



VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – 03/01/2021

Hello Quilters! Hope everyone is safe and well.

Your VCQ board met on Jan 23 for the annual retreat, via Zoom, to map out the year. Unless something changes dramatically, VCQ will continue to operate virtually for 2021. Workshops, CQWM (Come Quilt with Me), and meetings will all be offered via Zoom to support everyone's health and safety. So join in and get to be with your quilting friends. Check www.vcq.org for the calendar and online registration information for the exciting classes through May 2021, with more to come.

The program schedule will be a bit different than in past years. In Nov 2019, the membership voted to host three in-person workshops per year on the second Saturday of March, June and October beginning in 2021. In a virtual world we are adapting to that by hosting a speaker/presenter those months at no additional cost to members, paired with a fee-paid workshop. This is our attempt to single out those Saturdays and make them different from other virtual workshop days.

Workshops will continue to be offered all other months through November. Check www.vcq.org for the schedule. Elizabeth Gibson, programs@vcq.org, has done an outstanding job researching and contracting exceptional instructors. Because the student fees go to pay the teachers and not to cover the food and facility, VCQ is now able to offer higher caliber workshops and lectures from Virginia-based teachers who teach nation-wide.

VCQ needs YOU to be an active member, volunteer in some way to support your quilt organization. In particular, we need someone to manage our Instagram account. In this virtual world, it is paramount that we promote our workshops

and all activities via social media. I bet someone can handle that with ease. Board positions are open for Publicity, Facilities, Area Reps for Fredericksburg & Richmond. All positions have support from other board members. At the end of 2021, several officer positions will rotate off: Treasurer & Membership (two positions an organization cannot be without). If you have accounting experience (not a CPA) or you can add data to an Excel spreadsheet, please consider volunteering for a two-year term. Have a quilting friend join VCQ. I have met so many members online through classes and CQWM. Memberships are what sustain the organization. I would like to thank VCQ's webmistress, Mary Grogan, who has gone above and beyond to move VCQ into the digital age with online workshop registrations, membership payments and much behind the scenes programming. Hooray for Mary!

VCQ has a very busy year planned for its members. Participate and enjoy all that VCQ has to offer.

All the best to each of you! Stay safe, stay healthy and get busy quilting,
Deborah

Donations & Estate Planning

As you assess your estate planning and annual giving, please keep VCQ in mind and on your list of philanthropy. Cash donations support the operational expenses of the organization for workshops and lectures. Know that your love of the art of quilting will continue in Virginia after you are gone because of your gift. Use the link on the homepage to make a donation. Contact Deborah Schupp, President of VCQ, to discuss a bequest.

VCQ Workshops across the World

With our March workshop, VCQ has become an international organization!! We now have students from other states and other countries. Yipee! So bring in your out of state and out of country quilting friends to the VCQ classes, which are some of the best teachers at the best prices.



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TREASURE'S REPORT

as of February 1. 2021

Checking \$5,443

Money Market \$20,650

Karen Brewster

VCQ hopes to again soon schedule meetings all over the state. If your guild would like to sponsor a meeting contact one of the Board members. If you know of a quilting teacher we would be interested in, please contact Elizabeth Gibson, Programs Chair/Teachers at programs@vcq.org or 703-481-6879

First VCQ Zoom Meeting of 2021.

On March 13, 2021 at 10:00am, Cindy Grisdela, Fiber Artist, Teacher, and Author of Artful Improv from Reston, VA will be providing us a lecture titled “Journey of an Art Quilter”. Have you ever wondered about how to make the transition from traditional quilter to artist? Cindy started out over 30 years ago making quilts using traditional patterns and techniques. With examples from her own quilts, she will describe how her work evolved into a unique contemporary style that has won awards and is juried into at fine art and craft shows all over the country. This lecture should appeal to both traditional and modern quilters. Visit her website www.cindygrisdela.com



*Cindy's presentation will be followed by a **short business meeting** and then the **Hand Stitched Mandalas pre-registered workshop by Julie Booth** will be that afternoon from 1-4p.m.*

Members use the Zoom link on the members page of VCQ website, providing the password from the back of their membership card. In May, Cindy will be teaching “Improv Play with Lines and Shapes”. She will share the class picture at the end of her lecture. Watch the website and Facebook page for updates and to find out when the VCQ class registration opens.



A MESSAGE regarding MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 224 members, however, 75 of those members need to renew. You won't want to miss out on Celebration in 2022. Remember you must be a member in 2021 in order **to be first in line for your class registration choices**. Always check the bottom of your email for the date when your membership expires.

You must be a member in order to take advantage of the reduced price of classes and of Celebration22. I will be deleting those members who have not renewed after the March Meeting.

I really appreciate those of you who remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope when you send in your membership. It saves me time and the guild a stamp.

Karin McElvein, **Membership**

Here is a link to our Membership form:

<http://www.vcq.org/documents/Membership.docx>

<http://www.vcq.org/documents/Membership.pdf>

A MESSAGE from PROGRAMS

Even when we can't be close ...



**We can still be close
on Zoom!**



Come Quilt With Me!

The 3rd Saturday of Each Month 9am-Noon

VCQ is sponsoring *Come Quilt with Me* monthly, every third Saturday from 9-12 as well as other times during the month. Check the calendar on the VCQ web site. Log in information for CQWM is in the "members only" section of the website. Log in information for the members only section is on the back of your membership cards. ***Please do not share the password or log in information on social media or by email as they are not secure .***

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A MESSAGE regarding CELEBRATION 2022

Eight teachers for Celebration 2022 are now under contract for a fun-filled weekend at Smith Mountain Lake on April 28 – May 1, 2022. Only one is a change from 2020. Geraldine Wilkins will teach ruler quilting with a domestic machine, so if that is something you have wanted to learn, this will be a great opportunity! A few other class offerings have changed as well. The Celebration brochure with all the details will be published in August of 2021 and registration will begin at that time. However, we will do a preview of all things Celebration at our June meeting, so please plan to attend (virtually)! If you have not attended Celebration before, this would be a good opportunity to find out all about it. So, mark the dates on your calendar and join us at our 2022 retreat!

Susan Price celebration@vcq.org

Look for the VCQ ad in the January 2021 issue of the Virginia Register – the quilting/sewing issue.

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This year VCQ is running ads in the Virginia Register newspaper. This publication is available free at quilt shops, antique shops, and gift shops across the state. Its main readership is quilters and the main advertisers are quilt shops. We ran a 3”x 5” display ad in the January/February Quilt/Sewing themed issue which is on page three, right hand side. To continue the year, we will have a 2”x2” classified ad which will help keep the VCQ name in front of quilters.

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Charity

I want to thank the members who have sent me bassinet covers. I have quite a few to take over to the hospital. I can always use more.

I also want to thank those of you who have given me 5 or 6 quilts. I recently sent three

quilt tops to Kathy Gray who kindly volunteered to quilt them. Since we donated the most quilts to ALS last year, I was able to include 2 queen size battings that we had been given by Quilter's Dream batting. I have several more tops if any of you would like to volunteer your quilting services. I would be happy to send them to you. I know Susan has been given a lot of fabric and has been making up quilt kits to send out. I have already completed the one she sent me. Just because we can't meet, I hope we can keep up with our charities. I know they are appreciated.

Please don't forget to label your quilts with your name and date and include the Hopes and Dreams form. You can find one in the files section of the VCQ Facebook page. I will put on the VCQ label here.

Karin McElvein

Have you been sorting your fabric and organizing your stash during the lock down? Did you find some novelties? Here a quick, easy and useful project that will use some of that stash up while contributing to our community. No need to prewash the fabrics – the hospital will do that after receiving our donation!

Bassinet/Mattress Cover for Children's Hospitals

Finished dimensions: 20" x 28"

Cut 1 piece, 42" wide or WOF (width of fabric) by 29" long.

1. Fold fabric in half right sides together so 29" edges match.
2. Sew ¼" seam across one short end (21") to within ¼" of end, turn and continue on long edge, backstitching at beginning and end.
3. Finish raw edges of seam allowances with zigzag or other over-edge stitch.
4. Turn raw edge of opening ½" to the wrong side and press. Turn over one more time and stitch along the edge to hold in place.
5. Turn right side out and press.

French seams

1. Fold fabric in half wrong sides together so 29" edges match.
2. Sew ¼" seam across short end (21") to within ¼" of end, turn and continue along long side, backstitching at beginning and end.
3. Turn so wrong sides are together, carefully pressing it flat.

4. Sew (encasing previous seam) using a 3/8" seam allowance.
5. Turn raw edge of opening 1/2" to the wrong side and press.
Turn over one more time and stitch along the edge to hold in place.
6. Turn right side out and press.

Karin McElvein is collecting both the quilts and bassinet covers.
Contact her at membership@vcq.org

Charity quilts are being donated to the ALS Hopes and Dreams quilt challenge.



ALS Charity Block – Sawtooth Star Blocks



The Hopes & Dreams for ALS research sponsored by Quilters Dream Batting continues. VCQ members turn in blocks to be made into a colorful top. This top is donated and money raised goes to ALS research.

Please make 8" finished Sawtooth Star blocks in white and a tone-on-tone color or solid color to be made into a donation quilt for ALS.

Keep the colors bright so this will be a happy quilt to help the recipient smile.

When you have made a couple, please send to:

Deborah Schupp, 17163 Tally Ho Trail, Brandy Station, VA 22714

Make the center and the star points in one color. Make the background in white.

OR

Make the center and the star points in white and the background in the one color.

Cut 1 - 4 ½" square for center of the star

8 - 2 ½" squares for star points

4 - 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles for background

4 - 2 ½" squares for background

To make the block, use the stitch and flip method to create four flying geese units. You can find instructions for this method on the internet and in numerous quilt books.

Arrange the 2 ½" background blocks in the corners and the 4 ½" center block in the star fabric. Sew the units into rows and the rows into the star block.



HERStory

February 16 - April 17

Curated by Susanne Jones

You studied history. Celebrate HERstory. Throughout history women struggled to have a voice and we got it in the USA in 1920, the right to vote. Let's celebrate the amazing things that women everywhere have accomplished since then. We all have women that we admire who are courageous, intelligent and ground-breakers. This exhibit, by 81 artists from seven countries, includes tributes to women well known to us, as well as those who worked behind the scenes.

These quilts celebrate strong women who cracked glass ceilings and those who made discoveries. Women who shook the world by breaking into fields previously reserved for men are commemorated, as are those who were the first to do something before any man. Art quilts honor athletes, authors, artists, aviators and astronauts, business leaders, educators, entertainers, mathematicians, scientists, writers, and world leaders.

What's in a Word

February 16 - July 10

Curated by Paula Golden and Karin Tauber

Words are powerful! Words can inspire! Words are windows into the world.

In recent years, Textile Artists of Virginia (TAVA) enthusiastically delved into the semantics of words, that is: their meanings, usage, clichés, and contexts. The exhibit presents each artist's conceptions of words and phrases as they explore the themes "Over the Top," "Neologism," as well as "Wordplay and Puns."

Treasures from the Vault

February 16 - July 10
Curated by Susan Farmer

This season, Treasures from Vault host quilts from the 1960s. It explores the different themes and materials used during this time. Curated by the Executive Director Susan Farmer, this exhibit features fun-filled patterns such as Sunbonnet Sue.

American Quilt Study Group

The 2021 AQSG Seminar hosted by the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, VA takes place August 18-22. The museum will again be looking for helpers and sponsors. Interesting tidbit from the AQGS newsletter: “One of the TOURS you won’t want to miss during the August AQSG Seminar is *Fort Harrison*, near Dayton, Virginia. The original limestone house built in 1748 was designated a "fort" during the French & Indian War. Built by Valley settler Daniel Harrison, the house is one of the oldest existing houses in the Shenandoah Valley.”

AQSG also produces an online quarterly publication for members called BlanketStatements. You can access the winter issue at BStatements147.pdf (americanquiltstudygroup.org)

SWVA Quilt News

Receive once-a-month E-news and updates on quilt related events and activities in Southwest Virginia and surrounding areas. This newsletter is free and also offers free listing for any events you may have.

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