

VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT –

Susan Price

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2016! I hope you've all a great holiday and are ready for the challenges of the New Year. We have just had our annual VCQ board retreat where we work on plans for 2016 and beyond, and are excited about the year to come. I hope that your resolutions include attending our quarterly meetings, Celebration, and being an active member of VCQ. We had 62 members join us in November in Manassas. The venue worked well and we had the added bonus of the "Along the Spice Route" quilt exhibit at the nearby Center for the Arts in Manassas. One class was cancelled, but we look forward to scheduling Shannon Shirley to teach at a future meeting.

At the November meeting, I neglected to include a review of VCQ activities for 2015, so will summarize here. We had an average attendance of 68 at quarterly meetings, with membership at 283 at the end of 2015. Celebration registration opened in August, and is currently at capacity for our April retreat. Our community service project of pillows with totes for mastectomy patients resulted in 356 pillows being donated in various locations around Virginia in 2015. The 2 year total for this project is 465 pillows. We will be choosing a new project for 2016-17. We offered 14 workshops at our quarterly meetings this year in addition to the community service project and Come Quilt with Me. Documentation days, led by Neva Hart, were held in 3 locations in 2015 and added 240 more quilts to the total of approximately 1,250 quilts documented from 2013-2015. The forms and photographs for most of these are now housed at the VQM; Neva expects to compile the notebooks on the last 5-6 venues over the winter.

We elected 3 officers to the board in November: Faye Hannah continues as Vice President, Marty Green continues as Treasurer, and Karin McElvein is taking over as Membership Coordinator. With that in mind, don't forget to submit your dues for membership renewal; you may have already received a renewal notice. We also welcomed Elizabeth Gibson and Sally Hurst who will share the Program Coordinator's job, and Kathleen Ackerson who will be the area rep for Northern Shenandoah. Our thanks go to these volunteers for donating their time to serve on VCQ's board, as well as our outgoing officers, Dianne Reasons and Karan Fisher. There will be additional opportunities to participate in the leadership of VCQ in the coming year, so please give it consideration if asked to serve.

One of our responsibilities at the January board retreat is to review our financial status and propose a budget Virginia Consortium of Quilters

for the new year to the membership at our March meeting. A careful analysis of income and expenses (both operational and workshop) shows that we have been operating at a deficit for the last 6 years, which is not sustainable. As long as any of us on the board can remember, our dues have remained constant at \$20 per year. While both operational and workshop costs have continued to increase, we have not had a workshop registration fee increase since 2011. A \$30 fee for a 5 hour workshop plus lunch does not cover the costs of facilities, lunch and teachers. Therefore, after careful consideration, the board will present a proposal at the March meeting to raise annual dues to \$25 and all workshop registration fees by \$10 per category. There will be an opportunity for discussion of course, but we wanted to give you a "heads up" on our proposal. We think \$40 for a full day workshop, including lunch, is still a bargain compared to what you would pay for classes at another venue. We propose that the registration fee increases take effect in August, 2016 and the annual dues increase in January, 2017. We hope that these increases will allow us to propose a balanced budget starting in 2017.

I am looking forward to our meeting in March in Charlottesville since we have not met there in a few years. We will be at the Doubletree Hotel where guest rooms and meeting rooms have been reserved. While a bit more costly than our usual venues, it was available on short notice and promises to be an enjoyable location. It's always a pleasure to have all the weekend events in one place. Elizabeth has a nice line-up of classes for your selection and Cottonwood Quilt shop which is close by will host a Friday night reception. Read all the details further on in this newsletter. One thing you will note on the registration page is that the fee for this meeting is \$5 higher than normal. Because we are required to use the hotel catering for lunch, the price is higher than our usual lunches so we are asking for you to provide some of that cost. The board is also picking up a portion of the extra cost. I hope to see you there at our last meeting before Celebration, and wish you a productive and creative quilting year!

Susan Price
President

Friday, March 11th Celebration 2016 Meeting held at 3:30 PM and the Board Meeting at 7:30 PM at the George Washington Meeting Room @ Doubletree

MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VCQ Board & Area Reps 2016

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7	Southwest	Vacant		
8	Peninsula	Bonnie Timm	757-483-4909	botqg@verizon.net
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Susan Jean Cornwell "Sue" Hall(1949 - 2015)

SMITHFIELD - Susan "Sue" Jean Cornwell Hall, 66, passed away Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Sentara Obici Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Lansing, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Donald Smith and Elsie Clarice Brasher Cornwell and step-mother, Mary Cornwell. In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by a sister and a sister-in-law.



Sue was a passionate quilter and avid animal lover, particularly fond of cats. She was active in the VA Consortium of Quilters, and was a member of the Nike Park Quilting B and regularly attended quilting retreats. Sue regularly donated her quilts and craft to the Fur Ball that benefited the efforts of the Isle of Wight Humane Society. She avidly supported the Gimme Shelter.

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½ Page	30.00	60.00
Full Page	50.00	100.00
Inside Back Page		125.00
Classified Ad (50 word max – Newsletter only)	\$5.00 – available ONLY to VCQ Members	

**VCQ General Meeting -
Manassas Baptist Church, Manassas , VA - November 13,
2015**

12:54 PM call to order

President's Welcome : Susan Price

- Welcomed all to Manassas Baptist Church, thanked Kathy McLaren of the Cabin Branch Quilters for providing contact information for the facility and local teachers. Gifts for new members (Faye-VP)

Secretary : B.T. for M.B.

- Minutes- any additions or corrections? none - motion to approve : Robin Speck, 2nd Marty Green Motion carried

Presidents Announcements : Susan Price

- there are extra lunches and H2O (cookies!)
- cards are being passed to sign : Virginia Ruffner (cataracts) and Ron Harriman (knees)
-Raffle quilt tickets for VQM available and will be drawn this afternoon
-Debi Harding has \$20/20year donation cards for VQM
-Susan Price attended Belle Grove Reception celebrating founding of Virginia Quilt Museum
-a plaque was presented to Belle Grove from VQM later BelleGrove gave a Quilt shop sign to VQM
-Received information on a NC retreat center, cards are on table
-magnets for Celebration Reminder & VCQ business cards are available , please share and encourage non-members to join us
-AQSG - new password info made available
-The Center for the Arts will be open until 6pm today if you would like to see the "Along the Spice Route" display today

Treasurer : Marty Green

-explained the report and asked for if there was any discussion, were none. No additions or corrections. Motion to approve Pat Sappenfield , 2nd Pat Turley - motion approved

Vice President : Faye Hannah

-30th Anniversary charms and pins are available

Membership : Diane Reasons

-283 members - 56 new - 60+- need to renew for 2016

Facilities : Debi Harding

-March 2106 in planning (maybe Harrisonburg)
-April 2016 - Celebration
-August 2016 - Blacksburg
-November 2016 - Martinsville

Programs : Karen Fisher (absent), # of attending 59

-will be stepping down , New coordinators Elizabeth Gibson - teacher liaison and Sally Hurst - registrations
-We are looking for locations for future meetings, please see Debi or Susan with locations suggestions
-Our new Program Coordinators will be planing for teachers and will need local suggestions and ideas

Newsletter : Heather Zavagnin (absent)

-January 12 deadline for next newsletter

Celebration!! - theme - Its Crystal Clear We Are Quilters

-Registration is full with a small waiting list (checks sent with info for the wait list will not be cashed unless moved to main list)
-Block Lotto - on sale here today, \$3 each
-Challenge : Kathy McCrea in charge -showed the start of her's as an example any style to interpret the themeart, traditional, modern. Prizes will be involved
-TAG team : B Timm , S Smith, P Golden
-Silent Auction : Betty Blessing - please bring items to S.M.L.
-P.J. party - please come in P.j.'s that interpret the theme in your own way there will be a fashion show and prizes

Community Service - Rickie Summers and Aristine Shores

-last month for Mastectomy pillows and bags
-over 400 have been made and donated
-a new project will be chosen at the January Board retreat - ideas to any board member

Old Business

-Election : slate presented by Kathy McCrea
Vice President - Faye Hannah
Membership - Karin McElvein
Treasurer - Marty Green
No floor nominations - Motion to elect slate : Marty moon , 2nd Betty Blessing
Motion approved.
-Vacant Positions - Area Representatives for :
1)Shenandoah Valley (Harrisonburg)(Kathleen Ackerson - volunteered)
2)Southern Shenandoah (includes Roanoke
3)Southwest Virginia
-Need a new Celebration Committee , please consider volunteering and gathering a group to put the 2018 Celebration together !!!
-VCQ Remembering Quilt is on display look on your way out and please inform Board if you have any additional names

adjourn 1:22 PM

respectfully submitted, Bonnie Timm (for Martha Berry)

Calendar of Events

SWVA Quilt News

We bring you news and updates on quilt and fiber art related events and activities in Southwest Virginia. Would you like to receive this monthly e- newsletter? Please sign up at <http://kutauber.wix.com/SWVAQuiltNews>

February 25 – 28, 2016

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXVII

All under one roof at the

Hampton Roads Convention Center

<http://www.quiltfest.com/>

April 2-3, 2016

12th Annual Quilt Show

Cabin Branch Quilters Guild & Stonehouse

Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Rd,

Manassas, VA

For info RoseMary Baty-Willcox

artandsoul57@gmail.com or 703-398-769

www.cabinbranchquilters.org

April 2016 TBD

LQG Biennial Quilt Show

Lake Quilters Guild

Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Rte 122, Moneta, VA

www.lakequilters.org/quiltshow/quiltshow.htm

April 2016 TBD

5th Annual Scenic Route Shop Hop

Ladybug's Cottage - Wendell, NC 27591

Quilt Lizzy - Warrenton, NC 27589

Lib's Place - Rice, VA 23966

Quilter's Nook - Boydton, VA 23917

Rose Patch Creations - Crewe, VA 23930

Threads Run Thru It - Phenix, VA 23959

June 3-5, 2016

Quilters Unlimited Show

Dulles Expo Center

4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA

(703) 261-6366

www.quiltersunlimited.org/quiltshow

June 17-18, 2016

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee

36th Annual Quilt Show and Competition

The Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway,

Knoxville TN 37912

Entry deadline for competition is May 3, 2016

See our website for more information

www.smokymtnquilters.com or follow us on Facebook.

VCQ Events:

CELEBRATION April 28 – May 1, 2016

August 13, 2016 Blacksburg

November 13, 2016 Martinsville

The following are the **Deadline Dates** for item submissions to the newsletter staff:

June 17th 2016 for August 13th meeting

September 16th 2016 for November 12th meeting

Material can be sent electronically (preferred) to queenefri@aol.com OR mailed to: Heather Zavagnin, 87 White Oak Landing Rd, King William, VA 23086

The current newsletter and past newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from the VCQ website at www.vcq.org

Please contact Heather Zavagnin, queenefri@AOL.com or (770)845-5190, or Mary Grogan at webmistress@vcq.org if you are having trouble downloading a copy from the website or if you wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter thru the US Postal Service.

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VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM

301 S. Main Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Phone 540-433-3818

Preserving, celebrating, and nurturing Virginia's quilting heritage

www.vaquiltmuseum.org

Designated the “official quilt museum of the Commonwealth” by the General Assembly

Our **2016 Exhibit Season opens** Tuesday, Feb 2 with quilt-related Groundhog Day activities and the unveiling of our new “conservation lab”. This is a space set aside for work that preserves and protects our quilts from damage and deterioration. In addition, visitors can have their quilts analyzed and be advised on conservation practices for the home.

Announcing the **2016 Inaugural Christopher Columbus Grandle Lecture Series:**

- Kyra Hicks (from northern Virginia), “The Roosevelt Postage Stamp Quilt: The Story of Estella Weaver Nukes’ Presidential Gift”, Saturday, March 12
- Pat and Arlan Christ (from Pennsylvania), “American Pride: Quilts from the Christ Collection”, Saturday, June 11
- Deborah Smith, “The National Park Service Centennial”, Saturday, July 30
- Polly Mello, “Mourning and Meaning Through Cloth” seminar, Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22

2016 Exhibit Phase I (Feb 2 – May 7) features:



“Three Decades of a Quilting Friendship”

by Constance Norton and Violet Cavazos

These two well-known quilt makers and fabric designers from northern Virginia curate a grouping of quilts they have designed together over the past 30 years. Inspired in classes taught by art quilt pioneers Nancy Crow, Michael James, and others, Norton and Cavazos’s quilts display contemporary and traditional art quilt styles and techniques.

Zinnias for Iris by Constance Norton

“Quilt Study of Civil War Era Quilts”

by the American Quilt Study Group

Responding to the 2014 theme of the American Civil War, quilt makers created quilts copied from, or inspired by, existing Civil War quilts. All inspiration quilts were required to be identifiable as a ‘Civil War Quilt’ defined as a quilt made between the years 1850-1865. Read more about the Civil War Quilts study. <http://www.americanquiltstudygroup.org/qscwstudy01.asp>



“Treasures from the Vault: Mary Spitzer Etter Collection”

A graduate of James Madison University and a local school teacher in Harrisonburg for four decades, Mary Spitzer Etter was not only a quilt maker but an inspiration to countless young students. She established scholarships to area colleges and donated the Spitzer family home for use as an art center. Her papers are housed in JMU’s Special Collections Dept.

Ship’s Wheel by Sarah Josephine Spitzer

2016 Exhibit Phase II (May 17 – Sept 10) will feature quilts in a patriotic theme. Included in this grouping will be *American Pride: Quilts from the Pat and Arlan Christ Collection*, from Pennsylvania’s “Dutch” heritage; *Along the Spice Route*, contemporary wall quilts celebrating spices, whose quest resulted in the discovery of America; *Treasures from the Vault: Presidential Connections*; and *A National Park Service Centennial Celebration!*

Virginia Consortium of Quilters Application for Membership

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____

Email address: _____

(By providing my email address I understand that I will receive the newsletter electronically unless I check the box below.)

I wish to receive a *paper copy* of the quarterly newsletter.

Your membership can be paid for multiple years (up to 5 years) with this form. This date will be on your membership card and the mailing label of each newsletter. If dues increase during this period, yours will not.

New Member (Referred by _____)

Amt: \$ _____ (Make check payable to "VCQ")
(\$20.00 per year up to five years.)

Renewal Amt: \$ _____ (make check payable to "VCQ" and include **SASE**)
(\$20.00 per year up to five years.)

Renewal Members Only: Please enclose with your payment, application and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) for your membership card.

I am a member of a local quilt guild/group: _____
(-list all guilds)

I teach and/or lecture about quilting. _____

I may be willing to drive others from my area to VCQ meetings. Yes No

Mail to: **Karin McElvein, Membership Chairperson**
1309 Maplewood Ave
Norfolk, VA 23502

Questions: **karinlisa7@gmail.com**

For Membership Only:	Date Rec'd: _____	Amt: _____	Area: _____
	Ck. No. _____	Exp. Year: _____	
	MCard Date: _____	Name Tag: _____	
	MList: _____	NPacket: _____	

March 12, 2016 Meeting & Workshop in Charlottesville, VA

Lodging Accommodations and Meeting Location:

The Doubletree by Hilton Charlottesville
990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-2121

The online booking link for our group is below. If attendees prefer to call, they can call 1-800-222-TREE and request the rate for VA Consortium of Quilters, **group code QUI**.

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=CHOSHDT&spec_plan=CDTQUI&arrival=20160310&departure=20160314&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

The cost is \$129 plus 5.3% VA State Sales tax and 5% Local Occupancy Tax, for a double room. There will be a \$10 charge per person for additional guests. Breakfast is not included, but they are offering guests that stay overnight a discount coupon for a \$10.95 per person breakfast buffet, plus tax and gratuity at TJ's Tavern within the hotel. Complementary parking and wireless internet access are provided. Nice pool area. Any unreserved rooms in our block will be released to the general public on **2/24/2016. We are guaranteeing 85% of the blocked rooms be filled or VCQ will have an additional charge. There are 20 rooms blocked, of which 17 have to be booked to meet the guarantee.**

There are also plenty of restaurants in the immediate area.

Directions to the Hotel:

FROM INTERSTATE 64:

Take exit 118-B. This exit will put you directly on the Route 29 North Bypass. You will stay on the bypass approximately 4.5 miles. The 29 Bypass will merge with the 250 Bypass, you will remain on the 29 Bypass until you see a sign for Washington, DC and 29 North. This exit will be on your right hand side. Take it and you will be directly on Route 29 North. Continue 3.5 miles, the Doubletree Hotel is located on the left (Hilton Heights Road) beside Sam's Club and Wal-Mart.

FROM INTERSTATE 66 (WASHINGTON, DC) or Rt. 29 South:

Go West Route 29 South in Gainesville. (Exit 43) Note: This is the second exit for Route 29 South on Interstate 66 coming from Washington, DC. On Route 29, approximately 1.5 miles before you reach the Charlottesville city limits you will cross the South Fork Rivanna River Bridge. After crossing the bridge, turn right at the first traffic light onto Hilton Heights Road.

Notes from Elizabeth:

Your registration form and check to VCQ must be **postmarked by Friday, February 26, 2016** (2 weeks prior to event). **Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after February 26, 2016 will not be accepted and will be returned.** Please fill out your registration form completely as this information is very vital to ensure proper confirmation mailing of your postcards.

**You will receive a postcard with your registration confirmation – Bring your postcard!!
It is your MEAL TICKET for lunch and door prize drawing.**

Any cancellations must be made by Friday, February 26, 2016 to obtain a refund.

Please wear your nametag to the meeting so we can put names and faces together.

Friday, March 11, 2016 Schedule: Dinner on your own

- 3:30 – 4:30 PM Celebration 2016 Meeting – George Washington Meeting Room @ Doubletree
- 6:00-7:30 PM Cottonwood Fabrics Open with Light Refreshments
- 7:30-9:00 PM VCQ Board Meeting – George Washington Meeting Room @ Doubletree

Saturday, March 12, 2016 Meeting Schedule:

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 – Noon Workshops
- Noon – 12:45PM Lunch
- 12:50 - 1:20PM Business meeting
- 1:30 – 3:30PM Workshops reconvene
- 3:45 - 4:15 PM Show and Tell

Shops In Charlottesville Area

Cottonwood Quilt Shop
2035 Barracks Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 244-9975
<http://www.cottonwoodquiltshop.com/index.htm>
Monday - Saturday 10:00 - 6:00
Sunday 12:00 - 4:00
Friday (3/11) Extended Hours for
VCQ 6:00-7:30 PM

Les Fabriques
206 E. Water Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
434-975-0710
<http://www.lesfabriquesinc.com/>
Hours Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

The Needle Lady
111 W Main Street .
Charlottesville, VA . 22902
(434) 296-4625
<http://www.needlelady.com>
Hours
M,T, W 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
TH 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri/Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
SUN 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Workshops *** Workshops ***** Workshops *******

Workshop A: One Easy Block...Sew Many Quilts with Karen DuMont

Skill Level: Intermediate



Technique Workshop: Join Karen and learn how one easy block is used a minimum of 6 ways to give a totally different look. See how color & scale of fabric determine the mood of the quilt. Karen will encourage everyone to stretch their talents and creative juices by coming up with ideas of their own on how this one block can be used. This class will go beyond Cruise Around the Block and Party on the Block which she has previously taught.

Materials/Supply List:

Fabrics of your choice cut into 2 1/2" width of fabric strips. Choose from your stash colors that have good contrast and scale. If you have on hand a basic white, black or any solid tone on tone for sashing, setting triangles, etc, please bring it along. You will not finish a quilt in class but the basic fabric may help determine how your fabrics can effectively be used to their potential. If you are on the fence as to what to bring feel free to call Karen, 804-233-7750 for suggestions. You can also go to the website, www.kariepatch.com and check out the following patterns: Cruise Around the Block, Party on the Block, Blockbuster, Block Buddies and Around the Block to see how Karen has used these blocks. The class will be exploring other options as well. You are not expected to purchase any pattern.

Cutting mat, rotary cutter with sharp blade

Rectangle ruler of your choice, preferably 6" by 12"

Square ruler that measures a minimum of 10 1/2" (Optional)

Basic Sewing Supplies

Sewing Machine

Notebook and pencil

Fun and festive attitude!

About your teacher: Karen DuMont is a former dough artist and now a professional quilter. In her line of patterns, KariePatch Designs, quilters of all levels can pick from an array of simple pieced quilts to bright and whimsical applique designs. Her work has been featured in numerous quilt magazines over the years and she now has a line of fabric, Topsy Turvy along with Deborah Edwards for Northcott fabrics.

Today Karen will tell you that she is semi-retired from the quilting industry but she still loves “playing” with fabrics, teaching, and presenting trunk shows to quilt guilds.

Workshop B: Small Scrappy Purse with Karin McElvein

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Purse Workshop This is a small tote like purse. Lots of pockets, and room to hold phone and wallet and much more, plus it can be finished in a day as long as fabric cutting is done before class.

Materials/Supply List:

All Fabric used is 100% cotton

*(12) 5 inch squares (may be all different or just two colors, whatever you wish)

Two or more 5” squares for outside pocket or you may use some of the FQ or lining fabric. (I just used fabric from my stash and cut my own 5” squares.) Mix and match any fabrics-just make sure you have right sizes cut.

*Fabric A 1 Fat Quarter (FQ) for Bag lining

*Fabric B ½ yard contrasting or complimentary for handles, bag bottom, front pocket lining, inside pocket accent. Or several FQs, if you want to make it more scrappy. I just used left over fabric from my stash

*Fabric C FQ for inside pockets. This could be the same fabric used for the lining.

*Pellon 987F Fusible Fleece 1 yard

*Medium or light interfacing for inside pockets (DecorBond) ¼ yard

Sewing machine in working condition, needles, pins, scissors, 12” or 24” ruler, thread, button, marking tool, cutting mat, walking foot if you have one and/or free motion quilt foot. I used a twin needle for quilting with a walking foot on the outside and free motion for the lining.

Bring any leftover fabric and fleece after cutting.

BEFORE CLASS-Cutting Instructions (Please do all cutting if you wish to finish the bag in class)

Fabric A: **Lining**; cut 2-14” by 11 ½”

Fabric B: **Handles**; cut 1-5” by 42” OR cut 2 5” by 21” **Bag bottom**; cut 2-14” by 2 ½” **Front pocket lining**; cut 1-6” by 7” **Inside pocket accent**; cut 2-1 ½” by 12 ½” **Tab** cut 1-2 ½” by 12”

Fabric C: **Inside pockets**; cut 4-4 ¾” by 12 ½”

Fleece: Cut 4-14” by 11 ½”, cut 1-5” by 7”, cut 1-5” by 42” or cut 2 5” by 21”

Décor Bond or medium weight interfacing: Cut 2-5 ¼” by 12 ½”

Pattern will be available in class for \$5.00.



Workshop C: Quilt from a Photo with Cathy Tyler

Skill Level: All Levels

Technique Workshop: This class introduces techniques for converting a photograph to a quilt. We'll work with pattern design and fusible applique from a provided photograph to devise an approximately 8 ½" by 11" wall hanging. As time permits, we'll discuss photos brought by the students as possible candidates for future projects.



Materials/Supplies

Supply List:

Fabric and paper scissors
Small fine point applique scissors
Sewing machine in working order
- Optional: free motion capability
Threads – red, blue, yellow, dark brown, black

Fabric Requirements:

½ yard Wonder Under (Pellon 805 or 725)

10"x14" muslin

10"x14" backing/binding fabric

10"x14" batting

8 ½" x 11" pieces of fabric in the colors listed below. Solids, batiks, or small prints work well.

- Dark, medium, light red (for pear)
- Dark, medium, light blue (for background, shadows)
- Dark, medium yellow (for banana)
- Medium, light brown (for pecans)
- Black (for shadows)

White (for highlights on pear)

About your teacher: Cathy Tyler is an artist working in fabric, photography and water color. She made her first photo quilt in a class with Annette Kennedy at Celebration in 2008 and hasn't looked back! She's been published in Quilting Arts and sells her cloth dolls and fabric creatures thru her business, Dan Springs Collection, at her local market. She blogs at cathytyler.wordpress.com and danspringscollection.wordpress.com. She continues to build on her 20 years of quilting experience and enthusiastically shares that knowledge with other aspiring and dedicated quilters.

Workshop D: Confetti Landscape Impressionist Quilt with JoLee Tarbell



Skill Level: All Levels- need to be comfortable with rotary cutting

Technique Workshop: Yes, you are an artist cutting and layering colorful bits of fabric making a Masterpiece.

Materials/Supplies:

- Rotary cutter with new sharp blades, cutting mat, and pins or safety pins.
- Sewing machine for machine quilting is optional (getting to this step depends on how fast you work)

Fabric Requirements:

- Kit \$26.00, will include a palette of many shades of Cherrywood fabrics, batting, backing, and tulle. Other embellishments and fibers will be shared.
- Bring ½ yard of your favorite color which you will trade and share.

About your teacher: JoLee Tarbell is an award winning quilter, designer and has many, many teaching years from Houston Quilt Shows to the East Coast and now Charlottesville.

Workshop E: Come Quilt With Me. Bring your own project to work on, either machine or hand, while enjoying the company of and getting to know fellow VCQ members.



A Message to Members about Quarterly Meetings

Since its inception, VCQ has been using a model of “host” guilds sponsoring our meetings. As times have changed and quilting has grown, there are many more guilds and opportunities for quilters than there were in 1984. Consequently, the relationship between VCQ and local guilds has changed. Local guilds with few VCQ members receive little benefit from “hosting” a VCQ meeting and in the last few years, it has become more and more difficult to find “hosts” and locations for our meetings. For the most part, our board members have taken over being the “host” and providing the information needed to plan meetings. As we continue to schedule meetings around the state, we need our members to “step up” and volunteer to be the “host” (along with 1 or 2 others in your area). What this entails is working with the Facilities coordinator to locate a facility, hotel, and caterer recommendation for lunch. The Facilities coordinator will make the calls and contract arrangements, but we need a local person to provide the information to get us started. The board is asking our members to take a more active role in this process. If you or your guild would like to sponsor a meeting in your part of the state, contact the Facilities Coordinator or any of the Board members. We have locations for 2016 and part of 2017 but need locations for August and November of 2017, and beyond. Also, if you know of quilting teachers we would be interested in, please contact Elizabeth Gibson, Programs Chair/Teachers at kunamola@aol.com or 703-481-6879. Thanks for your help to keep VCQ thriving in the 21st century!

For Sale

2009 Gamill Hand-Guided Longarm Quilting Machine Premier Plus with 18” throat

Extra wide table
(136” wide by 41” deep)
can handle a King-Size quilt
Upgrades include:

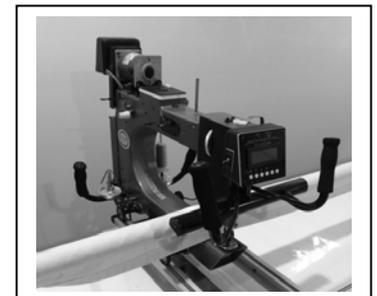
- Horizontal and vertical lock
- Stitch regulator
- Pantograph capability (includes shelf, laser pointer, handles on rear of machine)
- Removable/Zippered leaders
- Detachable ruler plate
- Adjustable table height

Family owned --- Personal use only ---
only 60 quilts were quilted on this machine; all queen-size or smaller
Also included are:

- Maintenance tools
- 3 sets of leaders
- Pantographs

Asking price \$9,500

Contact Susan, at 410-695-2062



Celebration 2016



It's Crystal Clear We Are Quilters!

Are you getting excited? It's just 3 months till Celebration 2016! In a few short months we'll be gathering at Smith Mountain Lake for our biannual retreat. We hope you are working on those block lotto blocks, a challenge entry, and gathering some items for the silent auction, not to mention your class supplies. Silent auction items should be brought to the retreat; we aren't able to accept them early and transport them to SML because of all the other things we will need to bring. Oh! And don't forget to plan your PJ outfit for the Anniversary Party Saturday night! There will be some prizes awarded so put your thinking caps on and get creative! We can't wait to see what you come up with! We also want to remind you that final payments are due by **March 1**. It's not too late to make a contribution to the Vi Graves Scholarship fund in order to help a fellow quilter who would not otherwise be able to attend this event. Donations can be made at the March meeting or mailed to treasurer Marty Green. Any checks should be made out to VCQ with a notation of Vi Graves in the memo line. Check the brochure for other things you need to bring, including show and tell of past Celebration projects. If you have a quilt related business or are involved in an event that will take place after May 1, consider providing a flyer, business card or discount coupon that can be put in the welcome bags. It would be best if these were brought to the March meeting or sent to a co-chair prior to Celebration.

While you have Celebration on your mind, consider volunteering to form a committee for 2018. We need to have a new chairperson and beginnings of a committee in place before leaving the 4-H center on May 1. The board members who took on the task for 2016 have greatly pared down the number of "give-aways" and thus lightened the work load, but we think you will still have a great time relaxing, sewing and learning from some wonderful teachers. We **must** have volunteers from the membership for 2018 because the board cannot carry the load for this event again. If we don't have volunteers, we won't have a retreat. Sad to say, but those are the facts. We are happy to answer any questions you may have; contact any member of the committee. See you at SML at the end of April!

Call for "It's Crystal Clear . . . We Are Quilters" Silent Auction Donations

It's crystal clear that we want to make the 2016 Celebration's silent auction the best ever but we can't do it without you. Do you have fabric, jelly rolls or layer cakes that need a new home? Do you have quilt kits or notions or patterns that you're willing to part with? Perhaps you have a spare sewing machine that is crying out "put me to use" or a finished wall hanging screaming "display me" or even some antique quilt blocks to pass along. If so please donate them (or any other items quilters would love to have) to our silent auction. We want to offer some the best handmade items, sewing machines, fabrics and any other quilting (or non-quilting) items available.

If you are coming to Celebration please bring your donations then. If you will not be attending Celebration but would still like to contribute you may either bring your donation to the March 12th meeting or send it with a fellow quilter to the March meeting or to Celebration on April 28th. Upon request a tax receipt form will be provided for your donation.

If you have any questions please contact Betty Blessin (bblessin@triad.rr.com or 336-520-2455). The Celebration committee reserves the right to put items received on the Peddler's Table.

Peddler's Table

In addition to the silent auction there will be a Peddler's Table for yard sale type items such as outdated magazines and books, fabrics, and any other items not suitable for the silent auction. For yard sale prices these items can go home with you! *Please bring donations for the Peddler's Table to Celebration on Thursday, April 28th.*

The National Quilt Museum 2016 Quilts for Quilting Campaign

It's time for the National Quilt Museum's 2016 Quilts for Quilting Campaign to begin. The Quilts for Quilting Campaign is one of The National Quilt Museum's largest and most important fundraisers. Last year over 500 quilt enthusiasts participated. We hope that you will participate this year and help the Museum achieve its fundraising goals.



How it works? The program is simple and everyone can participate. To get involved simply donate a full size quilt or miniature quilt to the Museum for fundraising purposes. The quilt can be a new creation or an antique and it can be any size. Most donated quilts will be a part of one of our three annual auctions. In a few cases they are held to be used in later events. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization so all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Over the last 6 years, the Quilts for Quilting Campaign has led to critical funding for the Museum. The dollars raised in this program have helped us expand several programs and expand our promotional efforts. These proceeds along with other donations have ultimately led to thousands more people experiencing the work of today's quilting community through educational programs, in-facility exhibits, travelling exhibits, and other programs.

In addition to helping the Museum, each campaign donator will receive a free gift.

How to donate your quilt to the "Quilts for Quilting" campaign:

1. Send quilts to: National Quilt Museum 215 Jefferson Street Paducah, KY 42001
2. Please write "Attn: Quilts for Quilting" on the box.
3. Please include your name, address, and contact information so that we may send you a receipt and a gift.

There is no limit to the number of quilts you may donate to the campaign. We welcome multiple donations. If possible, please donate by April 1, 2016. Thank you so much for your donation. The Museum relies heavily on the generosity of the quilting community for funding and we need everyone passionate about quilting involved. 2016 is the Museum's 25th Anniversary and we would love to ring in this wonderful milestone with the most successful auction ever!

If you have any questions about this program please contact Lori Robbins or Amanda Ball at 270-442-8856.

Sincerely,
Frank Bennet

Newsletter article from Membership

2016 Membership Renewal Time

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2016 please do so before March 1. That's the deadline for paying the rest of your Celebration 2016 registration. If you have not renewed by then, your cost increases to the non-member amount. Although Karin McElvein is the new membership coordinator, she will be out of town during this time. So until the March meeting date, continue to send your renewal to Dianne Reasons, 41 Ashleigh Drive, Waynesboro, VA 22980. The renewal form is in the newsletter and it is also on the website.

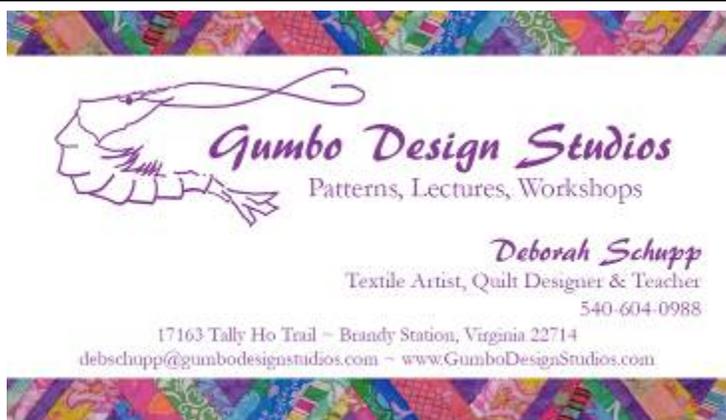
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Money Market: \$ 9,065.83
Checking Account: \$ 9,232.77

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VCQ WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Registration form deadline: **Friday, February 26, 2016. Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after February 26, 2016 will not be accepted and will be returned. Any workshop cancellations prior to the deadline are eligible for a refund.** Please fill out **completely** and please **PRINT**.

Name _____ Member _____ Non-Member _____

Address _____

City State Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Choice of Workshop (includes lunch). Circle letters and indicate choice on line below. In the event your workshop choice is full and you are placed in CQWM, do you want the \$5.00 refund or donate it to VCQ?

(please check your preference) _____ Refund _____ VCQ

Workshop A: One Easy Block, So Many Quilts with Karen DuMont

Workshop B: Small Scrappy Purse with Karin McElvein

Workshop C: Quilt from a Photo with Cathy Tyler

Workshop D: Confetti Quilting with JoLee Tarbel

Workshop E: Come Quilt with Me (CQWM)

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

***Note: The registration fees for this meeting are \$5 higher than usual due to the higher cost of lunch catered by the hotel. The board is absorbing a portion of the cost as well.**

Cost	
Member, Workshop	\$35
Member, Community Service/Come Quilt with Me	\$30
Non-member, Workshop	\$50
Non-member, Community Service/Come Quilt with Me	\$45
Host Guild Non VCQ committee member	\$15** lunch only

**A host guild non-VCQ committee member may register as a guest only for \$15 to include lunch and the business meeting. A non-VCQ visitor may attend any business meeting only and both must pre-register in order to have an accurate count for lunch.

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Pattern or supply fee, if any, is paid to teacher at time of class.

Are you willing to be a class helper? Yes No

Are you bringing a sewing machine to Come Quilt with Me or the Community Service? Yes No

Were you referred or invited by a VCQ member? Yes No

If so, please write in their name _____.

Special lunch requirements: A sit down boarding house style lunch will be provided.

Vegetarian___ Gluten-free___ Allergic to _____

Send workshop registration form and your check **payable to VCQ** to:

Sally Hurst, 4331 Rolling Hill Road, Red House, VA 23963

Questions about registration? Contact Sally Hurst @ 434-248-6212 VA or 6SallyHurst7@gmail.com

Questions about classes? Contact Elizabeth Gibson @ 703-481-6879 or kunamola@aol.com

**Please check your email blast or
your newsletter mailing label to
make sure this is not your last
newsletter.**

**Don't forget to check for announcements
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at www.vcq.org**

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