



## Wine & Whiskers

**Julie Easterbrooks (left), owner of Kitty Kingdom Cat Cafe in Chesapeake, reviews photos of adopted cats with Garfield's Rescue Inc. (GRI) volunteer Cheryl Smith at the recent Wine & Whiskers fundraising event at the Trinity Episcopal Church Pavilion in Lancaster. Easterbrooks helps to showcase cats rescued by GRI and has adopted out 291 rescued cats from the Northern Neck the last two years. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi**



**Wendy Otterstedt offers guests a colorful platter of fruit kebabs. According to GRI vice president Karen Peterson, the organization has rescued over 1,428 cats or kittens since its March 2020 inception, with more than 1,287 felines no longer homeless. There are 135 in foster care. Of the 335 intakes in 2023, 224 were kittens under six months old. Guests also participated in a silent auction benefitting GRI. Some 72 items were donated by businesses in the Northern Neck. Donna Goodman Catering catered the event and George Christoforatos of Paragon DJs provided the music. Photo by Lisa Hinton-Valdrighi**