

Gazette



Cardinal — Made by Marney

REGISTRATION for NATIONAL SPEAKER Starts in January...

Denise Carlson & Beverly Douthit

Registration for classes with Nina Clotfelter will begin at 6:30 pm on January 5th prior to the beginning of our meeting. Nina was just in Houston at the International Quilt Festival and ALL of her classes were SOLD out! We are so excited that she has agreed to come to Birmingham and share her skills with our guild. We will offer classes to members first. Please bring cash, check, or credit card. Please note that if you use a credit card there will be an additional 3% charge. Questions: Beverly Douthit bevDouthit@mac.com 205-410-4888



CLASSES:

Chop it Like it's Hot: February 3rd 9am to 3pm \$65 (includes kit)

We all have scraps left over from every project. Let's make a BEAUTIFUL wall hanging with them! You'll have a fun time practicing your free motion quilting, learning your sewing machine better, and learning about threads and playing with different types of thread!

THREAD PAINTING: February 4th 9am to 3pm \$60 (includes kit)

You MUST be somewhat comfortable with free motion quilting on your domestic machine. (You can be a beginning free motion quilter who has taken a class and played some with it. You DON'T have to be an expert!) Thread Painting is many things - creating a picture, adding details, dimension, and/or depth to an applique, making fur on an animal, or just adding little details to make your creation come alive. You will learn lots of techniques in this class, from basic to shading to fur and filling in. This is a fabulous technique to add to your skills. Be warned...this is addictingly fun!



President's Notes ... Shirley Hamilton

Happy New Year! It's a time for renewal, re-energizing, redirection, and restoration. We look ahead and think about what changes we want to make to live the life we envision. We make resolutions, such as to work out more, eat healthier, reconnect with old friends, save more, spend less, or find more time to sew. But a resolution without a plan is just a wish. As the new year starts, don't just make a list of what you want to accomplish... write down actions you can take to make it happen. Want to sew a little each and every day? Consider where you can carve out time and make it a habit. I find that I spend waaaaay too much time checking emails and social media. If I were to sit at my sewing machine instead of my computer while I drink my morning coffee, I could knock out a few blocks each day before work. If I gave up just one round of the evening news, and turned on my quilting machine instead of my TV, I could stitch out a row on the quilt I have loaded, waiting, calling to me to finish it...

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The new year is an opportunity to look at what makes us happy, and find a way to do more of it. I love to sew and share time and talent with friends. I learn so much from others, and enjoy the laughter and camaraderie when I'm amongst my sewing peeps. But there are so many reasons I fail to show up. I can't leave my dogs for long - the giant puppy shreds the furniture and eats my mattress when I leave him alone. And then there's the issue of "Oh, you're off today? Can you watch the kids?" But going forward, I resolve - and plan - to attend Sit 'n Sew each month, participate in guild sew-a-longs, sign up for every Piece Makers retreat, and attend all three days of the August retreat. I want to sign up for every workshop that is offered. This means I need to put the dates on my calendar and protect them. It means I need to sign the dog up for remedial obedience school, and schedule a dogsitter for those days. I need to learn to say no to the things that prevent me from doing what I want - and need - to do. I RESOLVE to attach a PLAN to my resolutions!

NEW BOARD, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS!

Speaking of plans, there are many underway by your incoming officers and committee chairs. Look for fresh speakers and lecture topics in the coming months from your VP Programs, Denise Carlson. Prepare for exciting workshops and activities coordinated by VP Special Events, Beverly Douthit. Vicki Moore and her team lead the monthly Sit 'n Sews, and Beeca Grier and Jennifer Baker bring fresh ideas to Friday Night Drive-In. Ann Allen and Mary Lane not only are goddesses of the PieceMakers weekends, but they are heading up the Quilts of Valor effort this year. Bitsey Rodgers continues her long tradition of Project Linus coordinator, and will begin recognizing everyone who contributes quilts to this effort.

We are promised another fabulous lakeside retreat organized by Meg McKinney and Jenae Redmond, and Beverly Douthit has big plans around the AccuQuilt library. New faces you'll see at the membership table are Sherrie Hunke and Karen Martin, while Judy Goodwin and Suzanne Brazell will be at the library table helping you check out books and DVDs from our amazing resource library. Jenae Redmond will continue to keep our books straight as Treasurer, and Suzanne Brazell has already proven her worth as note-taker and Secretary. If you have compliments, concerns or complaints, Monique Smith is the lady to go to, as she steps up in the Director role, to be the liaison between members and the Board. Larry Cartwright will keep us on the right track procedure-wise as Parliamentarian, and Ellen Anson continues to maintain inventory of guild property and assets. Finally, we have an amazing team working to communicate with members, with Suzanne Brazell publishing the newsletter each month, Sabrina Summers updating the website, and Susan Lee administering the FaceBook page.

We will start recruiting for Fundraising and Quilt Show committees, and hope you will consider serving in some capacity. If I've forgotten to mention anyone heading up a committee or position, forgive me, I'm distracted - my dog just ate my sewing machine cord.

GLOSSARY OF ESQG ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

Sit 'n Sew

We meet on the second Saturday each month from 9-3 at Valley Christian Church for members to work on their own projects in this informal, social setting. Bring your machine, project, lunch—and a friend! COST: \$5 which goes directly to the church for use of their space...

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Friday Night Drive-In

This after-work mystery event focuses on a particular technique or pattern inspired by a video, online tutorial, or quilting show. Participants are only told what supplies and fabrics to bring for this spontaneous, improvisational approach. Sew into the night—then return the next day if you'd like, to work on your project during Sit 'n Sew. Held quarterly at Valley Christian Church from 5:30pm until 10:00. Check calendar for upcoming dates and costs, including a \$5 donation to the church for use of their space.

Annual Retreat

The guild hosts a 3-4 day sleep-over retreat typically held in August, with hotel style lodging, meals, demos, and a large sewing room allows for all day and night sewing. Location is lake side. Check spring newsletters for details and registration form.

PieceMakers

This is like a three-day Sit 'n Sew - come and sew all day, leave your machine and project overnight, and come back the next day to sew again. It's a retreat without the sleepover and meals provided! Cost: \$15 (\$5 a day for three days) which goes to the church for use of their space.

New Years Bash

This is similar to PieceMakers but is over the New Year's weekend. Celebrate with us instead of out on the town! Cost: \$15 (\$5 a day for three days) which goes to the church for use of their space.

AccuQuilt Library

Our Guild has purchased an AccuQuilt GO! and many dies. This fantastic tool is available at Sit 'n Sew, PieceMakers, New Year's Bash and other guild events for members to use free of charge. Items may be checked out with a returnable damage deposit, subject to policies. See AccuQuilt librarian for details and to reserve dies.

Reference Library

We have a large collection of quilting books and DVDs available for check-out during our monthly meetings. We add to our collection to stay current with trends and in response to member requests.

Guild Charities

The two primary charities that the Evening Star Quilt Guild supports are Project Linus and the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Every year, guild members donate quilts for these two worthy national organizations. Check with project chairs for guidelines for size, materials, and any restrictions of donation quilts.

Project Linus

"It is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need."-- From ProjectLinus.org (Project Linus' Official Website)...

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Quilts of Valor Foundation

“The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.”

-- From govf.org (Quilts of Valor Official Website)

Challenges

Each year, a challenge is announced that members can work on for a specific time, before entries are displayed at a monthly meeting where attendees vote for viewer's choice awards. Themes and rules vary each year to make this an exciting opportunity to show off creativity and execution of an idea.

Sew-alongs

These are group activities where each participant is given the same instructions for blocks to be completed each month with the colors and fabrics of their choice, with the goal of having a completed quilt at the end of the sew-along. Finished quilts are then shared at the end of the months-long project. Typically, participants bring each month's blocks to share during the monthly membership meeting.

Minutes of the December 1st, 2022 ESQG Guild Meeting

- Meeting called to order by Larry Cartwright
- Motion made to accept the minutes for November was made and seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of the guild members.
- Motion made to accept the treasure's report for November printed in the newsletter was made and seconded. Motion carried by a voice vote of the guild members.
- Ann Allen - The Piece Makers 3 day Holiday Bash can accommodate 26 members, all slots are full. The waitlist is almost full. They will try to open other rooms to accommodate more, please contact Ann or Mary Lane for more info. If you are on the list and cannot make it, please contact Ann or Mary, and let them know so someone can have your place.
- Vicki Moore - Sit and Sew will Saturday December 10th, from 9am-3pm at Valley Christian Church. The cost is \$5, please bring cash. Stay tuned for a special guest and project for January.
- Bitsey Rodgers – Thanks to everyone who brought Project Linus quilts. Bitsey drew for a prize from those names who turned in quilts. If you have Project Linus quilts to give, please contact Bitsey.
- Larry Cartwright – Read the duties of the offices and responsibilities of the officers and committee chairs. The 2023 officers stood and were presented to the guild.

Director – Monique Smith

Treasurer – Jenae Redmond

Secretary – Suzanne Brazell

VP Special Events – Beverly Douthit

VP meetings & Programs – Denise Carlson

President – Shirley Hamilton

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- Denise Carlson & Beverly Douthit – Gave a sneak peek into the February program. Nina Clotfelter will be coming to speak and teach classes <https://www.ninaquilts.com/>. Sign up for Thread Painting and Embellishments will begin in January. The classes will be February 3rd & 4th. She will speak at the February 2nd meeting. Instructions and class list will be given out at the January meeting.
- Larry Cartwright - Challenges and Sew Alongs
 - Cheryl Clabough – The Selvage Challenge voting took place and Tina Miller won 1st place, Beverly Douthit took 2nd, and Debbie Dennis and Beverly Williamson tied for 3rd. Ribbons made from selvages were handed out to the winners and participants.
 - Meg McKinney - The Retreat Block Exchange Challenge voting took place and Mary Sorrel and Patsey Booher tied for 1st place, Cathy Martin took 2nd, and Melonie Graham won 3rd. The prizes were \$25, \$20, \$15 gift certificates to area quilt and fabric shops.
 - Susan Wagner – The quilts from the Jen Kingwell sew along were shown.
- Larry Cartwright – While voting took place, refreshments were served.
- Shelly Reed - Announced there were 66 members in attendance and 4 visitors at the meeting.
- Larry Cartwright – The ESQG board recommended that dues be increased to \$35 to help with increased cost of speakers, travel, and storage. A lively discussion of pros and cons was had. The motion carried with a vote of 33 to 15 for the increase.
- Susan Wagner – Discussed the ESQG Modern Quilt Challenge that is available on Facebook. Jen Kingwell Wanderer's Wife and Boho Heart were the last challenge and Tula Pink's City Sampler will be the challenge for 2023. Those who participated in last year's challenge showed their renditions Wanderer's and Boho Heart. ESQG Modern Quilt Challenge meets via Zoom twice a month. Join the ESQG Modern Quilt Challenge
- Beverly Douthit - Next year's guild sew along will be announced in January. It contains 9 blocks and should be loads of fun. Make sure you are at the January meeting to see next year's guild challenge.
- Larry Cartwright – Accepted his president's blocks for his 2 years of service. If you did not bring your orphan blocks to the December meeting you can bring them (signed) to the January meeting or mail them directly to Larry.
- Larry Cartwright – Show and Tell quilts wrapped up a great meeting and the 2022 ESQG year.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Suzanne "Sparkie" Brazell.



ESQG Meeting - January 5th, 2023

Join us January 5th, 2023 at First Christian Church, 4954 Valleydale Rd, Birmingham, AL 35242. Mingle with members at 6:30, meeting to start promptly at 7:00. Guests are always welcomed!

Map: <https://bit.ly/3I3Vkck>



Evening Star Quilt Guild 2023 Sew Along ...Beverly Douthit

January 5th is right around the corner and we will reveal the pattern for our ESQG Sew Along at this meeting! The author has sent us a code for a discount on her pattern and a copy of her newest book for our guild library.

The Guidelines:

- Beginning in February, you will bring your block and hang it in a designated area
- When you bring your block, your name will be entered in a special drawing
- For those that bring a block in for all 9 months, you will be awarded a special prize
- We will celebrate with our finished quilts at our December, 2023 meeting

I'm very excited about sharing this special pattern with you this year!

ESQG Sit and Sew - Saturday January 14th , 2023...Vicki Moore

Sit & Sew will be Saturday, January 14th, at Valley Christian Church, 2600 Cherokee Place, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. All are welcome without reservations! There is a \$5.00 cash fee to attend Sit & Sew. There is a kitchen area for our use, so bring lunch. We have the Accuquilt available for your use (bring a mat with you) and tables for your sewing machine, cutting boards, irons, rulers. January we are going to have a lesson on how to make project bags with zippers. Supplies can be purchased while there (vinyl, zippers) but bring your own fabric. We will continue to bring you demonstrations by Guild members so we can share knowledge on lots of subjects. If you have something you would like to learn more about or a technique to share, contact Vicki Moore (205) 910-5942.

** Board Meeting Date and Location Change...Shirley Hamilton **

The next board meeting will be January 19th, @ Larry Cartwright's house. It will be @ 6pm, the location is: 414 Owen Ave, Bessemer, AL 35020 <https://goo.gl/maps/KHgm1AitRUyinez7>

Director's Corner...Monique Smith

HEY! Did you hear...Hear what... wait.. what did they say?

Don't worry – we've heard you loud and clear! We've received some comments about how difficult it can be to hear during Guild meetings. This was brought up and discussed at the December Board meeting. To help with this, all of our board and committee reports will be given at the front of meeting using the microphone. The board will also be looking into getting a mike stand so speakers don't have to worry with the microphone while speaking. Remember you can drop comments, questions or concerns in the Director's Box, located at the membership table. Or if you would rather, we can chat before / after meetings, or you can call me at 601-270-4746

RETREAT 2023!!...Meg McKinney

Save the dates — **August 3-6, 2023** — for our retreat at the Alabama 4-H Conference Center, Columbiana. August may be months away, but planning begins in advance. Consider signing up to help make our retreat a continued success.

The first **retreat committee meeting will be on January 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**, at Panera Bread, 143 Summit Blvd., Birmingham, AL. If ordering food, please arrive 15-20 minutes earlier. Bring ideas for themes, projects, and areas that interest you.

Retreat registration begins at the April 7 guild meeting, ends at the June 1 meeting. Registration form to be published in the April, May, June newsletters.

The 2023 costs are:

Aug. 4-6: 3 days, 2 night stay, 6 meals, double room,
\$260.00; single \$345.00.

Aug. 3-6: 4 days, 3 night stay, 8 meals, double room
\$360.00; single \$490.00.

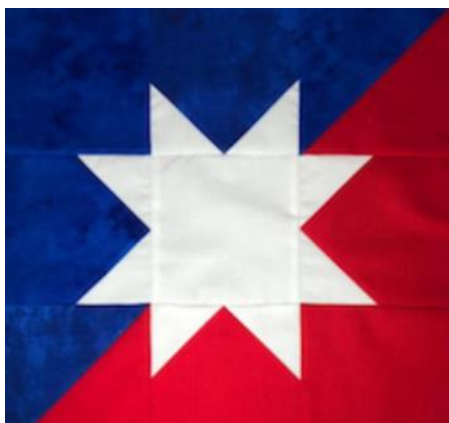
Payment is due with registration. No refunds after June 1.

Meg McKinney,
2023 Retreat Chairman



Project Linus...Bitsey Rodgers

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of Project Linus...especially the following members for the quilts I received at the last meeting: Patti Jordan, Marti Mansfield, Ellen Anson, Brenda Shill, Cheryl Clabough, Tina Miller, Alma Gaertner and Mary Lane. If I left anyone out let me know so I can include you in the next quarterly drawing in March. Congratulations to Cheryl for winning our December drawing. See you in January!



Quilt of Valor Form Now Available on the ESQG Website

Our quilt of valor form has now been moved to the newly improved ESQG Website. Please check out the improved formats.

<https://www.eveningstarquiltguild.org/> All forms are available under the resources tab. Click on Resources, then forms.

https://www.eveningstarquiltguild.org/files/ugd/5af6bd_3d33dfb6f0194757aa05d73d3a145e78.pdf

Membership News...

No new members for the month of December.

Please make the following correction to your membership directory:

Beverly Williamson - her zip code is 35085

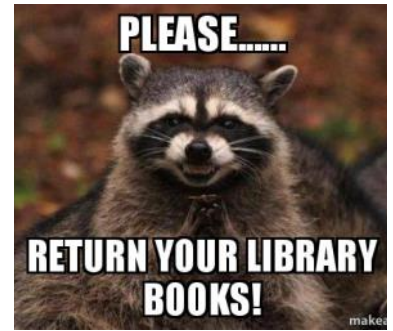
Membership renewal for 2023 will begin at the January Guild meeting. You will have the option to pay by cash, check or credit card. Please bring a completed Membership Form (**see page 10**) and payment.

Dues are \$35. You can also see the membership form on our website:

https://www.eveningstarquiltguild.org/files/ugd/5af6bd_28ac28d659774217aa10209b5ec1ea6f.pdf

News from the Library... Judy Goodwin

Please return your checked out books so they can be inventoried. The list of books currently available from the library is available on the ESQG website. That list will be updated soon. https://www.eveningstarquiltguild.org/files/ugd/5af6bd_a66b80019f0644ef93b2fa67a3270eb4.pdf



NEW in the ACCUQUILT Library

We have 3 new Block-On-Board AccuQuilt Die. They will be available at the January Sit and Sew on January 14th .



Tangled Star
10" finished block



Mariner's Compass
12" finished block



Feathered Star
16" finished block

Sunshine Committee...Claire Hallman

Do you know someone in the guild in need of a little "Sunshine"? If you know someone in the guild who is sick, suffering a loss, or is just needs a little pick me up? Please contact Clair Hallman via the ESQG Facebook group and let her know so she can send them a card. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/132278496818289>

Treasurer's Report and 2023 Budget... Jenae Redmond

See **page 11** for the December 2022 treasurer's report and **page 12** for the 2023 ESQG budget.

Thanks to these venues that allow Evening Star Quilt Guild to hold meetings and sewing events in their facilities:

First Christian Church Birmingham
5521 Cahaba Valley Rd
Birmingham, AL 35242

Valley Christian Church
2600 Cherokee Place
Birmingham, AL 35216



Valley Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

General Information:

- ◆ **Board Meeting:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00pm (see p. 6 for date and address). All members welcome.
- ◆ **Do you want to put an ad in the Newsletter?** Ads are only \$5 and reach all of our members. It is also posted on our website. Give payment to the Treasurer (see P.O. Box address below). Checks made payable to ESQG and yearly ads run for 12 months. For additional info send email to eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com
- ◆ **General Meetings** take place on the first Thursday of the month. In person meetings are at First Christian Church 4954 Valleydale Rd, Birmingham, AL 35242 (see page 3). Mingle with members at 6:30, meeting to start promptly at 7:00. Guests are always welcomed!
- ◆ **Sit & Sew:** Join us for informal sewing at the Valley Christian Church, 2600 Cherokee Place, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month. \$5 donation to attend, bring your lunch or there are restaurants in the area. BYOP (bring your own projects)
- ◆ **Newsletter Distribution:** Are you not receiving our newsletter? Please send an email to eveningstarquiltguild@gmail.com. It is a good idea to add this email address to your email contacts to avoid it being marked as spam. We want you to receive all Guild communication!
- ◆ **Newsletter Deadline: January 19th, 2023**
- ◆ **Guild Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1112 Pelham, Al. 35124

Guild Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Cost	Location
01/05/2023	6:30pm - 7:00pm Social 7:00pm Meeting Start	Member Meeting	\$ NA	First Christian Church
01/14/2023	9:00am - 3:00pm	Sit and Sew	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church
01/19/2023	6:00pm -	Board Meeting	\$ NA	Larry Cartwright's house (See p. 6)
02/02/2023	6:30pm - 7:00pm Social 7:00pm Meeting Start	Member Meeting	\$ NA	First Christian Church
02/03-04/2023	9:00am - 3:00pm	Nina Clotfelter Classes Register @ Jan. Meet.	\$60 - \$65	Valley Christian Church
02/11/2023	9:00am - 3:00pm	Sit and Sew	\$ 5.00	Valley Christian Church
03/02/2023	6:30pm - 7:00pm Social 7:00pm Meeting Start	Member Meeting	\$ NA	First Christian Church
Programs:				
Jan. Member Meeting 01/05/2023	6:30pm - 7:00pm Social 7:00pm Meeting Start	Nina Clotfelter Reg. Sew Along Announced	\$ NA	First Christian Church
Feb. Member Meeting 02/02/2023	6:30pm - 7:00pm Social 7:00pm Meeting Start	Nina Clotfelter Speaker	\$ NA	First Christian Church
02/03-04/2023	9:00am - 3:00pm	Nina Clotfelter Classes	\$60 - \$65	Valley Christian Church



EVENING STAR QUILT GUILD

Membership Form

Membership Dues are \$35.00 per year, January 1 to December 31.

Renewing members pay for the full year regardless of the month of renewal.

New and Lapsed Members pay as follows:

January to June, \$35.00

July to December, \$20.00 (full membership due again in January)

Payment is due at the January meeting and will be considered late after the February meeting.

Name (First, MI, Last): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birth Date: (Month/Day): ____ / ____

Phone (_____) ____ - _____ Home / Cell / Work

Phone (_____) ____ - _____ Home / Cell / Work

Email Address: _____ @ _____

(Required to receive monthly email with newsletter attached.)

Membership

NEW RENEWAL LAPSED

Payment Method: CASH \$ _____

Payment Date: _____

Check # _____ CHECK \$ _____

CREDIT \$ _____ + \$1.05 = \$ _____

(Credit Cards ONLY processed in person at meetings)

Form and Check may be sent to:

ESQG
PO Box 1112
Pelham, AL 35124

Magnetic Nametags are available for \$12.00 (if ordering, please also complete the Name Tag Form)

Evening Star Pin are available for \$7.00 at the membership table.

12-21-22

Evening Star Quilt Guild Treasurers Report

As of December 29, 2022

Prepared by Jenae Redmond

Checking Account

11/19/22 Beginning Balance **\$ 6,648.50**
 Reconciled to Bank 11/19/2022

Deposits

12/13/22 Membership Dues 70.00
 12/13/22 Pins 36.00
\$ 106.00

Checks

12/1/22 Credit Card Fees & Mobile Device 113.11
 12/1/22 1641 1st Christain Church - Gratuity 800.00
 12/8/22 1642 Ann Allen - FNDI prizes & QOV 166.10
 12/8/22 1643 Meg McKinney - 2022 Retreat 149.37
 12/13/22 1644 Shelly Reed - Name Badges 61.94
 12/13/22 1645 VCC - Sit & Sew 70.00
 12/14/22 1646 Beverly Douthit - AccuQuilt 217.47
 12/29/22 1647 Jenae Redmond - Checkbook, 2 Irons 109.23
 12/29/22 1648 Shirley Hamilton - Give it a Try Program supplies 52.22
\$ 1,739.44

12/21/22 Ending Balance **\$ 5,015.06**

2022 Beginning Balance \$ 5,303.23

Money Market Account

3/31/22 Balance **\$ 10,057.75**

Total Account Balance per Books \$ 15,072.81

Reconciled to bank 12/21/2022

Have to send something
to the treasurer?

ESQG MAIL

PO Box 1112

Pelham, AL 35124



Evening Star Quilt Guild 2023 Proposed Budget

Prepared 12/15/2022

	Budget	
Income		
Donations	-	
Fundraisers	2,000.00	
Membership Dues	4,000.00	
PrePaid Dues	-	
Newsletter Ads	200.00	
Pins	-	
T-Shirt Sales	750.00	
	<u>\$ 6,950.00</u>	
Expenses		
AccuQuilt	400.00	
AV Equipment	350.00	
Challenge Prizes	150.00	
Fundraiser	100.00	
Hospitality Supplies	100.00	
Lending Library	100.00	
Meeting Gratuity	900.00	
Meeting Prizes	300.00	
Membership Supplies	300.00	
Monthly Programs	2,000.00	
Name Tags	20.00	
PieceMakers Door Prizes	300.00	
PO Box	166.00	
President Discretionary Fund	300.00	
Project Linus	100.00	
Quilts of Valor	300.00	
Sit & Sew Door Prizes	120.00	
Retreat Door Prizes	100.00	
Ruler Library	200.00	
Special Events	4,000.00	
Storage Rentals (Metro-VCC)	1,400.00	
Sunshine	100.00	
Treasurer supplies	75.00	
T-Shirts	500.00	
Website	400.00	
Zoom	-	
	<u>\$ 12,781.00</u>	
Budget Shortfall		(5,831.00)
Capital Reserve Fund to Balance Budget		<u>5,831.00</u>
		<u>0.00</u>