



## Virginia Consortium of Quilters

**Join us for a fun-filled weekend retreat!**

**April 28 – May 1, 2022**

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

COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: VCQ will follow the guidelines of the CDC, mandates of the Governor of Virginia, and 4-H Center policies in place in April 2022 regarding coronavirus to provide the safest environment possible. The risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place. By registering and attending, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to coronavirus and its variants. To minimize virus transmission, COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots are strongly recommended. Alternatively, a negative COVID-19 test before attending could help minimize risk. We will have face masks and hand sanitizer available and encourage social distancing wherever possible. Please be in touch with your requested roommates prior to attending to know the status of their vaccinations and assure that you are comfortable with each other's precautions.

**Your 2022 Celebration Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Lake.  
Please contact committee members with any questions at [celebration@vcq.org](mailto:celebration@vcq.org).**

**Chairpersons**

Deb Schupp and Susan Price, [celebration@vcq.org](mailto:celebration@vcq.org)

**Committee Members**

Mary Grogan, Vendors & Technology

Susan Price, Brochure

Karin McElvein, Quilt Challenge

Susan Price, Teachers

Phyllis Keesee & Gloria Brewster, Block Lotto

Kathy McCrea, Registration, [kathy.mccrea@cox.net](mailto:kathy.mccrea@cox.net)

Mary Grogan, Wendy Collyer, Karin McElvein, Lynn Garver, Bonnie Timm - Tag Team

Betty Blessin, Silent Auction

Elaine Breiner, Centerpieces

Elizabeth Gibson, Tote Bag Challenge

Susan Brooks, Raffle Items/Welcome Bags/Door Prizes

Elizabeth Gibson, Karen Brewster - Girls Friday

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- *Celebration Dates: April 28 – May 1, 2022. Check in: 1:00PM April 28. Depart: 11:00AM May 1.*
- *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 when you attend to get the member price.*
- *Registration opens August 1, 2021 online or by mail, and a \$100 non-refundable PayPal deposit will reserve your spot. Only VCQ Members will be registered during the month of August 2021. Mailed-in registrations will also be accepted but will not be opened until August 1. Non-members may begin to register September 1, 2021. Any mailed-in registrations from Non-members received in August will be held until September 1.*
- *Registration closes March 1, 2022 (or at capacity). Final payment due March 1, 2022.*
- *Specify roommate requests when you register. 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](mailto:Skelton4H@vt.edu)*

# CELEBRATION 2022 SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

## **Thursday, April 28**

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>REGISTRATION</b> , Turn in Block Lotto, register for the challenge, and register Past Years Completed Projects for Show & Tell. Drop off items for the Silent Auction at the Central Activities Building (CAB)
4:00 PM - OPENS	Merchant Mall Vendors
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Meet and Greet the teachers, specialty items will be for sale by the teachers
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM	Program: Welcome Introduction of Teachers with Class samples; Tote Bag Parade/Contest Activity: <b>Buck Night (participation optional, see page 5)</b> Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects
<b>CLOSES</b> 9:30 PM	Merchant Mall Vendors

## **Friday, April 29**

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: <b>Square Dance Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)</b>
<b>CLOSES</b> 9:30 PM	Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

## **Saturday, April 30**

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	<b>FINAL</b> Silent Auction Bids <b>FINAL</b> 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 Block Lotto Drawing Activity: <b>Strip Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)</b> Challenge & other winners announced
<b>CLOSES</b> 10:00PM	Merchant Mall - <b>FINAL Twilight</b> shopping

## **Sunday, May 1**

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 2022 – FAQs**

## ***What does it cost? What is included?***

VCQ Members: \$385; Non-members: \$485; Day Students VCQ member \$310; Non-members: \$410. Visit the web site at [www.vcq.org/join.htm](http://www.vcq.org/join.htm) to become a member. 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 provides 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 full or partial depending on need and funds available. Applications are submitted to the VCQ President who along with the VP will determine the number and dollar amount of scholarships granted. This process is confidential. A member can nominate another member by submitting their name to the President or submitting a completed form on their behalf. The deadline for submission of the application for a Celebration scholarship is February 1, 2022. Application on page 30.

## ***How do I register?***

Online registration will begin August 1, 2021 at [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org). Your \$100 **non-refundable** deposit must accompany your registration (via PayPal). The deposit reserves your space and will be deducted from the total cost. Choose your first-choice classes; if a class is full, you will be prompted to make another choice. Members only may register in August; non-members may register beginning in September. Mailed registrations will be processed according to the date they were postmarked. If you prefer to register by mail, please send deposit payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2022) and registration form to: Kathy McCrea, 3852 Persimmon Circle, Fairfax, VA 22031. Registration closes March 1, 2022 or earlier if capacity is reached. Contact Kathy: [kathy.mccrea@cox.net](mailto:kathy.mccrea@cox.net).

## ***When is final payment due?***

Final payments must be received by March 1, 2022. Remember to keep your VCQ membership up to date. All payments by check should be made payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2020) and sent to: Kathy McCrea, 3852 Persimmon Circle, Fairfax, VA 22031. Online payments will be made via PayPal.

## ***What is the cancellation policy?***

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to: Deborah Schupp, 17163 Tally Ho Trail, Brandy Station, VA 22714 OR emailed to [celebration@vcq.org](mailto: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, 2022, 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 when you register. 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 WHEN REGISTERING.** (4<sup>th</sup> 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 beginning with dinner on Thursday thru breakfast on Sunday. **Indicate any special dietary restrictions at registration.** 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 2022.

## ***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 28, 2022. 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 is 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](mailto: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 2022 on Thursday, April 28. 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. Contact Betty Blessin, [bblessin@triad.rr.com](mailto:bblessin@triad.rr.com), or Deb Schupp, [celebration@vcq.org](mailto:celebration@vcq.org), with questions.

## **Peddler's Table:**

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.

## **Block Lotto:**

Join in the fun! Block Lotto for Celebration 2022 will have a raffle drawing for completed blocks. 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 \$1.00 (sale price!) from Phyllis Keese; contact her at [jopheee@aol.com](mailto:jopheee@aol.com).
- 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](http://www.vcq.org/cele.htm). Any questions please contact Phyllis Keese or Deb Schupp at [celebration@vcq.org](mailto: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 2022 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"x 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 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 will 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 2022 Quilt Challenge:***

***“Quilt Trails”*** Who doesn't have a story to tell about their quilt journey or trail? Tell your story in this Celebration 2022 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 28, 2022 at **Celebration 2022!**

### ***Tote Bag Challenge:***

Get ready for CELEBRATION 2020 with the TOTE BAG Challenge. Put on your creative hat and recycle your favorite tote with a new look or you may choose to create your own new tote. Our theme for CELEBRATION 2022 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 Thursday 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. Please put your name on your bag.

### ***Evening Activities and Programs:***

#### **Thursday Program**

- Introduction of teachers and projects for 2020 Celebration
- Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects
- Tote bag parade/contest

#### **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 2022's Show & Tell:

- Past Celebration Projects (Thursday)
- 2022 Class Show & Tell (Sunday).

Please bring your show & tell project(s) and the index card(s) provided during registration to the Thursday evening program. 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.