

The Thread

July 2023

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

Message from the President

What a busy and AMAZING month June was! I had the opportunity to speak at the Chancellor Ruritan meeting about our fantastic group. Many of you have heard us talk about Danny (our contact) but it was wonderful to meet all the great men in this community service organization. They were amazed and impressed with all this group does and what we have accomplished in a very short time. I have heard from a few people, because of the members, about supply donations to us. They extended a heartwarming 'Thank you' to everyone who has helped to support their yard sales to raise funds for providing local students with scholarships.

Watch for more news later their next yard sale in October.

Later in newsletter, you will be able to read more about our participation in the Art of Aging at the Expo Center as well as our very successful workshop. Everyone was very happy to get their Community Threads tote bags!

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

Ellen Brown
Gisela Brant
Francine Nelson
Lori Winkle
Melissa Reedy

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, email us at
Communitythreads@comcast.net
or call Pam at 540.661.7967!**

Working for 2 hours gives you free admission to the fair.

Stitch Count	Last Month's #s	Grand Total since 11/22
Handcrafted Items	397	2,693
From the Closet	Last Month's #s	Grand Total since 11/22
Clothes	281	4,397

July Birthdays

Doris Bowling
Marti Finck
Marti Manson



Immediate Needs

- Hats - kindergarten to adult sizes
School dressing days is the end of July
- Large blankets
- Lap blankets for men & women

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

We need ladies' clothes size small!



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

Community Spotlight: Thank you!



Sheriff David P. Decatur, Jr.

STAFFORD COUNTY
1225 Courthouse Road
Stafford, Virginia 22554

Dear Community Threads Members,

On behalf of the men and women of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office, we would like to thank you for the wonderful yarn balls you made for us. Our deputies will carry them in their cars and give them out to people who may need a little comfort. We are certain this added touch will mean a great deal to someone in need.

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

*kindest regards
David P. Decatur Jr*

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	
July	5th
July	18th
August	2nd
August	15th
September	6th
September	19th
October	4th
October	17th
November	1st
November	14th
November	28th
December	12th

Community Threads Clothes Closet!

Our biggest need of clothing is anything in ladies' size small. We have delivered almost everything we have to local assisted living/nursing homes.

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

- Hats kindergarten to adult sizes
- Blankets – lap/large and baby
- Dialysis mitts (fingerless gloves)
- Shawls
- Shirt protectors
- Button shirts for making dignity bibs
- Toys

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	
July	7th
July	21st
August	4th
August	18th
September	1st
September	15th



15th Annual Art of Aging at Fredericksburg Expo Center

Wednesday June 14th

Life Begins at 50

We owe a BIG thank you to Stephanie at Spring Arbor for asking us to take part in this amazing event!

We were so pleased at the response to our group and the things we do.

We appreciated everyone who helped out with manning the table as it was quite a busy, tiring day but worth every minute of it.

The response to what we do was phenomenal. A number of people stopped by to tell us we were the highlight of the event and such a great addition.

We made a number of great contacts, distributed a number of items and have a number of people who want to donate supplies or join us! We are looking forward to taking part in this event again next year.



Community Threads 1st Semi Annual Workshop

Saturday June 17th

It was a wonderful day full of stitching, taking a class and spending time with friends.

We can't forget to mention the fantastic potluck lunch or the **Raffles** and **Door prizes**.

Everyone was very happy to finally get their new Community Threads tote bag. If you haven't purchased yours yet, no worries, we have more available for \$19.

We owe a **big shout out and thank you** to Chris for coming to set up the tables and returning quickly to take them down and put them away. He was so patient with us.





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.

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, then it can be posted in the newsletter next month to share with other members.



Tip of the Month:

When traveling by plane, take a sharp pair of nail clippers instead of scissors, and you can keep your stitching with you.

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





Handcrafted Items provided by



Adult
Blankets - Lap & Large (up to twin bed size)
Catheter Covers
Dignity bibs (made from button shirts)
Drain Bags
Fingerless Gloves
Hat & Scarf Sets
Hats
Knitted Knockers
Pillows - Bolster
Pillows - Neck (horseshoe shaped)
Pillows - Rectangle Pillows
Pillows - Seatbelt/Port (protects a port from the seatbelt)
Pillows - Square
Scarves
Shawls
Shirt protectors (Velcro closure behind neck)
Tote bags Fits the side of wheelchair
Tote bags Cross Body - great for those walking with a cane
Tote bags Ladies
Tote bags Walker
Tote bags Wheelchair (goes behind the chair)
Pet cozies (blankets)

Baby/Kids
Bibs
Blankets - Baby
Blankets - Kids
Hats - Baby
Hats - Kids
Mittens
Scarves - kids
Sweaters
Socks/booties
Toys

Therapy Items
I Spy bags: find the 10 items
Fiddle Mats
Weighted Frogs

Clothing:

New and GENTLY Used Men's and Women's clothing sizes small to XXXL.

Casual and dress shirts and pants, dresses and suits, pajamas, sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, and shoes. Availability varies based on current donations.

Guidelines for clothing donations:

All clothing donated should be clean, free of rips, tears and stains. The only children's clothing accepted are coats and outerwear.

Contact: Communitythreads@comcast.net

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