



VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT –

Happy New Year!

We are off to a great start. The 2023 Virginia Consortium Of Quilters (VCQ) Board met on January 14, 2023 to wrap up 2022 and start the planning for 2023. Lots of ideas were exchanged to grow our organization and support quilting across the state. There are several exciting projects in the works that the board believes you will enjoy. I know I am looking forward to some of these projects.

A big thank you to Meghan Shafer for the wonderful Sunshine Pattern she created for VCQ for our New Year's Eve Day Quilt Along. Mine is all pieced. Need to decide if I am adding a border and how I want to quilt it. A special thank you goes out to Elizabeth Gibson, Darlene Price and Mary Grogan for all the behind the scenes work. The event wouldn't have happened without their dedication to VCQ.

We are hard at work for our in-person meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The venue is the Manassas Baptist Church on Sudley Road. Details are in the workshop registration below.

As of last week, we had 16 new members and about 64 2022 members who have not yet renewed. If you are part of that last group, what are you waiting for? Print the registration form, fill it in, write the check and mail to Faye Hannah, Membership Chair. You don't want to miss any of the fun. New members are welcome. Can't wait to meet you either virtually at Come Quilt With Me or in-person in March. Check our website for CQWM dates and times and notices for workshops and classes.

Keep Calm and Quilt On.

Karen Brewster, President VCQ

Welcome To The Board

President: Karen Brewster of Springfield

Secretary: Lisa Frieman of Norfolk

Historian/Documentation: Kitty Bull of Chesterfield

Their positions run January, 2023 through December, 2024.



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board & Area Reps 2023

<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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JOIN the VCQ BOARD!



Our in-person meetings require a **FACILITY CHAIR**, which is an appointed position. The board needs someone to lead the venue selection and booking arrangements for next year. Get a buddy and make a difference. It's not hard or terribly time consuming. VCQ has met all over Virginia so most areas already have facilities found. And, we need **AREA REPs** for several areas. If you are interested in any position contact Karen Brewser, President VCQ president@vcq.org

Area Representatives Job Description

The purpose of area representatives is to promote interaction between the quilting organizations of the state and to act as liaison between VCQ and its members.

Nine areas of State:

Area 1-Northern VA (Warrenton, Fairfax, Alexandria, Manassas, Leesburg)

Area 2-Northern Shenandoah Valley (Winchester to Staunton)

Area 3-Southern Shenandoah Valley (Lexington to Christiansburg)

Area 4-Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Madison, Culpeper

Area 5-Richmond

Area 6-Fredericksburg & east to Chesapeake Bay

Area 7-Southwest VA (Wytheville, Martinsville, Danville, Marion, Galax, NC)

Area 8-Peninsula (Northern Neck, Eastern Shore, Williamsburg)

Area 9–Tidewater/Southside (Norfolk, VA Beach, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Franklin). These are subject to changes as volunteers change.

Duties:

- 1.Attend VCQ Board meetings via Zoom**
- 2.Bring to the VCQ Board any membership concerns from the area represented.**
- 3.Keep a supply of VCQ membership forms and VCQ brochures on hand to distribute to guilds and shops in your area. Business cards are also available.**
- 4.When the VCQ roster is passed out, make sure as many as possible are picked up to save the mailing expense and be responsible for distributing to members that you will see.(Since we switched to an online directory, it is only mailed to those who don't have online access.)**
- 5.Promote VCQ each and every opportunity that presents itself–be the Ambassador.**
- 6.Encourage links from shops and guilds to the VCQ website especially for the purpose of coordinating visiting teachers and helping to reduce costs. The web site is <http://vcq.org> and the web mistress can be reached at webmistress@vcq.org.**
- 7.Visit guilds in your area to talk about VCQ, answer questions, and encourage membership (you may have to invite yourself!). Share meeting info on any distribution lists you have access to.**
- 8.Area Representatives are asked to serve as the Nominating Committee for Board of Directors.**
- 9. Be positive and enthusiastic**

Notice of Proposed Membership Fee Increase

One of the many tasks worked on at the Board Retreat was the budget for 2023. With increased costs for everything it became clear that a break-even budget was not possible. After much discussion the board concluded that a raise in membership fees was the best option. We are proposing that membership fees increase to \$30 starting with the 2024 dues. Our membership fees have not been increased since 2017 when they went from \$20 to \$25. For those paying for multiple years 2023 or later, dues will increase at the end of their membership. Future year dues will be at \$30 if the increase is approved by membership. There will be discussion and voting on a motion to increase the membership fee at the March 11th in-person meeting.

VCQ will continue to subscribe to Zoom during 2023. What would you like to see from VCQ in this regard? Classes, challenges, peer demonstrations, shop tours? What are you willing to volunteer to help in arranging? We are all in this together and we need many volunteers to make the work lighter for all. Help us to keep this great group of quilters going.

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

The 1st Tuesday each Month 1pm-4pm

In-person General Membership Meeting began in June 2022 but Come Quilt with Me continues on Zoom. Join your VCQ friends from your own studio to sew blocks for ALS charity quilts, and bassinet covers or work on your own projects and chat with quilting friends.

VCQ sponsors *Come Quilt with Me* monthly, every third Saturday from 9-12 and first Tuesday 1-4. 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. If you need help with the user name and log in, please use the board directory on page 2 to phone a board member for assistance

Treasurer's Report as of 12-31-2022

This was my first year as Treasurer of VCQ although I have been a member for almost 8 years. I quickly began learning the accounting system, Chart of Accounts set up and reports required for review with the much-appreciated help of Karen Brewster, the previous Treasurer. New to me was the organization of the Celebration financial needs and the PayPal system of receiving money. But by March I was comfortable, and things went smoothly. 2022 proved to be a very good year Financially. We had successful In person as well as Online workshops and a well-attended Celebration Retreat in April of 2022. We were very happy to receive an anonymous donation of \$2,000.00 in December. What a great way to end the year! A special THANK YOU goes out to whoever gave us this generous boost in resources. We ended the year with a net positive income of \$1,352.76 in the General Fund. With the majority of registration monies for Celebration being received in 2021 and disbursing the majority of expenses in 2022, we ended Celebration with a net negative income of -\$535.28. Dues for membership have been strong through January with many people planning ahead and paying current year AND future year registrations as far ahead as 2027.

I look forward to being your treasurer for 2023. I hope to see you at workshops, whether online and/or in person. I am SEW glad to be a member of this Statewide organization.

Submitted by

Wendy Collyer

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING :

VCQ General Membership Meeting Newport News, Virginia. October 9, 2022

President Deb Schupp brought the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. She greeted the membership and welcomed 5 guests. She gave well wishes to our Treasurer Wendy Collyer, who is out with rotator cuff issues. She reported from Wendy that we have roughly \$29,000 in the bank. Deb reminded us that we are running the current budget at a deficit with \$1,000 from our savings and that we may need to come up with some fundraiser ideas to offset this deficit.

Membership chair Faye Hannah announced that we currently have 193 paid members. She reminded us that our date of renewal is at the bottom of your current newsletter and the new year dues will be coming up. She also reminded us that members can pay for multiple years in advance.

Virtual Programs, Elizabeth Gibson is absent. Deb Schupp reported that VCQ has an upcoming Virtual Workshop on Nov. 12, 2022. The teacher will be Geraldine Wilkins teaching machine quilting. Please sign up and remember to invite your friends to attend also.

In-Person Program chair, Debi Harding, announced that we had 44 members present today. The board is looking for places for our 2023 In-person VCQ meetings. We are hoping for Fredericksburg in March and Gloucester in June. Assistance from persons in those areas is appreciated.

Deb Schupp announced that we currently are publicizing VCQ in the statewide publication of The Virginia Register. This is a free publication that is given out all over the state. We are paying for a small ad in each of the 6 issues.

Newsletter, Kathy Gray is absent but the deadline for the next newsletter will be Jan. 14, 2023.

Community Service, Karin McElvein read a lovely thank you note from the NICU unit where we have been making the bassinette covers. She also has 7 ALS quilts turned in today and 2 at home that she will deliver. She emphasizes to please label these quilts and complete the donation form that is on our website. She also has a number of free battings here today for future ALS quilts. She also has a number of free patterns that were donated.

Historian, Kitty Bull is absent today. Deb Schupp announced that Kitty will be working hard to organize, scan, and put on thumb drives the history of VCQ. She is hoping to have the most accurate version of our history available to all members. She is requesting any pictures of past President's quilts. She is also wanting to have the information available to show how VCQ was instrumental in the formation of the Virginia Quilt Museum.

Webmistress, Mary Grogan would love for any member interested in becoming the new webmistress to please seek her out. She has been doing a fantastic job for many, many years and feels it is time to pass this activity on to another. Many of the current board members are currently helping her out so this can be a group effort.

Celebration 2024: Deb Schupp will be the new chairwoman for this event. Celebration 2024 will take place on the 3rd weekend of April 21-24, 2024. This will also represent the 40th year of VCQ!!

Vice President, Lynn Garver read the slate of officers for the Jan 2023- Dec 2024 VCQ Board.

President, Karen Brewster of Springfield.

Secretary, Lisa Frieman, of Norfolk.

Historian/Documentation, Kitty Bull of Chesterfield.

There were no nominations from the floor. Karin McElvein made a motion to accept this slate of officers. Motion was seconded by Milly Johnson. Vote was taken to accept this slate of officers and approved unanimously. Motion Passed.

Old business;

Debi Harding brought our Tree of Life quilt to the attention of the group. This quilt was made by Sherrie Woodford and each leaf on the tree represents one of our members that has passed on.

Cathy Tyler has a free sewing machine to a loving home.

Tidewater Quilt Guild has a wonderful show coming up Nov. 11-12, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 1:25 pm and we will reconvene at 3:45 for Show and Tell

Minutes submitted by Susan Fulton

UPCOMING VCQ LECTURES & WORKSHOPS



Fantastic Fusion.

Join us February 18 and 19, 2023 from 6-9 PM each evening as we host
Lisa Walton from Sydney Australia

Registration is open to all on our website "vcq.org". We will have a maximum class size of 30 and a minimum of 15. The member price is \$50,00, payable by PayPal or credit card via PayPal. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use PayPal, you can use the guest option with a credit card. Please contact programs@vcq.org if you have questions or need some assistance.

FANTASTIC FUSION WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS

Equipment

Cutting mat - at least 12" x 24"

Rotary cutter (preferably with new/sharp blade)

Iron & Ironing Board/mat (It helps to have the cutting mat and ironing surface close to each other, so you are not jumping up and down all the time.) This ironing surface needs to be covered with a non-stick Baking/Parchment paper or non-stick mat (teflon).

Optional - I have a flat area as an ironing surface about 20" or 50cm square. It is a board covered in batting and/or towel covered in a piece of fabric which is stapled to the back. Very useful for fusing fabric and doubles as a printing surface when needed. Watch this video if you are interested in making one - <https://youtu.be/JC5xQaxaY34>

Sharp scissors - for paper and fabric

Small Design wall or pin board or cork board - preferably at least 24"-36"

THERE IS NO SEWING IN THIS WORKSHOP SO NO MACHINES ARE NEEDED. Machines will be needed for quilting and finishing of your quilt after the workshop

Fabric Requirements (These requirements will make a quilt approximately 100cm square so adjust quantities for different sizes)

Combinations of hand dyed or close weave fabrics such as batiks, approximately 2-3m in total is needed for a quilt approximately 100cm square. These can be small scraps or fat quarters or jelly rolls. No more than 8-10 different fabrics

I suggest hand dyes or batiks for this technique as we will be working with raw edges and they fray less. Also printed fabrics have a white edge when cut which is sometimes distracting. Hand dyes and batiks have colour all the way through the fabric. This is not critical, but it is the tighter weave and less potential fraying which is more suitable.

Colour choices - I suggest that you select fabrics with a **variety of patterning** (medium to small). Batiks often have the same size patterns which tend to look the same when there are lots together so make sure you have a **variety of sizes and values**. Solids also work well.

Too similar in value & pattern



Better - more variety in value & pattern



3m fusible web such as Mistyfuse/Wonder Under, 90cm wide. If only narrow type is available adjust quantities accordingly. All fabric will be fused to the fusible web so if you are making a larger quilt or smaller project you will need to adjust your quantities.

NOTE *Steam a Seam & Heat n Bond* are NOT suitable for this technique. We will be fusing the same fabric multiple times and these products only stick once or twice. I also find *Steam a Seam* too sticky for this technique.

Backing & batting/wadding requirements will be discussed in class and not needed on the day

Lisa Walton from Sydney, Australia has been awarded many prizes for her quilts including major International and Australian Quilt shows. Lisa teaches Internationally and was awarded the Jewel Pearce Patterson Scholarship for Quilting Teachers by the International Quilt Association Houston USA. Lisa's quilts have been exhibited in solo and joint exhibitions and her work is included in collections in the USA, Australia and

the UK. Her book – Beautiful Building Block Quilts was published by C&T Publishing. She has appeared on Quilting Arts TV and The Quilt Show.

Lisa was a Board Member and then President of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA)

She is now teaching & lecturing virtually online as well as producing a series of Quilt Stories on her YouTube Channel.

Her details are

Website – lisawaltonartist.com

Facebook – facebook.com/dyedheaven

YouTube – youtube.com/lisawaltonartist

Instagram – Instagram.com/lisawaltonartist

Workshop, Lecture & Meeting

March 11, 2023 Meeting & Workshop in Manassas, VA

Register Now! Debby Kratovil – March 11, 2023 in Manassas

Gretchen quilt - No templates. Just two sizes of triangles. Go scrappy! Pairs of triangles in a multitude of colors create this simple quilt. No special rulers needed! A real stash buster! Debby's pattern is required and will be available to purchase in the class.



For the supply list and tips on picking fabrics go to

<https://quilterbydesign.com/GretchenSupplies2023.pdf>

If you don't want to bring in your machine, but want to learn the technique by sitting in, you will register for Workshop B. You will need to purchase Debby's pattern in class

Debby Kratovil has been sewing since the dinosaurs roamed the earth and quilting since 1985, when she began to see quilts in newsstand magazines. She was salivating at the beauty and thought: "I can do that. I know how to sew." With triangles and squares she began her journey.

Replying to an AOL Quilting bulletin board, she began to sew tops for publication, then quickly designing. Many were on the covers of magazines you had in your studios.

Debby has an impressive list of accomplishments: close to 1,000 quilts and "how to" articles published, 3 quilt books, 18 Block-a-Day calendars, plus 200 quilts and patterns designed and made for fabric companies.

She has been a "boots-on-the-ground" quilt teacher for 17 years and finds that to be her favorite part of the industry. This way she gets to create new designs to teach!

www.DebbyKratovilQuilts.blogspot.com. You can find teaching schedule, workshop offerings, lecture offerings, and more fun designs to inspire you.

email me at: kratovil@his.com

INFORMATION ON ATTENDING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 11, 2023 MANASSAS VA

Lodging Accommodations- *(Friday, March 10, 2023):*

Hampton Inn – Manassas
7295 Williamson Blvd., Manassas, VA 20109
(703) 369-1100

Accommodations: Lodging will be at the Hampton Inn – Manassas, 4.4 rating
The cost is about \$100 for a room with two double beds or one king bed, plus 13% tax. Make your reservations by calling the hotel directly making sure to mention VCQ when making your reservation. A full complementary breakfast with hot items is included. The rate is for up to 4 persons per room and up to 4 breakfasts. Any unreserved rooms in our block will be released to the general public; last day to make a reservation is **Friday, February 17, 2023**. Google Hotels near Manassas for other options.

There are plenty of restaurants in the area: Olive Garden, Fridays, Mexican places, Red Lobster, Chilis, Panera, PotBelly, etc.

Directions to the Hotel:

Take I-95 North toward Washington

- At exit 152 B, take ramp right for VA-234 North toward Manassas (20.1 mi)
- Turn right onto Sudley Manor Dr. (1.7 mi)
- Turn left onto VA-234 N Branch / Sudley Rd. (0.6 mi)
- Turn right onto Williamson Blvd (0.3 mi)
- Make a U-turn at Stonehouse Dr. (0.2 mi)
- Arrive at 7295 Williamson Blvd, Hampton Inn – Manassas

Meeting Location : Manassas Baptist Church – Phone (703) 361-2146 x 234

8730 Sudley Rd., Manassas (Rt. 234) About 3 miles straight north is the interchange with 66.

Directions to Manassas Baptist Church from the Hampton Inn:

Start out going southwest on Williamson Blvd. toward VA-234/Sudley Rd.

Turn Left onto VA-234 Bus/Sudley. Drive 2.9 miles to church – 8730 Sudley Rd.

The Building we are using is actually a former middle school right next to the church, called “The Rock Building”. It has easy access, plenty of parking, all one floor, no stairs.

Notes from Debi Harding, In Person Program Chair

Your registration form and check to VCQ must be **postmarked by Friday, February 18** (3 weeks prior to event). **Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after February 18th 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.

Reserve and share a hotel room of your choice.

You will receive a postcard with your registration confirmation – Bring your postcard to lunch!!

Any cancellations must be made by Friday, February 24th to obtain a refund.

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

Friday, March 10 Schedule: Dinner on your own

No Board or Committee meetings are being held

Saturday, March 11, 2023 Meeting Schedule:

8:10-9:00 Registration

9am – noon:

Debby Kratovil Gretchen 3 hours workshop

CQWM 3hours working on own projects

noon – 1pm LUNCH

1pm-1:45pm

Lecture “Modern My Way” Debby Kratovil

1:45pm-2:15pm

Members business meeting

2:15pm-3:30pm

Sewing on project and CQWM

3:30pm-4pm

Show & Tell

VCQ WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Registration form deadline: Monday, **February 18 (3 weeks before event)**. **Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after February 18 will not be accepted and will be returned. Any cancellations must be made by Friday, February 24th to obtain a refund.**

Name _____ Member _____ Non-Member _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Choice of Workshop (includes lunch). Circle letters and indicate choice on line. 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 _____ donate to VCQ

Workshop A: Gretchen with Debby Kratovil

Workshop B: Gretchen without machine

Workshop C: Come Quilt with Me

Workshop Choice: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

Cost	
Member, Workshop and Lunch	\$50
Member, Come Quilt with Me and Lunch	\$45
Non-member, Workshop and Lunch	\$60
Non-member, Come Quilt with Me and Lunch	\$50

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (subtract \$10 from total cost, if you will be bringing your own lunch)

Are you willing to be a class helper? Yes No

Are you bringing a sewing machine to Come Quilt with Me? Yes No

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

If so, please write in their name _____.

Special lunch requirements _____Vegetarian _____Gluten-free Allergic to _____

NOTE: VCQ will try their best to accommodate special lunch request, but if this has not been acceptable to you, please check here: _____ **I will be bringing my own lunch (REDUCE registration fee \$10)**

Send workshop registration form and your check **payable to VCQ** by February 18, 2023.

Debi Harding, 2356 Bizzone Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Email programs@vcq.org or call or text (757) 615-7758 with any questions.

See you in Manassas !



Celebration 2024 at Smith Mountain Lake

We're Gonna Have a PARTY!

Celebration 2024 will be VCQ's time to celebrate our 40th anniversary. What a great time we will have honoring those visionaries who founded this organization in 1984. Save the date! Put it on your calendar! April 18-21, 2024 – it's just around the corner.

To make the event really special, I need a few more volunteers on the Celebration 2024 Committee:

- Tag Team to welcome and liaise with teachers (3 or 4 people)
- Ice breaker on Thurs evening (2 people)
- Table Centerpieces (1or 2 people)
- Treasure Hunt (2 people)
- Onsite vendors (1 person)
- Banner for the stage (1 person)

Contact me at 540-604-0988 or QLTQEEN@gmail.com. You will have a better experience by helping to work on the event. If you don't volunteer, these things won't happen. So raise your hand!

Deb Schupp, Celebration Chair

Would you like to learn how to moderate a Zoom class or a Come Quilt with Me? It is not difficult but does require a familiarity with your computer, a good internet connection, along with a knowing a bit about the Zoom platform which we can easily teach you one-on-one, by partnering with a mentor moderator. We are looking for people interested in moderating. Please send an email to programs@vcq.org if you would like to learn how to do this important job which is helping to support our members and teachers.

Support of the Virginia Quilt Museum The 1856 Society

As you know, VCQ sends a donation to the Virginia Quilt Museum (VQM) annually to support the installation of quilt exhibits. The VCQ board feels it is important to continue to do this in part because members of VCQ were instrumental in founding the Museum and because the VQM mission is in direct alignment with our own mission.

In an effort to create a core group of sustaining supporters for the physical facility of the VQM, the 1856 Society has been revived. Donors' names will be engraved on a permanent plaque which will hang in the Museum. VCQ's name is on the original plaque – why not add your name, too. The name of the 1856 Society is based on the date of construction, 1856, of the Warren-Sipe House in Harrisonburg which houses the Museum. The funds raised will be used for the general operating budget which includes the ongoing costs of care/repairs to the building. The hope is to create a fund from which the organization can look to the future.

If you would like to help in this way, go to <https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/support/1856-society> to make arrangements for your donation. It can be spread out by as much as six months. If you would prefer to contribute to the endowment fund for VQM, contact Alicia Thomas, VQM Executive Director, at director@vaquiltmuseum.org . You can also add VCQ and VQM to your list of bequests in your Will.

Your Program Chairman is looking for teachers who are comfortable teaching on-line using the Zoom platform. Please send your suggestions to programs@vcq.org

A MESSAGE regarding MEMBERSHIP

Our membership, at \$25 per year, is a great value with lectures at each general meeting, virtual workshops, “Come Quilt with Me” each month, charity projects, and support of the Virginia Quilt Museum. Not to mention earlier registration for CELEBRATION!

The correct membership form is posted on the VCQ website and on the next page of this newsletter.

Here is a link to our Membership form. If it does not reference sending your form to **Faye Hannah, 624 Lacy Oaks Dr, Chesapeake VA 23320**, **refresh** your page to get the current information. Questions: membership@vcq.org

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

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

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.

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")
(\$25.00 per calendar year, up to five years only.)

() Renewal Amt: \$ _____ (make check payable to "VCQ" and include SASE)
(\$25.00 per calendar year, up to five years only.)

Renewal Members Only: Please enclose this application, your payment, and a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to help defray costs!

() I am a member of a local quilt guild/group: _____

() I teach and/or lecture about quilting. Specialty: _____
(List all guilds)

() I may be willing to drive others from my area to VCQ meetings.

Mail to: **Faye Hannah**
Membership Chairperson
624 Lacy Oak Dr
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Questions: membership@vcq.org

For Membership Only: _____ Area _____

Date Rec'd: _____ CK Dep _____; Mem List updated _____; Card Sent _____

Amt: _____

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QUILTING EVENTS INSIDE THE STATE



The Virginia Quilt Museum was founded in 1995 by VCQ members, It grew out of VCQ's documentation project of the early 1990s, which also led to publication of our book, *Quilts of Virginia, 1607-1899*. VCQ has proudly supported the Virginia Quilt Museum since its inception 25 years ago and congratulates our museum for its well-deserved reputation.

Open: Tues – Sat, 10am to 4pm

Virginia Quilt Museum

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A Message From Alicia Thomas, Executive Director

If your guild is interested in having a tour here at the museum or me coming to visit with some pieces from the education collection, please reach out. Tours and presentations are the fun part of my job!

EXHIBITS THIS WINTER

JINNY BEYER RETROSPECTIVE AT VIRGINIA QUILT MUSEUM OPENS JAN. 10 – The Virginia Quilt Museum will host a Jinny Beyer retrospective exhibit from January 10 – April 8, 2023. From the museum's website: "Celebrating the career of world-renowned designer, quilter, and author Jinny Beyer, this exhibition will cover the entire first floor of the Virginia Quilt Museum. Over the course of her 50+ year career Jinny authored 12 books, hosted seminars for 29 years, taught thousands of quilters, and helped shaped generations of quilters. Jinny's influence in the quilting world is vast and the Virginia Quilt Museum is honored to feature her quilts in this special exhibition.

Curator Paula Golden relishes sharing the history, techniques, and art of quilting with students of all ages. Visit <https://www.vaquiltmuseum.org/service/jinny-beyer-retrospective> for more information.

QUILTING EVENTS OUTSIDE THE STATE

American Quilt Study Group

Did you know that AQSG has a Facebook page? They are conducting “Quiltside Chats” on the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 3PM that you can access through Facebook. Search AQSG members only and request to join the group. If you miss the live event you can watch a recording on AQSG YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnSdyh7Ji7GLiumC9-c9Xkg>.

See <http://www.Americanquiltstudygroup.org> for more information.

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. Published by Karin Tauber

To sign up go to <http://kutauber.wixsite.com/swvaquiltnews>

Textile Talks ONLINE PRESENTATIONS

Textile Talks, presented by Studio Art Quilt Associates, features weekly presentations and panel discussions from the International Quilt Museum, the Modern Quilt Guild, Quilt Alliance, San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, Studio Art Quilt Associates, and Surface Design Association. The programs are held online at 2 pm Eastern (11 am Pacific) each Wednesday and last approximately one hour. Preregistration is required and recordings are available. Visit www.saqa.com/textiletalks for more information on this series.

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 Karen Brewster, President of VCQ, to discuss a bequest.

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Community Service Block

I don't know about you but I'm always looking at ways to put my scraps to good use. What better way than to make a block or more for a Community Service Quilt. I chose the Box Kite block from Quilter's Cache. It is an easy 12" finished block made with squares and half-square triangles. For the pattern follow this link <https://www.quilterscache.com/B/BoxKiteBlock.html>. If the link doesn't work, copy and paste the address into your browser. For the light color please use white, cream or any low volume print. Can't wait to see what you create. Bring completed blocks as many as you would like to sew to our meeting in March or if you are unable to attend in-person you can mail to me at Karen Brewster 8321 Kingsgate Rd., Springfield, VA 22152.

<https://www.quilterscache.com/B/BoxKiteBlock.html>

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Thank you so much to everyone who donated quilts to ALS Hopes and Dreams last year.

Their year runs from August 1 to July 31st. We came in second place last year. I was given two boxes of goodies which I will bring to the in-person meetings. **Minimum quilt size 35"x 44" or larger. Lap or bed quilts of all sizes are welcomed.** If you have quilts to donate, please send them to me or bring them to the in-person meetings.

If you are entering the Hopes and Dreams contest please complete the paperwork and label your quilt per the instructions on our web site. It is so much easier for me if all I have to do is add the VCQ label. I really appreciate this. The form for the quilts can be found on our Facebook page under files. We came in first 3 years in a row. Would love to come in first again.

We also will continue to donate bassinet covers to either Norfolk Sentara or the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. They are always appreciated. Again, either mail them to me or bring them to in-person meetings.

Instructions for making the Bassinet/Mattress Covers and for ALS quilts can be found at https://www.vcq.org/documents/VCQ_Charity_Projects.pdf under Charity Quilts.

If you have any questions, please email me at karinlisa7@gmail.com or call me at 754-572-1569
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