



Virginia Consortium of Quilters
Join us for a fun-filled weekend retreat!

April 23 – April 26, 2020

*W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake [SML]
775 Hermitage Road
Wirtz, VA 24184
<http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/>*

**Your 2020 Celebration Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Lake
Please contact committee members with any questions at celebration@vcq.org.**

Chairperson

Heather Zavagnin, celebration@vcq.org

Committee Members

Mary Grogan, Vendors

Susan Price, Brochure

Karin McElvein, Quilt Challenge

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Betty Blessin, Silent Auction

Elaine Breiner, Centerpieces

Elizabeth Gibson, Tote Bag Challenge

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Jean Drake-George, Kathy Jolley & Signe Vaughan, Sunday Worship

Elizabeth Gibson, Karen Brewster, Robin Speck - Girls Friday

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- *Celebration Dates: April 23 – 26, 2020. Check in: 1:00PM April 23. Depart: 11:00AM April 26.*
- *Cost: \$385 per VCQ member and \$485 per non-member. All-inclusive fee with the exception of kit fees, class supplies, and spending \$\$\$ for vendors and silent auction.*
DAY STUDENTS: \$310 per VCQ member and \$410 per non-member. You must be a member when you register AND attend to get the member price.
- *Registration opens August 10, 2019 at the VCQ meeting, and a \$100 non-refundable deposit will reserve your spot. Only VCQ Members will be registered during the month of August 2019. Registrations from Non-members received in August will be held until September 1.*
- *Registration closes March 1, 2020 (or at capacity). Final payment due March 1, 2020.*
- *Specify roommate requests on your registration form. MAKE SURE THE PERSONS YOU REQUEST ALSO REQUEST YOU ON THEIR REGISTRATION FORM.*
- *Roommates: There will be a 3-person minimum; 4 maximum.*
- *Limited Handicap facilities are available.*
- *W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake [SML]
emergency numbers: phone 540-721-2759 fax 540-721-2766 email: Skelton4H@vt.edu*

CELEBRATION 2020 SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Thursday, April 23rd

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION, Turn in Block Lotto, register for the challenge, and register Past Years Completed Projects for Show & Tell.

4:00 PM - OPENS

Drop off items for the Silent Auction at the Central Activities Building (CAB)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Merchant Mall Vendors

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Meet and Greet the teachers, specialty items will be for sale by the teachers

7:15 PM

Dinner

Program: Welcome

Introduction of Teachers with Class samples

Activity: **Buck Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)**

Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects

CLOSES 9:30 PM

Merchant Mall Vendors

Friday, April 24th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM OPENS

Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday Workshops

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Friday Workshops continue

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Free time, visiting with friends

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Dinner

7:15PM

Program - Lecture: Suzi Parron, Barn Quilts

Block Lotto Drawing

Activity: **Square Dance Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)**

CLOSES 9:30 PM

Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

Saturday, April 25th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM OPENS

Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturday Workshops

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

FINAL Silent Auction Bids

FINAL Votes for challenge

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Saturday Workshops continue

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Free time, visiting with friends

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dinner

7:15 PM

Program – Lecture Patty Murphy, Trunk Show

Tote Bag Parade, Block Lotto Drawing,

Activity: **Strip Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)**

Challenge & other winners announced

CLOSES 10:00PM

Merchant Mall - FINAL **Twilight** shopping

Sunday, April 26th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Non-denominational Worship Service

9:00 AM

Activity: Show & Tell of Celebration 2020 Class Projects

Door Prizes

Time to pack & load cars, farewell.

CELEBRATION 2020 – FAQ's

What does it cost? What is included?

VCQ Members: \$385; Non-members: \$485; Day Students VCQ member \$310; Non-members: \$410. (If you would like to become a VCQ member, please visit the web site at www.vcq.org/join.htm.) Includes lodging, meals, all workshops (except kit fees & supplies), lectures, and special events.

What is the Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship?

The Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship was established to provide financial support for VCQ members to attend the biennial event. Vi was a VCQ member who loved Celebration and lost her life to cancer. Scholarships can be for the full Celebration cost, or partial, depending on need and funds available. Applications are submitted to the VCQ President who along with the Vice President will determine the number and amount of scholarships granted. This process is confidential. If a member would like to nominate a member to receive the scholarship, please submit the name to the President who will send the application form to the nominee or submit a completed form on their behalf. The deadline for submission of the application for a Celebration scholarship is February 1, 2020. Application on page 29.

How do I register?

Your \$100 **non-refundable** deposit must accompany your registration form (last page of brochure). A paid deposit reserves your space and will be deducted from the total cost. All deposits will be recorded in the sequence in which they are received with workshops assigned accordingly. Those attending the August meeting are given priority over those not attending the meeting. Mailed registrations will not be recorded until after the August meeting but will be processed according to when they were postmarked. Non-members will be registered beginning September 1. Please mail deposit made payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2020) and send to: Kathy McCrea, 3852 Persimmon Circle, Fairfax, VA 22031. Registration closes March 1, 2020 or earlier if capacity is reached. Contact Kathy: kathy.mccrea@cox.net.

When is final payment due?

Final payments must be received by March 1, 2020. You may pay in installments, as long as the total is received by March 1, 2020. Remember to keep your VCQ membership up to date. All payments should be made payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2020) and sent to: Kathy McCrea 3852 Persimmon Circle, Fairfax, VA 22031

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to: Heather Zavagnin 87 White Oak Landing Road King William, VA 23086 OR emailed to celebration@vcq.org. While the deposit will not be refunded, refunds of additional payments will be issued only for requests postmarked or emailed before February 1, 2020, due to commitments to the 4-H Center and teachers.

What about lodging?

Housing is dormitory style in rooms accommodating a maximum of 4; each room has a private bath with shower, heat and air-conditioning, and ample storage. A limited number of handicapped facilities are available. Please indicate your needs on the registration form. Refrigerators and ice machines are available in the dormitories. **There will be a three-person minimum; four person maximum per room. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ROOMMATES' NAMES/PREFERENCES ON THE REGISTRATION FORM** (4th bed is a trundle so please keep this in mind when selecting your roommates). SML 4-H Center is a non-smoking facility. Bed linens, pillow, blanket and towels will be provided. If desired, you may bring a bathmat, extra towel, extra pillow, hangers, and quilt for your bed.

What are the meals like? What if I have special dietary needs?

Meals are buffet style in the dining hall. Three meals per day are provided (beginning with dinner on Thursday and ending with breakfast on Sunday). **Indicate any special dietary restrictions on the registration form.** Every effort will be made to accommodate allergies or dietary restrictions but cannot be guaranteed. Menus are chosen by the committee from a list of options provided by the 4-H center.

What do I need to bring?

See page 28 for a checklist of things to bring to Celebration 2020.

Where is W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake?

See page 27 for driving directions. Check their website <http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/> for any changes in directions prior to departure on April 23, 2020. Consult a VA road map or <http://maps.google.com> for more specific details.

How can my family get in touch with me if there's an emergency? W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake [SML] Emergency numbers: phone 540-721-2759 fax 540-721-2766 email: Skelton4H@vt.edu. Bring your cell phone and charger.

EVENTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Workshop Format:

Six-hour workshops will be offered on Friday and Saturday along with "Come Quilt with Me". All your options are summarized beginning on page 9.

Silent Auction:

We would like to make this Celebration's Silent Auction the best ever. Our intent is to offer some of the best handmade items, fabrics, kits, sewing machines, and other like items. So, start sewing! A Tax Receipt form will be available upon request when you bring your items to Celebration 2020 on Thursday, April 23. Please do not clean out your sewing room and grab just any old thing. We reserve the right to put items on the Peddler's Table. Any questions, please contact Betty Blessin or Heather Zavagnin at celebration@vcq.org.

Peddler's Table:

In addition to the Silent Auction, there will be a Peddler's Table for yard sale type items (outdated books/magazines, fabrics, tools, notions that would not be suitable for the Silent Auction). These items will be available for a small donation. If you have any items you want to donate, PLEASE BRING THEM WITH YOU TO CELEBRATION. (The Committee will have plenty to transport and will not be able to bring these items also).

Block Lotto:

Join in the fun! Block Lotto for Celebration 2020 will have a raffle drawing each night. The block is called Paths & Stiles. There are six different backgrounds: three black batik prints and three Moda Grunge creams. Mix it up with contemporary or traditional fabrics from your stash. Here's how to participate:

- Buy a fabric kit with instructions for \$4.00 at a VCQ workshop: Aug 10, Nov 9, 2019; Mar 14, 2020.
- Complete each block purchased and turn it in at the Block Lotto table. You will receive one raffle ticket for each block returned. Each ticket represents a chance to win a set of blocks.
- Buy more kits. Repeat!!

There will be a PRIZE for the person who returns the most completed blocks, so get sewing! See pictures of sample blocks at www.vcq.org/cele.htm. Any questions please contact Phyllis Keesee or Deb Schupp at celebration@vcq.org.



Buck Night (THURS): Participation Optional

For each dollar [buck] contributed upon entering the auditorium for the evening activities you will receive a numbered ticket. Be sure to keep your ticket(s) handy. The dollars collected will be used to create several vouchers which will be good at any of the vendors during our 2020 VCQ Celebration.

Square Dance Night (FRI): Participation Optional

For each 10" square contributed upon entering the auditorium for the evening activities you will receive a numbered ticket. Be sure to keep your ticket(s) handy. The squares will be collected and bundled and given away as prizes.

Strip Night (SAT): Participation Optional

For each 2 ½" WOF Strip of fabric contributed upon entering the auditorium for the evening activities you will receive a numbered ticket. Be sure to keep your ticket(s) handy. The strips collected will be bundled and given away as prizes.

Merchant Mall:

Our awesome quilting vendors will be Lee Taylor of Sewlovelee, and Phyllis Mondak of Quilting Adventures. They will have fabric and notions to support the classes that are offered as well as a variety of other things to enhance your quilt-making. We are excited to also welcome Dick Stohr of Snippy Brothers Sharpening. He does excellent work and will sharpen any scissors, knife or garden tool for only \$6 (one long blade exception). Make sure to support these great folks who work hard to provide us with everything we need.

Meet & Greet the Teachers:

On Thursday evening, attending faculty members will introduce themselves and show items being created in their weekend classes. Meet and greet each teacher, who will have a table to display their kits, supplies, patterns, and books for sale prior to dinner on Thursday evening. They will be glad to talk to you about the latest techniques and sign your books and patterns. Please visit their websites prior to the event.

Celebration 2020 Quilt Challenge:

“Quilt Trails” Who hasn’t got a story to tell about their quilt journey or trail? Tell your story in this Celebration 2020 Challenge quilt contest. Quilts will be displayed at Celebration and there will be several Viewers’ Choice Awards. All genres of quilting - traditional, modern, pieced, applique, and art are acceptable. Guidelines are simple.

1. 16” square or a perimeter of 64 inches. In other words, perhaps a rectangle 12’ X 20” to give the perimeter of 64”
2. Must consist of 3 layers quilted.
3. Embellishments may be used but if hanging from the edges, they must fall within the perimeter guidelines.
4. Please have a hanging sleeve and label your quilt with Maker’s Name, address and date.
5. The deadline for this challenge is check-in on April 23, 2020 at **Celebration 2020!**

Tote Bag Challenge:

Get ready for CELEBRATION 2020 with the TOTE BAG Challenge. Put on your creative hat and let’s recycle your favorite tote with a new look or you may choose to create your own new tote. Our theme for CELEBRATION 2020 is “QUILT TRAILS” so add a block or decorations to your bag and enter it in the challenge when you sign in at the registration desk. There will be a tote bag parade (on Saturday evening) for all who participate complete with prizes. The CELEBRATION committee will not be providing tote bags this year so you will need to bring your own, whether or not you participate in the challenge. (It would be a good idea to put your name on your bag somewhere.)

Evening Activities and Programs:

Celebration 2020 is excited to bring you entertaining evenings!

Thursday Program

- Introduction of teachers and projects for 2020 Celebration
- Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects

Thursday Activity – “Buck Night”

Friday Program - Lecture – Follow the Barn Quilt Trail (Suzi Parron)

Friday Activity – “Square Dance Night”

Saturday Program – Trunk Show (Patty Murphy)

Saturday Activity – “Strip Night”

Show and Tell:

Thank you for participating in Celebration 2020’s Show & Tell:

- Past Celebration Projects (Thursday)
- 2020 Class Show & Tell (Sunday).

Please bring your show & tell project(s) and the index card(s) provided during registration on Thursday evening. All participants are limited to sharing no more than 3 Show & Tell items.

Non-denominational Worship Service:

A Sunday morning worship service will be available for all who would like to participate.