



EGG-CITING TIMES

Newsletter of
Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1
Haymarket, VA
**Daughters of Union Veterans of the
Civil War, 1861-1865**
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April 2022

Message from Your President—Karen Lyddane

Springtime Greetings to you, Egg-stra Special Sisters,

Welcome to a refreshing season of warmth, and of stand-out dates! I know that chronologically, it's backwards, but please bear with me. Celebrate the official end to the Civil War on April 9th (1865), but pause on April 12th, for, in 1861, the first shot was fired on Fort Sumter, South Carolina, beginning our Civil War. Another pause is called for on April 15th, when President Lincoln died of his wounds. Read the article about how Passover was celebrated for some eye-opening parallels of religious events and our beloved President Lincoln.

As April began the American Civil War, it also began our relationship. Today, we gather in honor of those who sacrificed for the good of our country. Their ingenuity in holding firm to their beliefs, especially those religious in nature, gives us the freedom to decide what we hold close to our own hearts. Surely, we carry their hearts in ours.



This refreshing newsletter offers many pauses for you to consider the contributions given generously by your sisters. Each page reflects their time, thought, and grace. Perhaps their offerings will inspire you toward engaging into the business of our beloved Detached Tent, to help those who help you. May this issue give you pause from your daily life in bringing a bit of warmth and joy to your heart. HUZDAH! *Karen Lyddane*



John Grant Griffiths, descendant of Ulysses S. Grant, escorts President Lyddane in Culpeper.



Save the Dates for Our Upcoming Tent Meetings!

5/28.2022, 10/22/2022, 1/21/2023, 3/25/2023, 5/20/2023, and 10/21/2023

Keep Green the Memory!

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In response to your requests, we're diligently working to plan meetings out in advance. How can you help us?



We need Ancestor Minutes for our May 28th and October 22nd meetings and for all of next year. Please help us by committing to providing a small article about your ancestor. Ancestor Minute Committee Chairperson Norma Fields is waiting for your questions and articles! Contact her at fieldsx4@comcast.net.

We welcome your comments and ideas. If you have photos from a meeting or event, please send them as JPEGs to us at the email above so they can go in your newsletter. Please make sure that all photos are right-side up. Articles are suggested to be 250 words or less. They should be in MS Word format with minimal formatting-we'll do it for you! Please check before sending that any graphics from the web are free for us to use. The newsletter will be distributed generally the week following a meeting, with a summer and winter special edition. Submittals are due on or before the Tuesday following a meeting. Thank you for adding your voice to the *Egg-Citing Times*!

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Offerings from the American Civil War Museum

Submitted by past president and current council Jan MacQueston. All images courtesy of the American Civil War Museum website.

1. On April 10h, 2022, during Commemoration Week & Freedom Day, the Museum will officially begin our celebration of the 10h anniversary of ACWM-Appomattox. The inaugural anniversary event will be *Appomattox and it's Legacies*, a panel discussion featuring noted historians, Dr. Caroline Janney and Dr. Elizabeth Varon, and moderated by ACWM President and CEO, Dr. Rob Havers.



2. ACWM now offers guided group tours of our Historic Tredegar exhibit, *A People's Contest: Struggles for Nation and Freedom in Civil War America*, every Saturday and Sunday.

The first tour begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by another at 2:00 p.m. This new offering is limited to 15 people on a first-come-first-serve basis. The guided tour is FREE with purchase of a regular Museum admission ticket.

3. For the 12th annual Civil War & Emancipation Day (CWED), organizations across the city of Richmond, VA are engaging with the theme of resiliency. During the first week of April, families and history enthusiasts alike can participate in programs and activities that ask what we can learn from the resilience of the people of the Civil War era.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy, learn and connect with history through a variety of different programs like the Shenandoah Civil War Dancers, City Dance Program, Jackson Ward Walking Tour, a celebration of Richmond's Liberation Day and more!



Find out more about the American Civil War Museum online!
Please contact them by going to acwm.org. Many events require tickets.

Elizabeth Van Lew Article in Bull Run Civil War Roundtable Newsletter

Our namesake was the topic of an incredible article that appeared in the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable's *Stone Wall* May 2021 newsletter. This article led to a custom PowerPoint presentation in our March meeting by Stone Wall editor Nadine Mironchuk. If you missed your chance to hear about Crazy Bet, you can read the article by going to Page 6 of: http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/Newsletters21/Stone_Wall-May_2021-issue_4.pdf



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What is it About Quilting?

Have you slipped a needle between material and finished with a lovely, quilted creation? Or programmed a computer and watch it work its magic over a stretched quilt top? Ah! So satisfying! Help your new sister and secretary Liz Ornelas learn how to quilt. She likes florals and woods themes, and whatever you feel is beautiful! Style and technique are needing to be explored, so your opinion really counts! Please contact her to see what you can develop - maybe this will lead to a quilting group in our Detached Tent? Email her at: lizornelas@icloud.com.



2022 National Convention

August 2, 2022 - August 7, 2022

Wyndham Gettysburg
95 Presidential Circle
Gettysburg, PA

<https://www.duvcw.org/index.php/about-us/national-convention>



Will We See You in Gettysburg this August?

Are you attending or do you want to attend the National Convention in Gettysburg? If so, please tell President Karen, so she can add you to the mandatory “credentials” sheet that is needed to tell who is coming. One thing is guaranteed, once you attend, you’ll find it extremely hard not to regularly attend in future years...it is impossible to describe, but lifelong friends are met, your soul fills for many reasons, and you laugh alot, while being serious about your contributions to the DUVCW.

Your Thoughts Needed for Times When Our National President Visits

The high honor of our National President visiting us is a time of rolling out our finest! We are putting together a file that lists ideas for these special times, and we hope you’ll add to it. Many of you belong to other organizations who host important people, so please consider sharing special touches with us.

So far, we’ve come up with:

1. Having a sister (or more) to be with her while she is visiting.
2. Finding and paying for her hotel room.
3. Placing in her room a basket of Virginia products, and a patriotic floral arrangement, along with a check for her Project, which includes a speaker fee if she gives a presentation.
4. Creating a private tour, or visiting a site, or some Civil War landmark tailored to her itinerary. This includes asking her what she’d like to see or do-often, there is a certain place in mind...
5. Providing a well-attended dinner or lunch on a day before her Saturday meeting visit.
6. Supporting her Project in ways such as having her items at the meeting for purchase
7. Providing ground transportation as needed if she flies
8. Paying for her meals



What can you add? We want our list to reflect Virginia’s unique hospitality, so send your suggestions to President Karen at elizabethvanlewtentva@gmail.com.

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Elizabeth Van Lew Needs You!

Please be thinking year-long, not just when nominations are open, about a position you could fill in our Detached Tent.

Consider volunteering for a committee or accepting an offered position. You'll learn a lot, and gain lifelong friends in the process! According to Indeed, Inc., a worldwide employment website, some of the reasons to volunteer are:

1. Volunteering provides you with a sense of purpose—a reason to get up in the morning.
2. You will meet new friends.
3. It increases your social skills.
4. It improves self-esteem.



Scholarships Offered by DUVCW

By Jane Shackelford, Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 Scholarship Chair

Do you have a daughter or granddaughter or a son or grandson in college or about to begin this fall? Are you aware that there are scholarships available? All of the information and application forms are on the DUVCW's public website duvcw.org under the heading *About Us*. There are two types of scholarships, the Grand Army of the Republic Living Memorial Scholarship and the duvs Scholarship. The Grand Army of the Republic scholarship is open to males or females who are descendants of a Union Veteran, but it is not given to an incoming freshman. The duvs Scholarship is open to active duvs with a minimum of two years of membership. It is awarded for post-secondary education, including the freshman year. The deadline for applying for either scholarship is June 1st.

Save the Date!

You asked for a gathering around a table for this meeting, and we are very happy to say we'll have a hybrid meeting on **May 28th at 11:00** at Brock's Restaurant in Fredericksburg!



Mark your calendar:

**Brock's
Riverside
Grill**

503 Sophia ST
Fredericksburg VA
brocksgrill.com
(540) 370-1820

Supporting Our Veterans

By VAVS Representative Donetta Bantle

At our March meeting, I mentioned that McGuire is extremely grateful for the \$190.00 received in gift cards we sent for fast food items (Chick-fil-A, Wendy's, etc). and other gift cards (Area lodging). THANK YOU SO MUCH! We are encouraged to keep sending them. The cards would be sent directly to the hotel (and not the family). I need to track our donation record for our year-end report to National, so please send the cards to me and I will accumulate them and take them to the hospital and drop them off.

If you wish to donate a gift card, send it to me at: Donetta Bantle, 14436 Ashleyville Lane, Midlothian, VA 23112.

If you wish to make a donation any other way, just contact me, and thank you so much! In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Donetta

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News About Our duv Elise Geller

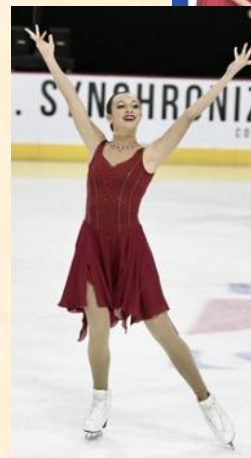
Article and Photos by Crystal Geller



EVL duv and Press Correspondent Elise Geller spent the last year representing the USA and the DC metro area as a member of the DC EDGE Synchronized Skating Team.

As a member of Team USA, Elise competed in Switzerland during the first week of February. They placed 4th out of 11 international teams, a great feat indeed!

Congratulations to Elise as she moves on to college at James Madison University this fall!



Elise is pictured in the middle row, third from the left

Re-dedication of 54th Pennsylvania Monument on May 15th—Save the Date!

By Senior Vice President Vicki Meadows

The re-dedication of 54th Pennsylvania Monument with its newly restored finials and ADA- accessible walkway is on track for Sunday May 15th, 2022, the 158th anniversary of that battle. We are working diligently to confirm the details and will send a separate email with particulars.

As you may remember on January 28th, 2021, the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 was pleased to award Virginia Military Institute's Virginia Museum of the Civil War, New Market Battlefield a \$2,250.00 monetary grant to restore the four, eight-inch spherical granite corner finials of the 54th Pennsylvania Monument at the battlefield at New Market, Virginia. Included in the grant was funding to have the steps upgraded to be in compliance with the ADA's (Americans with Disabilities Act) *Standards for Accessibility Guidelines*.

According to Wikipedia, "The Battle of New Market was fought on May 15th, 1864, in Virginia during the Valley Campaigns of 1864 in the American Civil War. A makeshift Confederate army of 4,100 men defeated the larger Army of the Shenandoah under Major General Franz Sigel, delaying the capture of Staunton by several weeks.

The battle is primarily remembered today for being the only time in American history a school's student body was used as an organized combat unit.¹ During the battle Confederate general John C. Breckinridge ordered cadets from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), some of them child soldiers no older than 15, to join an attack on the Union lines.² The event has gone on to become central to many of the Institute's myths and traditions.

Mark your calendars NOW to join us on Sunday, May 15th, 2022, for this important re-dedication ceremony on the New Market Battlefield. More information will follow.

¹"Battle of New Market." The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District. Retrieved June 8th, 2019.

² P.W. Singer. "The Enablers of War: Casual Factors behind the Child Soldier Phenomenon" (PDF), The Brookings Institution. "Child soldiers even fought in our own civil war, most notably when a unit of 247 Virginia Military Institute cadets fought with the Confederate Army in the Battle of New Market (1864)." "America's Racial Awakening Forces Virginia Military Institute To Confront Its Past—And Future." TIME. Retrieved September 9th, 2021. "...Forty-five were wounded and 10 died."

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Gems

Offered by Your Membership Chair Karen Connair

Southern Maryland Civil War Round Table 2022 Spring Field Trip

A guided bus tour of Civil War Charles County Maryland. Saturday April 16h, 2022. Cost is \$65 for non-members of the Round Table. Includes lunch and tour guide. Depart from Maryland Veteran's Museum, 1000 Crain Highway, Newburg, MD at 9am, return at 5pm. To sign up contact SOMDCWRT President Ben Sunderland at 443-975-9142 or email bsunderland@somdcwrt.org.

Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Civil War Bus Tour

Revisit the route General J.E.B. Stuart took with cavalry forces to the fateful battle at Gettysburg in this lecture, reception and all day bus tour given by historian Eric Wittenberg. Lecture given at Seminary Ridge Museum, 111 Seminary Ridge Gettysburg, PA Friday evening, May 6, 2022 at 6:30pm. On Saturday May 7, 2022 take the bus tour. Includes lunch and a copy of Wittenberg's book "Plenty of Blame to Go Around." Guests are responsible for their own lodging. Cost \$175. To register, see website: piedmontheritage.org

Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. Historic Blenheim House offers several lectures, tours and activities throughout the year. This Greek Revival-style brick farmhouse was built by Albert and Mary Wilcoxon in 1859. It is significant for the examples of Civil War inscriptions left on its walls during Union soldiers' encampments in the area. For more information on tours and educational programs, call 703-385-8414. Here are two of their upcoming activities:

Fairfax History Day, Saturday April 23, 2022, 10am-5pm. Enjoy presentations, tours, exhibits, soldier encampments, family activities and more! Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 children. For more details visit www.Fairfaxva.gov/historyday (Note: Join President Karen in a dance with her Victorian Dance Ensemble)

Colonel John S. Mosby's Operations in Prince William County, VA

Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 2pm at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. Don Hakenson and Chuck Mauro will talk about their latest book that is also a guide to the locations of historical markers, safe houses and graves of the men associated with the Chinquapin Rangers, the Iron Scouts and Mosby's Rangers. This same talk will also be given at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA on Thursday, April 28 at 7pm.

Civil War Tours of Historic Brentsville Courthouse

12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136. Saturday, April 16, 2022, tours at 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Cost \$5 per person. 703-365-7895. The Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre is on 28 acres and includes five historic buildings: courthouse, jail, church, farmhouse and a schoolhouse, dating from the 1820s to 1920s. This is an excellent historic site, well worth the visit!

National Museum of the Army Civil War Symposium 2022

1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. Attend in person or watch online. Friday April 8, 2022. 8am-4pm. "In Their Own Words: Soldiers' Stories." Historians using letters, documents and journals examine first hand accounts of those who served in the Civil War. FREE but you must register online: tickets.thenmusa.org. On Saturday, April 9, 2022 take a bus tour hosted by the Army Historical Foundation, 7:30am-5pm. Tour the Monocacy National Battlefield in the morning, followed by an afternoon tour of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Includes lunch. Purchase tickets on website: tickets.thenmusa.org.



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How Can I Do the Right Thing?

By Karen Belle

I volunteer with *The Journey Through Hallowed Ground*. I received an email about potential development in the Brandy Station area. I've included a portion of that email below to share with my sisters:

“The Culpeper County Board of Supervisors is considering a rezoning request to convert 250 acres of agricultural land to light industrial for a 427,000 square foot data center and accompanying transmission line infrastructure on land adjoining Salubria and in direct view of Hansbrough Ridge.

Hansbrough Ridge was the site of the start of the Battle of Brandy Station and where thousands of Union soldiers camped during the winter of 1864. Salubria is a Georgian-style manse on today's Germanna Highway built about 1757 by the Rev. John Thompson, rector of Culpeper's Little Fork Church 1740 to 1772, for his wife, Anne Butler Brayne Spotswood Thompson.

At its March 9th meeting, the Culpeper Planning Commission voted 5-4 to recommend denial of this application. While their vote was an important step, the Board of Supervisors could still decide to approve it. Now it's more important than ever that supervisors hear from their constituents about the impacts this industrial rezoning would have on a uniquely historic and scenic rural area of Culpeper. Urge the Board to do the right thing and encourage Amazon to seek a location in the County that is already industrially-zoned for data centers.”

New Member Update:

Welcome to our newest Sister, Virginia Elizabeth Daniel, who joined us on March 31, 2022. Her ancestor is Private William M. Beam, Company G, Regiment 159, Ohio. Huzzah to Virginia from Virginia!



What are the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)?

We continue our journey into the world of the five branches of the Allied Orders, which began with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our own organization is explored in this issue.

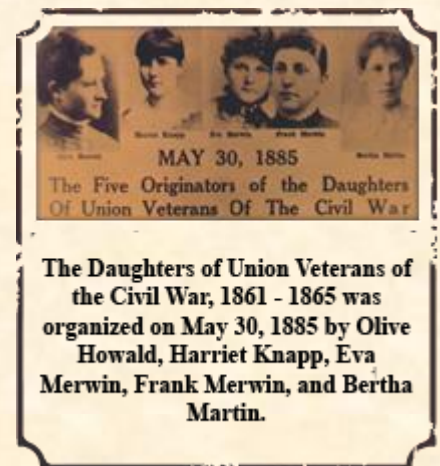
From our website: Our organization was organized on May 30th, 1885 by Olive Howard, Harriet Knapp, Eva Merwin, Frank Merwin, and Bertha Martin. They held the first meeting on June 3rd, 1885 at the home of Eva Merwin, 419 First Street, SE Massillon, Ohio.

We were incorporated December 12th, 1885 in Massillon, Ohio and the signers of the Original Articles of Incorporation were Minnie F. King, Bertha M. Martin, Olive F. Howard, Eva Merwin, and Any Merrill.

Our original name was National Alliance Daughters of Veterans and we were endorsed by the Grand Army of the Republic at the 34th Annual Encampment held in Chicago, Illinois in 1900.

During our 35th National Encampment, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1925, our name was changed to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our name was later changed during our 54th National Encampment, held in Des Moines, Iowa in 1944 to Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 – 1865.

Our Federal Charter was granted by Public Law 99-172 on December 9th, 1985.



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Celebrating Passover During the Civil War Time

This article is by Michael Feldberg, PhD and is found at the Jewish Virtual Library. It has been edited for space. The full article is found by going to: <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/passover-seders-during-the-civil-war>.

For American Jewry during the Civil War, the Passover story was especially powerful. Northern soldiers saw clear parallels between the Union freeing the South's slaves and Moses leading the ancient Hebrews out of Egypt. However, creating a seder during in a war zone requires flexibility and creativity.

In 1862, the Jewish Messenger published an account by J. A. Joel of the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Regiment of a seder celebrated by Union soldiers in Fayette, West Virginia. Joel and 20 other Jewish soldiers were granted leave to observe Passover. A soldier home on leave in Cincinnati shipped matzot and hagaddot to his colleagues.

Joel wrote: We . . . sen[t] parties to forage in the country [for Passover food] while a party stayed to build a log hut for the services. . . We obtained two kegs of cider, a lamb, several chickens and some eggs. Horseradish or parsley we could not obtain, but in lieu we found a weed whose bitterness, I apprehend, exceeded anything our forefathers 'enjoyed.' . . .

We had the lamb, but did not know what part was to represent it at the table; but Yankee ingenuity prevailed, and it was decided to cook the whole and put it on the table, then we could dine off it, and be sure we got the right part.

The necessaries for the choroutzes we could not obtain, so we got a brick which, rather hard to digest, reminded us, by looking at it, for what purpose it was intended.

At the moment I said the blessing; each [ate] his portion of the herb, when horrors! What a scene ensued . . . it was very bitter and like Cayenne pepper, and excited our thirst to such a degree that we forgot the law authorizing us to drink only four cups, and . . . we drank up all the cider."

More problematic was the situation of Union soldiers who, unable to form their own seders, were forced to "fraternize" with local Jews. Myer Levy of Philadelphia, for example, was in a Virginia town one Passover late in the war when he saw a young boy sitting on his front steps eating a piece of Matzah. According to Korn, when Levy "asked the boy for a piece, the child fled indoors, shouting at the top of his lungs, 'Mother, there's a damn Yankee Jew outside!' The boy's mother invited Levy to seder that night. One wonders how the Virginian family and the Yankee soldier each interpreted the hagadah portions describing the evils of bondage.

On the eve of the fifth day of Passover (April 14th), 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot and died of his wounds in the early morning of April 15th, which had already been scheduled as a national day of prayer to mark the end of the Civil War. Jews across the land were gathering in synagogues to give thanks. When news of Lincoln's death arrived, Korn notes, the synagogue altars were quickly draped in black and, instead of Passover melodies, the congregations chanted Yom Kippur hymns. Rabbis set aside their sermons and wept openly at their pulpits, as did their congregants. Lincoln had been protective of American Jewry. The Jewish Record drew the analogy between Lincoln not having lived to see the reconciliation of North and South and Moses dying on Mount Pisgah before he saw the Israelites enter the Promised Land.

When no American armed forces are in combat anywhere in the world, it is easy to forget how difficult it can be for Jewish soldiers to serve their country while maintaining the traditions that beautify Judaism. Nevertheless, for Jewish Union soldiers fighting between 1861 and 1865 to free others from slavery, the Passover parallels must have made each seder particularly sweet and meaningful.

Important Dates

April is National Scottish-American Month!

- 4/09, 1865: Civil War officially ends with the surrender at Appomattox
- 4/10: Palm Sunday
- 4/12, 1861: 4:30 a.m., Southern forces fire on Fort Sumter, SC, American Civil War begins
- 4/14/, 4/15, 1865: Abraham Lincoln assassination and death
- 4/15-23: Passover
- 4/17: Easter Sunday
- 4/18: Tax Day
- 5/01: Mother's Day
- 5/21: Armed Forces Day
- 5/28: Membership Meeting in Fredericksburg
- 5/30: Memorial Day



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Retreat with a Recipe—Mary Todd Lincoln’s Vanilla Almond Cake

Serves 12, Ready in 1 1/2 Hours

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cup granulated sugar	White Frosting
1 cup butter	1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1/3 cup water
2 3/4 cups sifted cake flour	1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon baking powder	1 dash salt
1 1/3 cup milk	2 egg whites
1 cup almonds, finely chopped	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 egg whites, stiffly beaten	



Directions

- ⇒ Cream together sugar, butter, and vanilla extract.
- ⇒ Stir together the cake flour and baking powder; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk.
- ⇒ Stir in almonds. Gently fold in the egg whites.
- ⇒ Pour into two greased and lightly floured 9 x 1 1/2-inch round baking pans.
- ⇒ Bake at 375 degrees F for 28 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans. Fill and frost with White Frosting.
- ⇒ White Frosting: In a saucepan, combine sugar, water, cream of tartar and salt. Bring mixture to boiling, stirring until the sugar dissolves. In mixing bowl place egg whites; very slowly pour the hot sugar syrup over, beating constantly with electric mixer until stiff peaks form, about 7 minutes. Beat in vanilla extract.

Photo courtesy of Image courtesy of: <https://www.cdktichen.com/recipes/recs/29/MaryToddLincolnsVanillaAl65139.shtml>



Our sisters thank you, dear Andrea, for expertly giving us this newsletter, which warmly keeps green the memory while offering something for everyone.

Fill Me Up!

You know that most wineries are happy for you to bring food to enjoy while visiting. You don't always want a whole picnic, often just a little charcuterie will do. The last time I showed up with my winery goodies in a Walmart bag, I thought, "There has to be a better way!"

Sister Cyndi Messick created this lovely *Going to the Winery* basket, which will be our gift to the National Convention for their auction. Cyndi has her own quilting business, and made the quilted cover, tablecloth, and napkins.

Here is what she has donated:

- Basket with quilted cover
- A tablecloth for the picnic table (Shown under the basket)
- Two cloth napkins
- Wood cutting board with covered knife
- Two wine tumblers
- Bottle opener and stopper

Now, can you can find something with that certain Virginia flavor that begs to be added? It's already lovely, but guaranteed, SUPREME with your addition. Contact President Karen to add your donation.

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