
- Weave ends in more than inch and trim closely.
- To ensure your donation is distributed to the intended group, please make sure it meets the requested size. Many times, you can add a border if needed.

If you need help, contact: communitythreads@comcast.net

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This is your newsletter - what would you like to see included.
Please let us know by email, telling us at a meeting or
email us at communitythreads@comcast.net

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