



VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve you and VCQ for the next two years. I love the diversity of quilting and the many kinds of people who are drawn to this art. With the support of the membership, the Board and I hope to learn new techniques, while having lots of fun. If you love traditional, reproduction, modern or scrap, you will find something new through VCQ. If we don't offer what you want to learn, tell us and tell us about the teachers from whom you want to learn.

I'd like to thank Karen Brewster for her years of dedication to VCQ. She was a wonderful president, with her calm and unflappable demeanor. Karen will be leading us in a new Members Only program to take place later this year. I'd also like to thank Faye Hannah for introducing Lori Dickman, who designed and lead us in sewing our Spinning Dogwoods on New Year's Eve Day. This free-to-everyone event was a great success, gaining the attention of many quilters around the State who have gone on to join us. Please bring your Dogwood quilt, in any stage of construction, to the March In-Person Meeting for a grand Sew-and-Tell. Please share your interest in VCQ with your friends. We would love to have them join you in our fun.

In mid-January the Board was scheduled to be together to plan the year and to start planning the next Celebration. Instead of being in-person, we had to pivot and turn to Zoom when our Virginia weather made it more than difficult and absolutely dangerous to drive to Deb Schupp's house. We spent our time reviewing last year's events and welcoming new members to the Board: Constance Horne, Treasurer and Kathy Hippeli, Virtual Programs. Kathy has arranged with MJ Kinman to present two programs on February 8th. It is a great opportunity to have a color workshop and piecing workshop live in your own studio. Don't miss this one.

Kathy fills some very big shoes as she takes over from Elizabeth Gibson who invented the Virtual Programs position. When the pandemic closed VCQ down, Elizabeth expanded her Programs position, recognizing the value of Zoom and brought us programs from all over the world. She also encouraged us to meet informally each month in our Come Quilt With Me Zoom meetings. These continue today as a comfortable way to get to know each other. We now have six sessions per month. See the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter or check our calendar on our web site. www.VCQ.org. Go to the Members Only portion of the site to find our Zoom link. These sessions are so informal that you don't have to sign up or stay the full time. Pop in to say hi, ask for help or just to see our friends' studios.

Now we have two Programs positions: Virtual and In-Person. Jan Farrow has taken on the In-Person/Facility position. She planned our last meeting in Williamsburg and our next membership

meeting in Fredericksburg with two classes and Come Quilt With Me. Please join us for a fun filled day. Notice the date, the third Saturday, March 15th, 2025. Going forward, would you like to have VCQ visit your community? If you have a church or school which has space for classes and lunch, let Jan know. As you know, quilters love to visit new shops, museums and restaurants. VCQ is best when we all work together.

I look forward to the next two years, when I get to meet you personally and share our mutual love of quilting.

Stay warm and keep quilting,

Kathy Gray, President VCQ



In-Person Meeting Dates:

Saturday March 15th, 2025 Fredericksburg VA

Saturday June 14th, 2025 TBD

Saturday October 25th, 2025 Culpeper VA

Virtual Program Dates: Saturday February 8th, 2025 ZOOM

2025 Deadline Dates for Newsletter Submissions:

January 15th, 2025 for the Feb. Virtual Program and March meeting

April 15th, 2025 for the June meeting

August 15th, 2025 for the October meeting

Material should be sent electronically to newsletter@vcq.org

Don't Forget to Check out VCQ's Facebook Page

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025

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Treasurer's Report year ending 12/31/2024

This has been a great year to be Treasurer. We ended the year with a positive cash flow. (See Members Only section of website for details.) The income was generated by many members paying dues for future years and also a successful Celebration 2024.

We had great participation in both Virtual/Online and In-person workshops. This positive income helps to balance those years when we spent more money than we had coming in.

I come to this position with a background in Information Technology as a programmer (40+ years) and as someone currently tasked with paying all of the Telecommunications bills for the City of Richmond. I took over as Treasurer in December, after having joined VCQ just prior to the Williamsburg meeting last year. It's been a bit of a whirlwind!

Constance Chappell Horne, treasurer@vcq.org

Come Quilt With Me!



First Tuesday of the month from 1-4 PM

The 3rd Saturday from 9 AM-noon and

Sunday afternoons from 2-5pm.

“Come Quilt With Me” is a time to meet over Zoom with friends who are fellow members of VCQ. We chat, share our quilting questions and progresses as well as the occasional finished project.

It is low key and you can come and go as you please.

Virginia Consortium of Quilters Members

Sign in with the link in the members only section of vcq.org Find the log in information on the back of your membership card or you can phone or Direct Message a board member to get that information.

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

VCQ General Membership Meeting

Williamsburg, VA

Saturday October 12, 2024

President, Karen Brewster, called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. President announced that we had Project Bags left from Celebration 2024 and that if anyone wanted to purchase one, they were \$3.00 apiece. President announced that our teachers had items for sale. Barbara Blanton had applique items, Kathleen Decker has some thread painting kits and sliders, and Priscilla Stultz had jacket patterns for \$4.00. President welcomed our guest. She announced that 2 of the teachers joined VCQ and that 9 of the people attending were there for their 1st in-person meeting. President asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as they were published in the newsletter. Kelly Zuber made the motion to accept the minutes. Ann Tinsman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Paula Hutt was unable to attend. President Karen Brewster announced that we will need a volunteer to step up and finish out the term through Dec. 2025 as Paula will not be able to continue. Anyone interested can contact Karen. President Brewster gave the Treasurer's report: As of Sept 30th, 2024 Assets are \$XX,XXX.XX. Our Net Income is \$X,XXX.XX - made up of general income of \$X,XXX.XX and Celebration income of \$XX,XXX.XX. Veronica Walrond made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as it appears online in the members only section. Susan Sweat seconded the motion. Motion passed. See the full version of the September 2024 treasurer's report in the Members Only section of the VCQ website.

Elections: President Karen Brewster announced that we will need to vote on the slate for the positions that will begin in January 2025. Debi Harding announced the list as President: Kathy Gray; Historian/Documentation: Kitty Bull. President Brewster asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. None were made and nominations were closed. The membership voted and the motion passed to accept the slate that was presented for January 2025. She also announced that we are still looking for someone to take the position of Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Membership: Faye Hannah announced that we have 284 members. Of that, 47 are new members who joined in 2024. She then welcomed all the members and reminded everyone that you have the option to renew online or by mail. The membership fee is \$30 per year and you can pay for up to 5 years. Faye also announced that we will have a New Year's Eve Day mystery on Zoom. The person conducting it is Lori Dickman and she is designing a mystery just for this day. The cost for participating is free, however there is a kit fee that will need to be purchased for \$10 that will be paid directly to Lori.

Celebration 2026: Kelly Zuber and Kathy McCrea are co-chairing this event. Kelly announced that the Theme will be "Americana". In 1976, the bicentennial helped to revive the art of quilting.

Hopefully we will see interest grow celebrating the 250th year anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Celebration Challenge for 2026 will be "Stars & Stripes Forever". It can be all stripes, stars or both. They can be in the pattern, in the fabric, and can be any color. It does not have to be red, white and blue. The quilt must have been made in 2025 or 2026 and **if it will be over 60"x60" please give the Celebration committee advanced notice.**

Kelly also announced that they are looking at a Lake Cruise for lunch on Thursday. This would be optional and an additional cost. It would be \$60.00 per person. More details will be forthcoming as they look more into doing this. Kelly stated that Volunteer Forms were on the tables and for everyone to please fill one out. They are looking for suggestions, teachers, etc. Monthly meetings are being held on Zoom and it will become weekly once we are closer to Celebration and the committees are established.

Publicity: Kelly Zuber gave out Rack Cards to each of the area reps present to take back to get into shops and out to local guilds.

Newsletter: Kathy Gray stated that the deadline for the next newsletter is January 15th. The newsletter will be published in February. President Brewster also stated that since Kathy will be moving to President in January, we need to find someone to take over the Newsletter.

Community Service: Karin McElvein thanked everyone who brought in ALS quilts. She asked that if you are going to turn in a quilt for ALS to please fill out the form, which can be found online at VCQ, and turn it in with the quilt. Make sure to put a label on it as well with name, year and the city. We took 2nd place and received various prizes. Over 40 quilts were turned in last year. Karin reminded everyone that the minimum quilt size requirement has changed and is now 45" x 60".

Virtual Programs: Elizabeth Gibson reported that the last Virtual program for the year was Kathryn Redford in September. Elizabeth also announced that Kathleen Hippeli has volunteered to take over Virtual programs next year.

In-Person Programs: Jan Farrow announced that this Williamsburg meeting is the last in person meeting for this year. For this meeting there were 56 people who registered and 51 were able to attend. Next year the meetings will be in March, June, and October. Right now the March meeting is tentatively being planned for Fredericksburg. If anyone has any teacher recommendations, please let her know.

Technology: Tammy Halstead asked that if anyone has any technical difficulties to please send her an email. Also, please save info@vcq.org in your safe senders list so that your email system recognizes us and doesn't block it from going through or send to your spam list. She is also looking for volunteers for website updating. Please let her know if you are interested.

Area Reps: Debi Harding handed out the 40th year anniversary zipper pulls to each area rep to distribute to members that are in their area. President Karen Brewster introduced Debbie Repass as the new Lynchburg area rep and Kathleen Hippeli as the new Virtual meeting Chairman.

President Karen Brewster announced that everyone was to be back in the cafeteria at 3:30 for Show and Tell along with some door prizes. Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm and everyone returned to their classrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Frieman
Secretary



**JOIN the VCQ BOARD
Be an Area Rep**

The VCQ Board has an opening for an Area Representative in the Charlottesville/Lynchburg area. Requirements are a friendly attitude and a willingness to turn strangers into friends. An Area Rep connects with their members via email or Zoom. The term is usually a two-year term, but there is no limit.

Duties include”

- Sending emails to members reminding them of upcoming events like Virtual classes, deadlines and upcoming programs. Membership can provide a list of VCQ members in your area.
- Visit local guilds to promote VCQ or ask your friends to help form a committee to represent VCQ.
- Attend VCQ Zoom board meetings every other month.
- Attend VCQ annual board retreat the second Sat. in January in-person or on Zoom.

Benefits to being on the VCQ Board:

- Being part of the decision-making process that drives VCQ;
- Knowing what is planned for VCQ well before it is made public; providing feedback from your area members, making life-long quilting friends and using VCQ's Zoom account to connect with family and friends, (not to run a business.)

Some of you have served on the VCQ Board and know the pleasure of steering the future of our organization. Please give this serious consideration. Contact me with any questions.

Happy Quilting, Kathy Gray president@vcq.org

What Were You Doing New Year's Eve 2024? **by Karilyn Pittman, Vice President, VCQ**

What were you doing during the day on New Year's Eve 2024? Many VCQ members were enjoying a mystery quilt class presented by Lori Dickman of www.QuiltingWithLori.com. This event was a free Zoom class offered by VCQ for members as well as non-members. This was our third NYE event and VCQ plans to continue this Zoom event in the years to come.

Lori is an author, an educator and a pattern designer based in Illinois. When Lori was asked to present on New Year's Eve day via Zoom, she was very excited to do so! She decided to design a pattern just for our VCQ event. Her inspiration for the "Spinning Dogwood Blossoms" quilt pattern came from our Virginia state flower. Lori encouraged us to utilize our stash and scraps to prepare for the class. She has two books published about speedy solutions for organizing your scrap stash. These can be found on her website as well as Amazon. She has YouTubes on this subject as well.

Lori was a wonderful presenter and I, for one, learned a few new skills that I can add to my quilting toolbox! VCQ gave away door prizes and Lori gave away a set of her books to a lucky winner at the very end of the day. The day passed quickly and we accomplished quite a lot. Many completed quilt tops and works-in-progress have been appearing on the VCQ Facebook page. If you are in that group, take a few minutes and look at them. I love the variety of fabrics that are being used to create the Spinning Dogwood Blossoms pattern. They are all beautiful and look so different depending on the fabrics used.

The New Year's Eve Day event is an annual event that you don't want to miss! Take a moment right now and add this event to your calendar on 12/31/2025. We would hate for you to miss out on another wonderful day!





STATE FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to our members who won ribbons in various quilting categories at the State Fair last Fall. If you didn't get a chance to visit the Fair, here are some photos of winning entries:

Allyn Humphreys - First Place for a hand-quilted quilt **Second place** for another hand-quilted quilt

Auntie's Garden

International Blocks



Allyn Humphreys - Third Place for her machine pieced/longarm quilted quilt



Third Place for her machine pieced/quilted tote bag (which was entered in the same category as quilted clothing; the first and second place ribbons went to quilted jackets)



Millie Johnson

First Place for her quilt entitled “Kiku ni”, Japanese for “in Memory”.



I dedicated this quilt in memory of Sue “Blackie” Vogel. She was one of the first members of TQG and my next-door neighbor. She was a WWII nurse who cared for wounded servicemen aboard a medical plane transporting them from Japan to the USA. Sue taught me appliqué, especially Hawaiian appliqué. She was instrumental in my quilting career. This pattern was designed by Sue and members of the Nimble Thimble Bee (which I am also a member). I am so proud to have received recognition for this quilt! Linda Reynolds was the longarmer and also received first prize.

Marilyn Dayton - **Second Place** for her needle turn applique and hand quilted 75"x94" quilt. She is on the right (with the gray sweatshirt).



The winners list continues with these members. If you see them, be sure to congratulate them:

Rita Jackson:

Second Place – Machine pieced, machine quilted (domestic) lap quilt with various pieced owls

First Place - Machine pieced, machine quilted (longarm) “Moondance Revival” teals with peachy orange circles with teal stars, lap quilt

First Place - Quilt of Valor -Red, blue and tan double pinwheels on white background with blue bord and red binding lap quilt

Second Place – Modern quilt, Mystery transparency quilt in bright solid- ish colors

Karen Jones: Second Place – Blue Ribbon County Fair Winner, Hymns quilt, 84”x104” **Second Place** – Longarming category

Jo Ann Reynolds: Third Place – Other Quilt, T-Shirt quilt , lap size

Interested in entering a quilt in the next State Fair to be held September 26 through October 5, 2025? Visit the website for rules and deadlines and get stitching!!

<https://www.statefairva.org/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Congratulations VCQ! We won 2nd place this year with the delivery of over 40 quilts to Hopes and Dreams for their contest year which ran from August 1,2023 to July 31, 2024. We were given lots of goodies which I shared at the October meeting.

For 2024, we delivered over forty quilts as I was able to deliver 17 quilts this past November. They gave me two rolls of wool batting when I delivered the quilts. I will be sharing this too in the future. This means we are already on our way to winning again for their next competition year. I hope to pick up many more at our next meeting.

I also want to thank everyone who cut, sewed and created many quilt tops and bassinette covers at the October meeting. I have lost my liaison with Sentara to deliver the bassinette covers. If anyone knows of a hospital that could use them, please let me know. Until we have a new location to donate them to, I suggest we stop making them. Thanks again for all your great work. For the upcoming March meeting, **Debi Harding will be collecting completed quilt tops and finished quilts for ALS. She will have batting and kits available to hand out to members who wish to work on this VCQ community project.**

Karin McElvein, Charity Karinlisa7@gmail.com

COMING TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU - VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

February Virtual Program Event with MJ Kinman

MJ Kinman, the maker of giant gemstone quilts will join us via Zoom for “An Adventure in Color & Her New Improv Technique” on Saturday, February 8, 2025. MJ has prepared a YouTube video introducing the Feb 8th Virtual Program.

Limited Seats Available! Register Early!

REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/ydv5EEsi9X2FZNqFA>



Part I Lecture: 10AM-12PM “Color Play: Beyond Color Theory “



MJ's 90-minute lecture will help you increase your color confidence. She will take you on a deep dive into the magic of color interaction, the subject of her next book. You will learn the 4 rules that predict how color changes when paired with other colors.

Part II Class: 1PM-5PM “Improv Gems Class”

Learn MJ's fast & fun technique to make sparkling gem blocks using the power of improvisational piecing techniques. Use the concepts you learned in the morning session to create blocks that sparkle and glow. This class requires the use of freezer paper and includes cutting/sewing.

Member's Registration fees are \$30.00 for Part I or Part II, \$50.00 for both parts. **Non-Member's Registration** will open January 20th if space is available. Non-Member fees are \$35.00 for Part I or Part II, \$60.00 for both

MJ will post a summary document (Part I) and pattern/instructions (Part II) on her website as a downloadable PDF Monday, February 3rd. You can download both if you register for one Part. There is no charge for these PDFs. Visit MJ Kinman <https://mjkinman.com>



Meet the Instructor:

MJ Kinman's passion is creating quilts inspired by beautiful gems. The key is freezer paper, that wonderful product that adheres to fabric when ironed.

MJ's work has been exhibited at the National Quilt Museum, the International Quilt Museum, the New England Quilt Museum, Quilt Festival (Houston, TX), Quilt Week (Paducah, KY), and Festival of Quilts (Birmingham, UK). Most recently, MJ's piece "Torch Song" was exhibited at the Art Quilt Elements 2024 Biennial (Wayne, PA), where she received the Cindy Friedman Master Award for Excellence.

Her work is included in collections as varied as Maker's Mark Distillery, the National Quilt Museum, the International Quilt Museum, and private collections.

MJ's Birthstone Series patterns feature traditional birthstone gems, and her Diamond Divas Series offer large, artistic quilts easily customizable by makers. Her first book, Gemstone Quilts, was released by C&T Publishing in 2020.

Testimonial to use as applicable:

MJ has a gift for teaching and a wonderful way of making you feel included in an online class as if you were there in person which, in this age of online learning, is a vital part of feeling that you are not missing out on an in-person experience. The personal attention MJ generously provides is second to none. Wherever you are on your sewing journey, MJ welcomes you and delights with her extensive knowledge, not just of practical teaching, but of all things gem related. - Paula M. (New Zealand)

I love taking classes with textile artist, and creative genius, MJ Kinman! Her teaching style is detailed and thorough yet easy to follow, with simple instructions. She is very accessible to her students, encouraging and FUN! I look forward to exploring more fun classes and learning experiences with this exceptional instructor. - Maggie H. (Florida)

MJ Kinman is an extremely creative teacher of her own pictorial quilts, but the best part, is her ability to show everyone her technique and make it easy. She supports her students with encouraging words and listens, so she is able to help when needed. I have truly learned so much, but moreover, my skills have grown so much since taking her class. I look forward to future MJ Kinman classes. - Karen P. (Arizona)

MJ is a wonderful instructor. She is an expert about her technique which is also evident in her written patterns. She is kind and caring in a class setting, making everyone feel at ease and making sure everyone is being acknowledged and understands the technique. I would highly recommend any class MJ teaches. - Kathrin B. (California)



A MESSAGE regarding MEMBERSHIP

VCQ has a current 2025 membership of over 200 members. Our membership, at \$30 per year, is a great value with lectures at each general meeting, virtual workshops, “Come Quilt With Me” several times 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 www.vcq.org and on the last page of this newsletter. Here is a link to our Membership form:

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

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>

TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE, the link is below:

<https://forms.gle/8SsCxmSmMzxM2ZT38>

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

Come Quilt With Me!



Virginia Consortium of Quilters Members
Join us SUNDAY from 2pm-5pm on Zoom!

VCQ In-Person Meeting

March 15, 2025 in Fredericksburg, VA

VCQ will be meeting in Fredericksburg. The schedule for the day includes two great workshops and a Come Quilt with Me (CQWM) option with your machine or handwork.

Meeting Location:

Edward E. Drew Middle School
501 Cambridge St, Fredericksburg, VA 22405
(540) 371-1415
<https://dms.staffordschools.net/>

Lodging Accommodations:

VCQ does not block rooms, so we hope you will call and ask for a discount by at the hotels close to the venue. Most hotels offer AAA, AARP, Military and senior discounts. Also review hotel rates on trivago.com; [trip advisor](http://tripadvisor.com), and booking.com. The Hotels below are about 15 minutes to venue in an area with restaurants and shopping.

<i>Homewood Suites - <u>540-786-9700</u> 1040 Hospitality Lane Fredericksburg, Va 22401</i>	<i>Hilton Garden Inn <u>540-548-8822</u> 1060 Hospitality Lane Fredericksburg, Va 22401</i>	<i>Extended Stay America <u>540-693-0001</u> 1065 Hospitality Ln, Fredericksburg, VA 22401</i>
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Quilt Shops:

Unfortunately, there are currently no Physical Quilt Shops in the Fredericksburg Area.

But GREAT NEWS...Get Stitched Fabrics will set up as a vendor at the meeting. This is an online Quilt store which is local to the Fredericksburg area. Check them out at: <https://www.getstitchedfabrics.com/>

If you'd like to shop online prior to the meeting put VCQ in the discount code box at checkout for free delivery at the March meeting. Online orders for delivery at the meeting close at 5 p.m. on March 13.

Other places of interest:

Hobby Lobby, 1360 Carl D. Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg, Va 22401

JoAnn's, 9685 Patriot Hwy, Fredericksburg, Va 22405

[Visit Fredericksburg, Virginia - FXBG](#)

Notes from

Jan Farrow and Debi Harding, In-Person Programs and Facilities Chairs

***** REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! *****

You may register online or by mail.

Register online: <https://forms.gle/oT528XLv9JzVd2E66>

If you are registering by mail, your registration form and check payable to VCQ must be postmarked by February 22, 2025 (3 weeks prior to event). **Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after February 22, 2025 cannot be accepted and will be returned.** Please fill out your registration form completely as this information is very vital to ensure proper email confirmation.

You will receive an email as Confirmation of your class. **NO postcards will be mailed.** **Any cancellations must be made by Mar 1, 2025 (2 weeks prior to event) to obtain a refund.**

Please wear your VCQ or Guild name tag to the meeting so we can put names and faces together.

Saturday March 15, 2025 Meeting Schedule

8:05-9:00 AM	Registration
9:00- Noon	Workshops
Noon-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:20	Business Meeting
1:30 - 3:30	Workshops Continue
3:45 - 4:15	Show and Tell

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Workshop A: Legit Kits with Julie Belin of Blue Oaks Quilting

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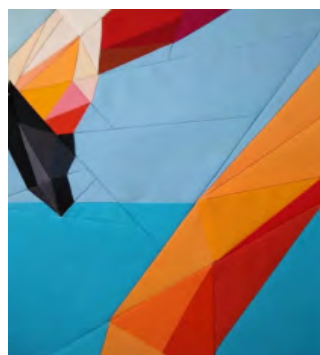
blueoaksquilting@yahoo.com

Explore the revolutionary Legit Kits foundation paper-piecing techniques while creating a beautiful wall hanging or sample block. With everything you need included in the kit—pattern, foundation papers, and fabrics—there’s minimal prep required for the class. Julie, a Legit Kits Certified Instructor, will guide you through organizing your kit, piecing your blocks, and assembling them into a stunning finished piece. Even if you’ve never tried foundation paper-piecing before, Julie’s expert tips and techniques will help you achieve a successful, beautiful result. By the end, you’ll be ready to take on any Legit Kits project with confidence! Not sure about committing to a full project? Start with the Bit O’ Flamingo block to experience the techniques and get a taste of the possibilities. Come prepared to sew, learn, and leave with valuable skills you can apply to all your quilting projects.



Blue Jay

**Skill Level
Beginner - Advanced**



Bit O Flamingo

KIT FEES: ___Kit includes pattern, foundation papers, and all fabrics for the top \$70 Blue Jay Mini (18” x 20”), \$20 Bit O ’Flamingo (8” x 10”)

Kit includes pattern, foundation papers, and all fabrics for the top !

Supply List:

Legit Kits Pattern and Fabrics Kit – payable to Julie on the day of class:

\$70 for Blue Jay Mini, \$20 for Bit O Flamingo

Add-A-Quarter Ruler

Flower head pins or similar – these larger pins are for organizing your sewing efficiently

Fine piecing pins – for precisely matching seams

Fabric Scissors AND Paper Scissors

Cutting Mat (at least 12" x 18") & Rotary Cutter (new blade suggested)

A 6"x 12" Ruler – for trimming up blocks after assembly

Sewing machine, neutral thread and bobbins, open-toe or standard foot AND your ¼" foot

- General sewing kit – scissors, pins, seam ripper, machine needles, extension cord, comfy cushion for your chair, chocolate, etc.



Julie Belin's quilting career began more than 35 years ago after receiving a quilt as a wedding gift. When her husband challenged "you could make that" the journey began. Although originally a self-taught quilter, her careers of engineer and high school math teacher fueled her passion for precision piecing. She's always on the lookout for efficient methods and tools to do just that.

Wanting to share quilting tips and techniques with others, she became a certified quilt instructor for Studio 180 Design in 2016. Since then, she continues to add new certifications to her repertoire. She's especially excited about her recent certification for Legit Kits. These certifications have opened the door allowing her to share her enthusiasm for precision quilting tools and techniques across the country with workshops and lectures at guilds, retreats and quilt shows. She loves seeing the excitement of her students as they master the tools and techniques.

When Julie isn't teaching or lecturing, you can find her busy with her many guilds planning events, quilting for charity, long-arming for her business or maybe even playing in her garden.

Workshop B: Twisted Hexagons with Debby Kratovil

Email: kratovil@his.com



Try your hand at making these Twisted Hexagon blocks with NO y-seams. Easily cut the whole and half hexagons with your 60 degree triangle ruler. Whole and half hexagons combine in a log cabin technique, taking a new "spin" on a traditional block.

Skill Level: Beginner - Advanced

KIT FEE: Pattern (includes BOTH quilts): \$10.00

****Debby will have her own multi-sized 60 degree rulers for sale, size 8 1/2" height. Please reserve one ahead of time for \$15 by emailing kratovil@his.com**

Please bring sewing machine and all sewing tools (rulers, rotary cutter, pins, thread, etc.)

Supplies Needed for 12 Block Quilt:

Block Size: 12" high x 13-1/2" wide

--- 3/4 yards print for block centers if you do NOT wish to fussy cut your center hexagons

--- If you wish to fussy cut from other motifs (center your design), the hexagon must fit into a 6-1/2" x 7-1/2" rectangle (you will need 12 rectangles).



--- Assorted scraps for half-hexagons. Each 3-1/2" x wof strip yields SIX half-hexagons.

Each block uses 2 colors (for the 6 half hexagons). You will need 72 half-hexagons (24 sets of 3) - a total of 1-1/4 yards.

--- 1 yard white or light for background triangles (five 6-1/2" strips)

--- 1/3 yard for inner border (5 strips cut 2" x wof) --- 1-3/4 yard for outer border (for no seams)

--- 1/2 yard for binding.

*** Freezer paper for fussy cutting (10" square is plenty)

***Recommended: multi-size 60 degree triangle ruler with blunted tip; paper templates are included in pattern

Twisted Hexagon Block in novelty prints Quilt Size: 33" x 39"

Twisted Hexagon 12 Block Quilt: 57" x 64"

Supplies Needed for 6 Block Quilt:

Block Size: 10" high x 11-3/4" wide

--- Several 3" strips for the half-hexagons (each strip yields 8 half-hexagons)

--- Two 5-1/2" x wof strips for center hexagons. If you wish to fussy cut the motifs (center your design), it must fit into a 5-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle (you will need 6 rectangles).

--- 1/3 yard white or light for background triangles (two 5-1/2" strips)

--- 1/3 yard EACH of two fabrics for borders; four 5-1/2" squares (yellow print)

--- 1/3 yard binding print

Debby has been "sewing for the camera" since 1993, serving as an editor with Quilt Magazine for 14 years (with over 1,000 patterns published). She's been a project designer for several fabric companies with over 200 patterns for them. She's the author of 3 quilting books and 18 block a day quilting calendars with a new one due in 2025. She is a 2025 Benartex Fabrics Sewcial Ambassador. She's a popular guild presenter and workshop teacher,

too! DebbyKratovilQuilts.blogspot.com is where she shares lots of tips, free patterns and other quilting nuggets.

Blog: <http://debbykratovilquilts.blogspot.com/>

Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/quilterbydesign/>

Etsy: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/QuilterbyDesign>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/quilterbydesign/>

Workshop C: Come Quilt with Me

Bring your own hand or machine project or ALS Charity Quilts kits will be available. Work on as you sit and quilt with other members and experience wonderful fellowship.



To register and pay on-line use this link:

<https://forms.gle/oT528XLv9JzVd2E66>

Registration form deadline: Saturday, **Feb.22, 2025 (3 weeks before event)**. Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after Feb 22,2025 will not be accepted and will be returned. Any cancellations must be made by Saturday, Mar.1,2025 (2 weeks before the event) to obtain a refund.

Send workshop registration form and your check **payable to VCQ** by Saturday, Feb.22, 2025.

Jan Farrow, 234 Winchester Tr, Mineral VA 23117

Email: Inpersonprograms@vcq.org or call or text (540) 287-5822 with any questions. See you in Fredericksburg!

VCQ WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM – Fredericksburg

Name _____ Member_ ___ Non-Member_____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Circle One: Workshop A: Legit Kits with Julie Belin of Blue Oaks Quilting

Kit Choice(s): _____ Blue Jay Mini (18" x 20") **\$70 due at Workshop**

_____ Bit O' Flamingo (block 8"x10") \$20 due at Workshop

Workshop B Twisted Hexagons with Debby Kratovil - \$10 pattern due at workshop

Workshop C: Come Quilt with Me If registering for Come Quilt With Me, will you be bringing a sewing machine? Yes No

Member , Workshop, CQWM & Lunch	\$50.00
Non-Member Workshop, CQWM & Lunch	\$60.00
Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

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

If so, please write in their name _____

Is this your first time attending an In-Person workshop with VCQ? Yes No

Can you volunteer to be the Class Helper? Yes No

Honey Baked Ham will be preparing lunch for us...Lunch includes sandwich, side, cookie (Gluten Free Brownie) and Water

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.

Gluten Free wrap available for all sandwiches Lunch Choice: **Condiments on the side

_____ **HAM CLASSIC BOX: Honey Baked Ham topped with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, and hickory honey mustard on a flaky croissant**

_____ **TURKEY CLASSIC BOX: Smoked Honey Baked Turkey Breast topped with Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, and hickory honey mustard on a baker's roll**

_____ **CALIFORNIA VEGGIE BOX: Avocado spread, topped with red onion, cucumber, tomato, and lettuce on multigrain bread.**

SIDES Choose One: _____ Broccoli Bacon Bliss Salad or _____ Sea Salt Chips

Special lunch requirements: _____ Gluten-free Allergies _____

Save The Date for Celebration! 2026

April 16-19, 2026



Celebration! is the premiere event of the Virginia Consortium of Quilters held every two years at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. This 4-day retreat and workshop brings together 150 quilters, eight teachers, sixteen classes, 2 lectures, a quilt challenge and show, plus contests, prizes, a silent auction and much more. Registration includes overnight accommodations, classes,

Important Dates: July 4, 2025 – Celebration Brochure is published on www.vcq.org

August 1, 2025 – Early Member* registration opens

September 1, 2025 – Non-Member registration opens

February 1, 2026 – All fees must be paid

You must be a registered VCQ member in both 2025 and 2026 to register early. Our theme for Celebration! 2026 is AMERICANA celebrating the 250th birthday of America and the 50th anniversary of the modern-day quilt revival.

What's new in Celebration! 2026?

At least one two-day class * Interesting mini-lectures before the main evening lecture on Friday and Saturday nights * Virginia Quilt Museum “Stitching History 2026” mini-quilt show **

A new microphone and amplification system in the lecture hall ** New teachers **

Pre-Celebration! lunch cruise of beautiful Smith Mountain Lake on the Virginia Dare. This event is first come, first registered and must be paid in full at the time of registration. **

CELEBRATION! 2026 Quilt Challenge: STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

All celebration participants are encouraged to participate and enter. Quilts must have both stars and stripes in the quilt pattern or fabric (or both!). Any colors are allowed. The quilt does not have to be red, white, and blue. Quilt must be made in 2025 or 2026. Quilt must include three layers – front, batting, and backing but can use any technique. Quilt must include a 4” hanging sleeve sewn in the top. Quilters are strongly encouraged to make quilts 70” or less. Larger quilts must be registered by 3/1/26.

All Celebration 2026 participants will vote for Best in Show and Best Interpretation of Theme. First, second, and third place ribbons will be presented in both categories.

Co-Chairs for Celebration! 2026 - Kelly Zuber and Kathy McCrea

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 proudly supports the Virginia Quilt Museum and encourages members to participate in all museum activities.

Open: Tues – Sat, 10am to 4pm

Virginia Quilt Museum

2328 Silver Lake Rd. Dayton, VA 22821

(540) 433-3818

info@vaquiltmuseum.org

QUILTING EVENTS OUTSIDE THE STATE

American Quilt Study Group

<http://www.Americanquiltstudygroup.org>



<https://quiltalliance.org>

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.saqqa.com/textiletalks for more information on this series.

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Virginia Consortium of Quilters
Application for Membership

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

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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. Check Years Paying For: () 2025 () 2026 () 2027 () 2028 () 2029

() New Member (Referred by _____)

Amt: \$ _____ (Make check payable to "VCQ")

(\$30.00 per calendar year, up to five years only.)

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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: _____

_____ (List all guilds)

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

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

Mail to: Faye Hannah, Membership Chairperson

624 Lacy Oak Drive

Chesapeake, VA 23320

Questions: membership@vcq.org

FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLY

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

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