



## March 2013 Volume 31 Issue 2

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Susan Price

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, spring weather will be upon us. As I write this, there is a forecast for overnight rain and snow, and I am hoping for more rain than snow. I am ready for some warmer weather!

If you joined us for our March meeting in Culpeper, you'll know that we enjoyed a fun-filled workshop in spite of a snow storm a few days before. Enough snow was melted and cleared and power restored in town so that our meeting went on as planned. The Culpeper Quilt Guild was a gracious host, greeting us with tourist info and shopping discounts at the hotel, and a hot pad for each attendee at the meeting. We had 3 great classes, including a table runner/ placemat combo, wrapped fabric bowls, and a "fractured view" wall hanging. In addition, a group worked on pillowcases for our community service project. Between finished pillowcases brought to the meeting and those made that day, 175 finished cases were sent on to be distributed. Another group made progress on projects of their own choosing in Come Quilt with Me.

We had some new members with us and hope to see them again at our May meeting. Although our lunch was a bit late, we were able to get through the business meeting while we waited so that we were ready to go back to class right after lunch. More details of the business meeting can be found in the minutes in this newsletter.

Our May meeting will be held in Blackstone at the Methodist Retreat Center. We will be staying at the center on Friday night and hold our workshop there on Saturday. The room fee, breakfast and

lunch on Saturday will all be included in your registration fee. There is also the option to stay on your own at a local motel if you prefer and/or come join us for the Saturday workshop & lunch if you live close by. Keep reading for more information about the workshop and registration.

Our Celebration committee chaired by Heather Zavagnin is hard at work planning the 2014 retreat at Smith Mountain Lake. Their theme, "Quilting...It's Timeless", was illustrated at the March meeting with a parade of committee members wearing hats from various decades – past, present and future. Hmm...what could they have in store for us in April 2014? You'll have to sign up to see – registration opens at the August meeting this year.

We are still looking for 2 locations for meetings in 2014. If your local guild would like to host us, we would love to visit your corner of Virginia! Please contact any member of the board for more information.

Hope to see you in Blackstone on May 10-11; even though it's Mother's Day weekend, you can come enjoy some quilting fun and friends and still be home in time to celebrate with family on Sunday. See you soon!

Susan Price  
President

**Board Meeting: Friday, May 10th @ 6:00 pm in Blackstone Methodist Retreat Boardroom. Celebration Board meeting immediately following.**

**MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Classified Ad (50 word max – Newsletter only)		
	\$5.00 – available ONLY to VCQ Members	

**VCQ General Meeting  
March 9, 2013**

**Culpeper, VA**

The meeting was called to order at 12:27 p.m. by Susan Price, President. Susan welcomed members

and thanked the Culpeper Quilt Guild for hosting the meeting. Introductions were made for new board members. Susan announced the passing of Carol Miller, former VCQ member and original website curator as well as founder of Quilt University online quilt classes. Cards were available to sign and a leaf will be added to the Memorial Quilt. VCQ is working on streamlining the list of quilt shops on the website. Susan also shared information about the American Quilt Study Group's quarterly report which is available electronically. Members can provide Susan with their name/e-mail address if they want one sent to them. The Roanoke Area Representative position is vacant.

A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes of the November 2012 meeting which were posted in the January 2013 newsletter. Karan Fisher made the motion, Karin McElvein seconded. Faye Hannah presented the 2012 year-end treasurer's report as well as the proposed 2013 budget. The checking account balance as of January 18, 2013 was \$19,743.07. Faye noted that the 2012 bank fees were higher than the budgeted amount due to ordering checks, which is not needed annually. Dianne Reasons made the motion to approve, Charlotte Veregge seconded. Both the 2012 year-end report and 2013 proposed budget were approved.

Betty Blessin, Membership, reported members as of March 8, 2013 is 298 which includes 26 new, 190 renewing, and 82 expired members which will be purged after March 9, Betty also provided a detailed membership report broken down by members by year and members by area. All deposits are up-to-date through March 2. Renewal e-mails/letters were sent in January to 2012 expired members. Proposed by-law changes were mailed February 14 to those who wanted paper copies of newsletters. The complete membership list and directory will be provided by the May meeting with the updated by-laws.

The next newsletter deadline is March 25. Heather Zavagnin and Mary Grogan are working on the quilt shops on the website, adding the shop's web site for members to gain specific information. Website suggestions/corrections should be sent to [webmistress@vcq.org](mailto:webmistress@vcq.org).

Debi Harding, Facilities, informed the membership that rooms in Blackstone will be used for workshops only and due to contract issues, a hotel close by will

be used for lodging. The Blackstone meeting in August will include a lecture in the afternoon. She needs suggestions for locations for March and August 2014 meetings.

Karan Fisher, Programs, reported 77 registered (5 no-shows) for Culpeper's meeting. Karan gave a preview of teachers for May workshops in Blackstone, Va.

Heather Zavagnin and the Celebration committee gave a dramatic preview complete with costumes to reveal the theme for Celebration 2014. Quilting... It's Timeless.

Lois Bates and her comrades brought 70+ completed pillowcases to the meeting. During the meeting, 154 were finished. An appeal was made for ideas for the next 2-year project.

New business was presented and discussed. The revised by-laws previously submitted to members for review, travel reimbursements, and donations to Virginia Quilt Museum were voted on and approved by the members attending the meeting.

#### Motions:

Rosemary Skinner moved to Increase the mileage travel reimbursement for board members and teachers from 35 cents/mile to 45 cents/mile, and to increase the maximum travel reimbursement for area representatives from \$40 to \$75 per meeting. Kathy McCrea seconded.

Karin McElvein moved to accept the changes to the by-laws as presented by the board of directors. Dianne Reasons seconded.

Dianne Reasons made a motion to donate \$200 to the Virginia Quilt Museum on behalf of Elsie Harriman and Carol Miller for \$100 each. Faye Hannah seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM. Class and regular show & tell was held at 3:30 prior to the close of the day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grey Castro, Secretary

The current newsletter and past newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from the VCQ website at [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org)

Please contact Heather Zavagnin, [queenefri@AOL.com](mailto:queenefri@AOL.com) or (770)845-5190, or Mary Grogan at [webmistress@vcq.org](mailto: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.

If your current physical and/or email address needs to be updated, please fill out the application for membership form at the back of the newsletter or download from the website and send to Betty Blessin, the Membership Coordinator.

### **July 10-28<sup>th</sup> Sacred Threads Exhibition 2013**

Floriss United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Park Road, Herndon, VA 20171

[www.sacredthreadsquilts.com](http://www.sacredthreadsquilts.com)

### **November 8-9<sup>th</sup> Randolph Quilters Guild Quilt Show XIV 2013**

Asheboro, N.C.

Randolph Quilters Guild presents our 19th quilt show featuring over 200 quilts, many vendors, daily demos, bed turning, and raffle quilt.

### **November 8 – November 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 Quilters' Quest!**

[www.quiltersquest.org/](http://www.quiltersquest.org/)

### **VCQ Events:**

**August 10, 2013 Blackstone**

**November 9, 2013 Virginia Beach**

**March 8, 2014 TBD**

**April 24-27, 2014 Celebration Smith Mountain Lake**

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

**June 24<sup>th</sup>** for the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Blackstone

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** for November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in VA Beach

**January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014** for March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting

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

We send all VCQ emails from [info@vcq.org](mailto:info@vcq.org).

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## **Calendar of Events**

**Now thru October 2013 The Morattico Waterfront Museum is proud to announce a MUSEUM QUILT RAFFLE.** We are pleased to receive an exclusively designed Quilt by one of our Museum Members, Gary Wayne Bradley, who is one of our long-time quilt crafters and a resident in our community.

**TICKETS \$5 each / 5 for \$20** Contact Chuck Sawicki 804.353.2972 -or- 804.382.4604 cell

[mwm.cjrs@verizon.net](mailto:mwm.cjrs@verizon.net)

**April 19th- 11:00am Volunteer Training for Virginia Quilt Documentation—at Ferrum College's Blue Ridge Institute & Museum, Ferrum VA**

**June 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Volunteer Training at RR Smith Center, Staunton VA.** For details contact Neva Hart 540-427-0184 or [nevhart@verizon.net](mailto:nevhart@verizon.net).

**May 31- June 2, 2013 Quilters Unlimited 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show "Fabulous at Forty"**  
Dulles Expo and Conference Center, Chantilly, VA  
<http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/show.htm>

**June 1st- Documentation & Discovery at Blue Ridge Institute & Museum (9am-5pm) – Ferrum, VA**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Documentation & Discovery at Smith Center, Staunton, VA**

Please bring your quilts to be documented. Emphasizing Virginia-made before 2000, but all quilts welcome. Limit 3 per person.

## **Calendar of Events Cont'd**



301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801  
(540) 433-3818 [www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org)

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

The Virginia Quilt Museum announces "DESIGNS + DIMENSIONS" as its exhibit theme for 2013. Three major exhibits of quilted textile art will be displayed throughout the year. Geometric shapes such as diamonds, hexagons and stars will be featured:

Feb 1 – May 11, 2013

*Doodles, Diamonds & Other Dramatic Designs*  
*Material Witnesses: New Work from the Manhattan Quilter*  
*Guild Quilting through the Eye of Needlepoint*

May 21 – August 24

*Hexed*  
*Vintage Revisited*

Sept 3 – December 14

*American Quilt Study Group Star Quilts*  
*Star Quilts from the VQM Collection*



**Opportunity Quilt (aka The Raffle Quilt)**

**Tickets Now Available [Drawing: December 14, 2013](#)**

**Thank you for supporting the preservation and encouragement of quilting.**

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# Virginia Consortium of Quilters 2013 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:**                      **Betty Blessin, Membership Coordinator**  
**105 E. Church Street**  
**Martinsville, VA 24112**

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

# Virginia Consortium of Quilters Meeting in Blackstone VA May 2013

## Accommodations, Meals, and Meeting Location:

**The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center** (434)292-5308 (Fax) (434)292-1212  
**707 Fourth St, Blackstone, VA 23824** [www.vumac.org](http://www.vumac.org)

**On May 11** we will be meeting and staying in Blackstone at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center. There will be different rate packages for registration, depending on whether you take a class with a teacher or work on pillowcases or Come Quilt with Me, plus member or non-member rates. You may also choose to come for the day on Saturday if you live nearby, or stay at a hotel in the area if you prefer.

1) arrive Friday between 2-6pm with overnight accommodations at the facility - includes breakfast Saturday morning, served at 8am, and lunch

2) arrive Saturday by 8:30am and stay for the day; includes lunch only

Rooms have 2, 3 and 4 single beds; specify roommate preferences on the registration form.

Towels and sheets are provided but you might want to include an extra hand towel and bar of soap when packing. They have a lap pool, so bring a pool towel if you want to swim. The meals Saturday will be prepared by the facility and are included in the pricing. VCQ will pay a portion of the facility costs.

Bring the supplies specified for your class and maybe a hand project to work on Friday evening as there are areas where we can gather as a group to sew if desired.

### Directions:

**From 360 in Richmond:** Take 360 West (Hull Street) to Amelia and look for Exxon Station (on left), Take left on to Route 153 toward Blackstone. Stay on Route 153 until you come to stop sign at Route 460, Make a right turn on to Route 460 West. Stay on 460 West until you see the first Blackstone exit billboard. Take the next left on to Business 460. When you enter the town limits you will be on Main Street. Go through 5 stop lights, Take the second right on to 4th Street, there will be a sign for VUMAC. We are located on Fourth and College Street, proceed around building and enter main parking lot.

**From the West (Roanoke, Lynchburg and areas west):** Take 460 East to the Nottoway Exit (Business RT. 460), 460 (Business) into Blackstone on Church Street, then a right at College Ave. (right past the laundry on the right). Right on Fourth Street to VUMAC, take College Street around building and enter main parking lot on side of building

**From Northern Virginia:** Travel Interstate 95 South reaching Petersburg; follow signs for Interstate 85 South (right exit) From Interstate 85 South-Take the Route 460 west exit- toward Blackstone. The first Blackstone exit (left exit) Business 460. When you get to town this is Main Street. Go through 5 lights; take a right onto Fourth St. We are on the corner of Fourth and College Street, take College Street around building and enter main parking lot on side of building.

**From Tidewater (Chesapeake, VA Beach, Portsmouth):** Take Route 460 west until first stop light in Waverly. Take left and get on 40 West. Travel 40 West straight to Blackstone; when you get to the stop light "T" in Blackstone take a left onto Main Street. 460 and 40 West. Go through 5 stop lights and stay on 40 west, then take the 2nd right onto Fourth St. Sign says VA United Methodist Assembly Center- Stay on Fourth St. and you will see the Main Building (4 way stop sign). Follow street around building and enter main parking lot on side of building.

## Notes from Karan:

Your registration form and check to VCQ must be **postmarked by Friday, April 19, 2013** to receive the \$10 early registration discount. Please fill out your registration form completely.

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

Any cancellations must be made by Friday, April 19, 2013 to obtain a refund.

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

### Friday, May 10th, Schedule: Dinner on your own

- 2:00 -6:00 pm Check-In at Blackstone Retreat Center
- **Come Quilt with us for the evening, work on your own projects**
- 6:00-7:00 pm VCQ Board Meeting; Celebration Committee @ 7:00

### Saturday, May 11, 2013 Meeting Schedule:

- 8:00 AM Breakfast for those staying overnight (Friday)
- 8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration for those arriving Saturday only
- 9:00 – Noon Morning workshop period
- Noon-12:40 PM Lunch
- 12:40 - 1:15 PM Business meeting
- 1:30 - 3:30 PM Afternoon workshop period
- 3:45 - 4:00 PM Show and Tell

## *Shops on the way to Blackstone, VA*

Rose Patch Creations  
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Crewe, VA 23930 PH: 434-645-7780  
[rosepatchcreations@earthlink.net](mailto:rosepatchcreations@earthlink.net)  
[www.rosepatchcreations.com](http://www.rosepatchcreations.com)  
**Owner, Kimberly Rose Pannell,  
is one of our teachers & will  
open the shop Saturday if there  
is membership interest to visit  
her shop.**

Keeping You In Stitches, LLC  
118S Broad Street  
Kenbridge, VA 23944  
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[PenniesQuiltRoom@aol.com](mailto:PenniesQuiltRoom@aol.com)

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Website: [www.jojosquiltshop.com](http://www.jojosquiltshop.com).  
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Midlothian, VA 23113. Phone: 804-794-1990.  
Hours: Mon - Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-5pm.  
Email: [quilters.corner.va@gmail.com](mailto:quilters.corner.va@gmail.com);  
Website: [www.quilterscornerva.com](http://www.quilterscornerva.com).

**Sew Refreshing**, 7225 Bell Creek Rd Ste 264  
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Website: <http://www.sewrefreshing.com>.

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Website: [www.millstonequilts.com](http://www.millstonequilts.com).  
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Website: [quiltingadventures.com](http://quiltingadventures.com).  
Hours: Mon. & Sat. 10-6, Tues. – Fri. 10-9, Sunday 10-5

**Threads Run Through It**, 965 Aspen Rd.,  
Phoenix, VA 23959. Phone: 434-376-7755  
Email: [trtquilts@gmail.com](mailto:trtquilts@gmail.com) or  
Website: [www.trtiwequilt.com/](http://www.trtiwequilt.com/).  
Hours: Mon – Sat 10am - 5pm

**Workshop A: Seasonal Wreath with Karen Sievert**

**Skill level:** Intermediate



**Machine class:** You'd be surprised, pleasantly so! at how quickly this little quilt goes together! I love the fact that I can hang it at Christmas time, but also, that I can make other versions to reflect all the seasons of the year! Can't you see it as a fall wreath, with all those beautiful reds, oranges, golds and greens? How about the soft pastels of spring, or the warm and vibrant colors of summer? So many options, so little time!  
Finished Quilt: 38" x 38"

**Materials & Supply List:**

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Scissors, pins, thread, etc.
- Iron and portable press board
- Marker which will show on wreath fabric
- Rotary cutter, mat and ruler for cutting bias strips in class
- 1/4" Steam-A-Seam 2 (*provided in kit*)
- **\*\*Clover Bias Tape Maker, 1/2"**

**\*\*I will have this item with me and available for sale**

**Fabric**

- 2/3 yard of floral fabric for wreath and bias tape
- 1 yard of background fabric
- 2/3 yard of print fabric for border and binding
- 1/4 yard of 6-8 different prints for prairie points (should contrast with background fabric)

**Pre-Workshop Instructions:** **Cutting:** I *always* have everyone pre-cut their fabric; that way we can make the best possible use of class time!

**From the background fabric, cut:** 1 square of fabric, 32" x 32"

**From the floral fabric for wreath, cut:** 1 square 24" x 24"

**From the print fabric for border and binding, cut:** □ 4 strip, 3" x 42"  
□ 4 strips, 2" x 42"

**From each of the print fabrics for prairie points, cut:**

- 1 strip 4" x 42"; crosscut into 5 squares, 4" x 4" (30-40 squares total)
- 1 strip 3" x 42"; crosscut into 5 squares 3" x 3" (30-40 squares total)

**About Your Teacher – Karen Sievert:** Karen began her quilt making journey in 1997 when her sister dragged her into a quilt shop, firmly stating that she needed a hobby! Immediately hooked, Karen has been quilting, designing and teaching ever since. Her passion has led her to 2 quilt shops, several national awards, and finally 2 books. What Karen loves most...well, the many friendships she's made through quilting! Whether a shop owner, teacher, customer, or quilting friend, Karen has learned from them all and feels blessed to be among such an elite group. "Quilters are the Best!" she says! Karen's book, "Better Together" is about one and two block patterns, that when combined create gorgeous and unexpected designs. Her second book "Prairie Point Pizzazz" features how to use prairie points in the body of the quilt adding a new and unexpected dimension. As well as revealing some beautiful quilts, Karen is known for sharing her heart, her sense of humor, and most importantly to us quilters, some really great ideas and techniques.

### **Workshop B: "Welcome" Birdhouse Wall Quilt with Grey Castro**

**Skill Level: All levels**

**Machine Class** - This 12 x 28 wall hanging is a great way to welcome your guests, including your fine-feathered friends. The project is perfect for using a pre-cut 5" charm pack or favorites from your stash. Simple piecing and fusible applique make this a quick favorite!

#### **Material & Supply List:**

- Sewing Machine in good working order
- Basic sewing supplies to include pins, scissors, seam-ripper, etc.
- Matching tread for appliques
- Rotary cutter Ruler (3" x 18" is sufficient)
- Cutting Mat (12" x 18")
- Fusible Web – 12" x 14" inches.
- Heat-n-Bond Lite works great!
- Marking pen/pencil
- Paper scissors

#### **Fabric requirements:**

- One 5" pre-cut charm pack or:
- 20 assorted medium to dark print 5" squares for letters, patchwork sashing, birdhouses and roofs.
- 7 assorted light 5" print squares for letter backgrounds.
- 1 fat quarter of light print for Birdhouse backgrounds
- ¼ yard of fabric for binding
- ½ yard of fabric for backing
- 16" x 32" of batting
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**About Your Teacher – Grey Castro:** Grey is a member and board member of VCQ and Tidewater Quilters' Guild (TQG) of Virginia Beach, VA. She started sewing as a young girl, making Barbie outfits and clothes for herself and then her daughters. Her love of sewing evolved into quilting and making charming little things for the home and to give as gifts, especially since the grandsons came along. Grey is the owner of a long-arm and quilting business specializing in t-shirt quilts (Charmed Spool) in her home in Virginia Beach, Virginia. You can contact Grey at [quilt@charmedspool.com](mailto:quilt@charmedspool.com)

## **Workshop C: Stash Buster with MAGIC with Kimberly Rose Pannell**

**Skill Level:** All levels. **Machine Class** - Come join the fun! Take all your stash strips at least 14.5 inches long- Strip piece them together- cut 2 square blocks-DO THE MAGIC and transform them into 4 blocks containing vertical and horizontal strips in the same block!!

### **Materials & Supplies:**

- sewing machine in good working order
- cutting mat & rotary cutter
- rulers - 6" x 24" and a 14" square ruler or larger (if you have one)
- basic sewing needs & thread
- marking pencil(s)
- scissors

### **Fabric Requirements to finish top:**

- 2 yds = Sashing between blocks
- 2 3/8 yds = Outer Border
- 7 1/8 yds = Backing ( for later)



**Prior to class** gather 1", 2", and 3" by (wof) strips of fabric in colors that are pleasing to you or gather strips and place them in a paperbag for a scrappy quilt.

You will need 4 3/4 yds to 5 yds of fabric total- or enough to make 4-5 strip sets measuring 14 1/2 " by 42" long (**we will do that in class**). You will also need 1 3/8 yds of small sashing fabric (picture frame blocks). Batting - Queen Size.

You will have 20 Window Finished Blocks that measure 10" x 10". Finished quilt size: 75 1/2" by 87 1/2".

**About Your Teacher: Kimberly Rose Pannell:** - I have been quilting for about 18 yrs. My first quilt was the Rail Fence for my mom. Many quilts since then. I have a Quilt Shop in Crewe, Va – Rose Patch Creations, which has been open for over 5 yrs. We have over 3000 bolts of fabric to include a Sale Rack boasting yardage priced at \$3.99-\$5.99. We'll be wait'n

for ya! I have taught many the art of quilting- most have fallen in love immediately. Not surprising!! This workshop is one of my favorites- I love blocks that have magic!! Suggest you try "X" Block next.... Awesome!

### **Workshop D: Foster Children Pillowcases, facilitated by Susan Price:**

Come sew and relax while contributing to VCQ's community service project. We will be sewing pre-cut kits as well as using fabric that has been donated. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and Susan will help you cut and assemble. Or if you prefer not to bring a sewing machine, there will be plenty for you to do. Please make sure you indicate on your registration if you will be bringing your machine. Each pillowcase requires 3/4 yard (wof) fabric for body, 2 inch (wof) fabric for strip, and 1/4 yard (wof) fabric for cuff. Fat quarters cannot be used for this project. See the September 2011 newsletter at [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org) for more information about this project, including the project instructions.

**Workshop E: Come Quilt with Me:** Bring your own project, hand or machine, sit and quilt with other members and experience some good fellowship while you're at it.

**We will be scheduling meetings all over the state - if you know of any good teachers or vendors, please contact Karan Fisher by Email [karanfisher@cox.net](mailto:karanfisher@cox.net) or Phone: (757) 761-1173.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

Checking Account Balance: \$21,556.43  
Money Market Account Balance: \$10,368.65

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**VCQ MEMBERS**

Through March 25 VCQ is 227 members strong. Welcome to our 33 new members and thanks to the 194 members that have renewed. There are still 78 2012 members who have not renewed their memberships. If you know someone who has not renewed yet please encourage them to do so.

The 2013 VCQ Membership Rosters will be ready for distribution at the May 11 meeting in Blackstone. New and renewal memberships received by April 20<sup>th</sup> will be included in the roster. Rosters not distributed at this meeting (either picked up by you, a friend or your area representative) will be mailed out.

**NEW FOR 2013 - RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE**

Between April 1 and June 30 recruit a new member and receive a chance to win a Quilter's Basket full of quilting goodies ranging from fabric to quilting notions to patterns and anything else that may appeal to quilters. Just make sure that the new member you recruit puts on their membership form your name in the recruited by space. The numbers of chances you may receive is only limited by the number of new members your recruit. The drawing of the basket winner will be held at our August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Blackstone.

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**Smith Mountain Lake, VA**



***CELEBRATION 2014 NEWS***

The Celebration 2014 Committee Members would like to challenge you, tease you, inspire you, and most importantly, educate you. So, from now until April 2014, we will pose questions regarding different aspects of quilting and sewing for you to answer. We are calling them our Celebrations Challenge Questions or CCQ.

Please write your name and answer on a 3x 5 index card and bring it to the upcoming VCQ meeting. At each meeting we will collect the cards and draw ONE winner. Your answer must be correct and you need to be present to win.

Celebrations Challenge Question (CCQ) One:

***Who was the Russian businessman who started out dressing people? But for the last thirty years his family business has aided quilters in their quilt designs?***

Don't forget to bring your correct CCQ answer to the next VCQ meeting in May.



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