

# The Thread

August 2023

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

## Message from the President

Another busy and AMAZING month! We have had two tables set up at the Fredericksburg Fair and have had a fantastic response.

School will be starting soon and fall is right around the corner. I for one am looking forward to the cooler weather. With the cooler weather we will be getting more requests for hats, shawls and blankets.

We have kits available for making red, white & blue blankets for Veterans Day! They will be available at our meetings. Any pattern and any size lap blanket is appreciated.

We are adding to our list of recipients regularly so if you know of a place that would benefit from what we do please let us know.

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

Thank you for all you do for our community!

**Pam**

# Community Threads

## 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

Linda Robertson  
Belinda Sturm  
Carolyn Adams  
Melanie Honorio  
Cindy Feeback  
Evelyn Rike  
Hilary Moorman  
Jackson Smith  
Justina Baggett  
Karen Sorrell

Karen Tiberio  
Michelle Bryant  
Pat Thrift  
Peggy Hamme  
Peggy Young  
Renee E. Bowyer  
Salena Ruono  
Sharon Parr  
Wilhemina Solley

## Fredericksburg Fair

A BIG shout out and **thank you** to Jeannie for organizing and setting the awesome display at the fair.

Everyone that volunteered their time - we greatly **appreciate your time and efforts** in making this a successful event for Community Threads.

Anyone who worked at our tables will be able to tell you about the amazing response to our efforts to provide items to our community.

Many (but not all) of the new members are from seeing us at the fair, and more to come as it is still going on.

Stitch Count	Last Month's #s	Grand Total since 11/22
Handcrafted Items	381	3,086
From the Closet	Last Month's #s	Grand Total since 11/22
Clothes	317	4,663

## August Birthdays

- Patricia Reedy
- Nancy Sweeney
- Holli Seibert



### \$\$\$\$ 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.

## 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**

## Immediate Needs

- **Hats** - kindergarten to adult sizes  
(Fall will be here soon)
- **Lap blankets** for men, women & children
- **Wheelchair (for back & Side)**
- **Walker totes**

We have materials & patterns available if needed.

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

The only clothing we need is ladies clothes size small!

## Community Spotlight: Thank you!



## 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

Fredericksburg		
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	
August	4th
August	18th
September	1st
September	15th

## Family Fall Festival

sponsored by Disability Resource Center

Community Threads was invited to have a booth and we hope to see you there!



community!

## Upcoming & Ongoing Needs

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



## 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](mailto:communitythreads@comcast.net), then it can be posted in the newsletter next month to share with other members.



## Tips of the Month:

### Help Pins “Glide” by Using a Bar Soap to Hold Your Pins

Put dull, stubborn **straight pins** in a piece of **bar soap** to help them go through fabric much easier. Just try it!

## 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 <b>winter</b> - acrylic mix, fun fur with acrylic <b>summer</b> -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](mailto:communitythreads@comcast.net)

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