



## VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had a wonderful end to 2023 with our New Year's Eve Day event, "Sew Up the Year with VCQ". Those who attended got to sew on final projects for 2023 and attend any or all of our break-out sessions. We learned how to use break-out rooms and share screen on Zoom to share all the fabulous quilts we made this year. We also heard about Quilt Alliance. There is no telling what the board may dream up for 2024.

We are starting the year off right. The Virtual class in February with David Sirota sold out in less than 24 hours. Serendipitously, he over booked on our original date and offered us 2 alternative dates. We took both since we already had a waiting list of 7. Both classes were filled quickly. Great perk of membership, first chance to sign up for classes before possibly opening up to non-members.

We also started the sign up for a Block of the Month program from Debby Kratovil. The quilt we chose is Galaxy of Stars. The only limitation on this program is you must be a member to participate. Last count I heard was 70 with more members signing up daily. You will receive the supply list when you sign up and a link to each month's block will be sent to you via email on the last Friday of each month January to August. No worries you can join in at any time and receive links to any previously released blocks. Another member only perk.

We have much more fun in the works for both members and non-members for the year.

Celebration 2024 is right around the corner, April 18 to 21, at Smith Mountain Lake. Please visit our website at [VCQ.org](http://VCQ.org) for details. There are 2 openings as I write on January 15. Best deal around for a 3-day retreat with National Teachers, room and board included.

Have you made any New Year's quilt resolutions? I have made one this year. As I was trying to get a handle on the quilt sprawl (it has now crept into my guest bedroom) I noticed all the tops I have completed but not quilted and bound and moved on out the door. I love to piece and have found that unless the quilt has a deadline to be gifted, I frequently stop once the top is pieced. So, my goal for 2024 is to get one a month done. Now let's hope I don't just replace that one with another top.

Keep Calm and Quilt On.

*Karen Brewster, President VCQ*



## **OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024**

<i>Board Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Karen Brewster</i>	<i>president@vcq.org</i>
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## AREA REPS

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### Treasurer's Report year ending 12/31/2023

This has been a great year to be Treasurer. We ended the year with a positive \$5,487.75. The income was generated by many members paying dues for future years. Also we had great participation in both Virtual (online) and In-person workshops. This positive income helps to balance those years (especially during Covid) when we spent more money than we had coming in.

I have enjoyed my time as Treasurer. I had a wonderful group of people on the board to work with along with every member I encountered. I pass along this position to someone (Paula Hutt) who will add her expertise to this organization.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at **Celebration! 2024** and at future workshop.

Wendy Collyer

Treasurer 2022-23

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Mechanicsville, VA

Saturday October 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 by President Karen Brewster. President Brewster welcomed everyone along with our 10 new members attending their first meeting and 4 guests.

Announcements: President Brewster asked for corrections to the June minutes. None were noted. Karin McElvein made a motion to accept them as posted. Susan Swett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Treasurer: Wendy Collyer announced we have \$35,202.02 in General Checking and \$55,582.30 in Current Assets. The General Fund Net Income is \$7,475.99 and Celebration! Net Income is \$15,847.64. The motion was made by Ann Tisman to accept the report. August Cole seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Elections: President Karen Brewster announced that we will need to vote on the slate for the positions that will begin in January 2024. Debi Harding announced the list as Vice President: Karilyn Pittman, Treasurer: Paula Hutt and Membership will again be Faye Hannah. Marty Moon made the motion to accept the slate. Jan Farrow seconded the motion. The membership voted and the motion passed to accept the slate that was presented for January 2024.

Community Service: Karin McElvein - Karin announced that she had items from ALS for quilts and encouraged members to pick some of them up to make more quilts. She dropped for 10 more quilts and found out that we came in at 3rd place for number of quilts donated over the past year. She has reminded everyone that if you make an ALS quilt, please be sure to attach the paperwork that can be found on our website to the quilt and to also put a label on the back. The label just needs your name, where you are from and the year it was made. When these are missing Karin has to put her name on the quilts and paperwork. She also reminded members that we are still taking Bassinet covers for the NICU and the instructions can be found on our website or contact her.

Membership: Faye Hannah was absent. Mary Grogan announced that we currently have 258 members and that 97 new members joined in 2023.

Celebration: Deb Schupp announced that we have 121 registered for Celebration! We can take 126 maximum. Classes are filling up fast so do not wait to register if you have not already. The dates are 18-21st of April 2024 at the 4H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. Any questions can be sent to Deb at Celebration@vcq.org. Marty Moon is heading the Block Lotto and has kits available for \$5 per kit (each kit contains 2 blocks). Karilyn and Jan are handling the silent auction and ask that member bring items to donate to Celebration! If you are not sure if it is an appropriate item to donate, send an email and ask. Silent Auction is a big fundraiser for Celebration! Door prizes are being handled by Lynn.

Newsletter: Kathy Gray announced the deadline for the next newsletter is January 15th. Write ups are welcome to be included about places or events members have attended and want to share.

In-Person Programs: Debi Harding announce that in 2024 we will meet the 2nd Saturday of March in Fredericksburg, the 2nd Saturday of June in Harrisonburg and the 2nd Saturday of October in Williamsburg.

Virtual Programs: Elizabeth Gibson was absent. President Karen Brewster announced that November 18th our virtual class is The Spin Off Quilt with Daisy Aschehoug which is a curved piecing technique. Daisy is part of the Global Quilt Connection. Write up is on the website along with sign up. The class is filling up fast. Elizabeth is working on finding a class for February.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelly Zuber was not present. President Karen Brewster announced we will be doing a Come Quilt With Me on November 5th called Deck the Holidays. It will be on Zoom and cost \$5. Kelly will have various holiday ornaments that can be made and will also do drawings for prizes.

December 31st-New Year's Eve will be a New Year's Zoom again for Final UFO for the year. This will also be \$5 and will have prizes.

President Karen Brewster also announced we are looking at doing a Block of the Month with Debby Kratovil. It would not cost anything but it would be for members only. Those who register would get a link to the block each month and the pattern is Galaxy of Stars. It is NOT a mystery, but a fun way to work on something together.

President Karen Brewster also announced that there were cards to be signed for members: a sympathy card for Phyllis Mondak's family on her passing; a sympathy card for Karen Fisher on the passing of her husband and a get well card for Carol Britt.

Virginia Quilt Museum: President Karen Brewster announced that Harrisonburg Quilt Photos will be released in a video on November 1st. They had a huge variety of fabrics in the quilts and alterations to the design that made for a large array of diversity in the pattern. VQM will also be announcing some plans for 2025 when it is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Keep an eye on their website.

Mary Grogan announced she still needs a replacement. It would be much easier if the job can be divided up among various people rather than one person trying to do all of it. She asked that if anyone is interested they let her know.

Kitty Bull explained the Tree of Life that was on display at the meetings so new members were aware. The VCQ Memory Tree is for VCQ members who have passed away. Each one gets their name put on a leaf and the leaf is appliquéd to the tree. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 and members returned to their classes.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Frieman



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

Do you want VCQ to continue to grow and serve the state quilting community into the future? Then you need to step up and volunteer!

The VCQ Board is looking for members to be Area Reps for the Northern Virginia, Culpeper/Charlottesville/Lynchburg, Shenandoah Valley and Southwest areas of the state. You won't know everyone, but it's a great way to build new quilting friendships (Celebration! 2024 theme.)

Area Reps stay connected via email or Zoom and visit their local quilt guilds, so don't think you will need to tour the state. The term is usually a two-year minimum, but there is no limit.

Duties:

- Send emails to members reminding them of upcoming events like CQWM, Zoom sew alongs, registration deadlines for Zoom and in-person workshops, etc. Set up a contact group, type a short note and send. Simple as that!
- Visit the local guilds to promote VCQ. If you can't go in person, contact another VCQ quilter who is a member of that guild to promote VCQ. Area Reps are vital to building our membership.
- Attend VCQ board meetings every other month on Zoom. (About one hour.)
- Attend VCQ annual board retreat the second Saturday in January at Deb Schupp's house in Culpeper or on Zoom. (9am-4pm)

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 to the board on issues or concerns that are important to them. Keeping that line of communication open.
- Making life-long quilting friends.
- Use of VCQ's Zoom account for personal reasons. (To connect with family and friends, not to run a business.)

Some of you have served on the VCQ Board in a variety of positions and know the pleasure of having quilting friends you can call on.

Please give this serious consideration. Contact me with any questions.  
Happy Quilting,  
Deb Schupp [QLTQEEN@gmail.com](mailto:QLTQEEN@gmail.com)

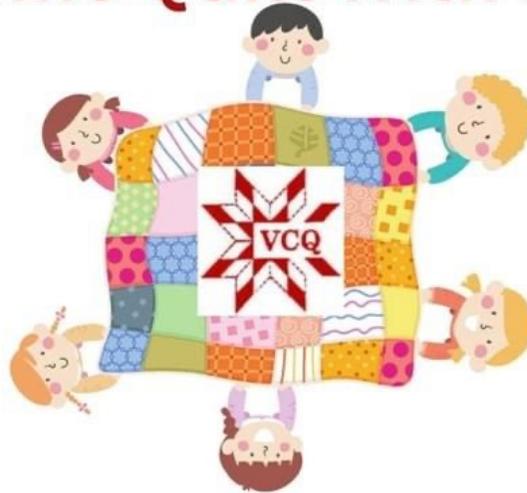
## Tech Committee is Looking for Help

Tammy Halstead is our new webmistress in charge of all things technical. This job has grown a lot in recent years and involves much more than maintaining the VCQ website. We are looking for members comfy with technology (or willing to learn) to help with some of the jobs. We will provide training and whatever backup you want. The jobs we have thought of this month include:

- Using administrative web-based menus and pages to easily keep current the info we offer on our public VCQ website in several areas:
  - VCQ Calendar
  - List of Teachers
  - List of Quilt Guilds
  - List of Quilt Shops
- Managing the Google calendar VCQ uses for scheduling Zoom sessions using the VCQ Zoom account.
- Helping us identify Google tools that would be helpful to the Board in managing jobs and sharing info.

Please contact Tammy at [webmistress@vcq.org](mailto:webmistress@vcq.org) if you have energy or ideas to help!  
Mary Grogan, Retired VCQ webmistress

# Come Quilt With Me!



Virginia Consortium of Quilters Members  
Now Meeting every Sunday on Zoom from 2PM - 6PM!

COME QUILT WITH ME

Now meeting Every Sunday 2PM-6PM

“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. Sign in with the link in the members only section of [vcq.org](http://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. Attendance was low on the monthly Tuesday and Saturday schedule, so we hope more can join at the new time.

## **End-of-Term Thank You Quilt for our VCQ President**

Keep a lookout for your instructions for the quilt we will make for our VCQ President, Karen Brewster. I will be distributing instructions through email. The blocks are simple and quick to make. You will use your stash, following the fabric and color guidelines, piece your block, add your signature and send it to me. You may also give it to me at **Celebration! 2024** or at the October in-person meeting.. The deadline to get your block to me will be the October 2024 in-person meeting. If you have any questions, please email me at [karilynpittman@gmail.com](mailto:karilynpittman@gmail.com)

Thanks for your help with honoring our VCQ President and showing her how much we appreciate all of her hard work!

~Karilyn Pittman, VCQ Vice President

## **Forty Years in the Making by Kitty Bull**

I have been tasked with the researching project of finding names of those first few folks whose idea of a Virginia state quilter's organization was begun back in early 1984. We are the Virginia Consortium of Quilters because of their vision, hard work, and perseverance 40 years ago.

We all know that the idea was sparked by Elsie Harriman after a return trip from the North Carolina Symposium that she shared with a few other quilters. A committee list of 11 enthusiastic and talented folks was formed in June of 1984. By August 26<sup>th</sup>, there were 16 committee members. And at the first formal meeting in Richmond, VA on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1994, from that list of 16, fourteen of those committee members met in Richmond to fan that spark into reality. By that first week in November, a general board of directors was put in place, a constitution was written, and By-Laws formed.

<b>Candy Bell</b>	<b>Elise Bick</b>	Cecil Bowles	<b>Katherine Bowles</b>
<b>Helen Calp</b>	<b>Beth Ford</b>	<b>Boydie Girimont</b>	
<b>Elsie Harriman</b>	<b>Norma Louise Harris</b>	Dorothy Holden	
<b>Gwen Hoppe</b>	Barbara Kenyon	Joan Knight	
<b>Ann Lahr</b>	<b>Karen Lovell</b>	<b>Mary Maher</b>	
<b>Louise Phillips Mancil</b>	<b>Barbara Provaznik</b>	<b>Sheddy Reese</b>	
<b>Ann Shibut</b>	<b>Dee Smith</b>	<b>Betty Kitts Surace</b>	
<b>Ruth Thompson</b>	<b>Jean Williamson</b>	Sadie Wright	<b>Barbara Zygiel</b>

The very first General Board of Directors was formed from these **twenty-six** enthusiastic and dedicated folks.

**FREE TO MEMBERS ONLY**

Debby Kratovil is offering a **BOM of her Galaxy of Stars** pattern, FREE to VCQ members. Go to [VCQ.org](http://VCQ.org) (Members Only) for more info and the link to register. You can register any time from now thru the end of the BOM in August. A supply list will be issued with the first block. In fairness to Debby Kratovil, and to respect her copyright, please do not share these links with non-members.

Blocks 1 and 2 have been posted and next block(s) will be posted on February 23, 2024. Register now so you don't get behind. 87 members are currently registered so the October meeting will be full of stars!

COMING TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

*On March 9, 2024 the VCQ meeting will be virtual, followed by a lecture!*

*Erin Grogan presents "Finding Your Quilty Identity"*

Business meeting will start at 9:00am. Members can join on Zoom from the members-only webpage on the VCQ website. Register and purchase a ticket for the lecture starting at 10:30am. Another Zoom link will be sent to registrants.



### Finding Your Quilty Identity

This lecture dives into the discovery of who you are as an artist as quilter. I've met many wonderful quilters who feel like they don't know what they "like." They say things like they only make quilts from kits or feel like they have to use what fabric is currently popular. There's nothing wrong with this approach if it brings you joy, but if you're looking to grow this is the lecture for you. I break down the four



different stages of a quilter. I then share my process for finding the color palette that represents you.



Erin Grogan, the pattern designer and founder of Love Sew Modern, was introduced to sewing by her grandmother, a professional seamstress. When Erin was a child she would fill a notebook with fashion designs with the dream of one day becoming a clothing designer. Her grandmother would come to visit for many weeks in the summer. Erin and her grandmother would go to Hancock Fabrics to get material and together they would sew her school wardrobe for the next year. These precious moments sparked her love for design.

In 2017 Erin took her first trip to a modern quilt shop. Surrounded by all the bright and bold fabrics and modern quilts she knew in that moment she wanted to become a quilter. In January of 2020 Erin left her corporate job to focus on growing her dream, Love Sew Modern.

**Register today! Members- \$20, Non-Members- \$25**

## **SEW UP THE YEAR WITH VCQ EVENT REPORT**

On New Year's Eve Day we had a special event where we shared our projects from the 2023 year. Attendance was open to members and nonmembers and we had over 60 people come for at least part of the day.

We were joined by some teachers who will be at **CELEBRATION! 2024**. And we heard from Alicia Thomas the Director from The Virginia Quilt Museum about upcoming events. Later in the afternoon we had an introduction by Amy Milne from the Quilt Alliance, who presented a great video on Share our Stories, a video program about documenting quilts.

Here is what some people had to say about this event:

"It was so much fun seeing quilters and their quilts from all over Virginia. We sewed and learned a lot during 2023."

"The day was a great deal of fun and I was very productive on a behind project. The comradery and the suggestions to other quilters was a lot of fun to watch and listen to."

"A big thank you to the VCQ New Year's Evening Day event planning committee and others who may have been behind the scenes for hosting a fun event for us to celebrate the end of the year and welcome the new! The breakout rooms with former VCQ instructors, special guests, and presentations were wonderful. The breakout rooms also provided venues to chat and get to know each other better. Thank you for a lovely event and "quilty" camaraderie to ring in the New Year!"

"What a lively event! Please repeat!!

"A fun time and I got 6 of my last 12 center Harrisonburg blocks assembled! Once I finish the other 6, I am ready to assemble the whole thing! Wheee!"

"Thoroughly enjoyed yesterday's event and was able to complete 3 more Harrisonburg blocks. The Quilt Alliance presentation was very informative and inspirational. Great to see fellow quilters and projects both completed and in progress. Kudos to the group for a successful event:"

Elizabeth Gibson

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**

I delivered 10 quilts to Hopes and dreams in June. Over 20 kits were passed out at Celebration 2022. More were passed out at the June and October Meetings. I hope to receive more at our next in person meeting

The Hopes and Dreams contest runs from August 1 to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

We won 3<sup>rd</sup> place this year and received some prizes which were shared at the October meeting. Quilter's dream batting also gave me a roll of 60 in wide select and four rolls of 10 inch wide fusible select batting. I passed out 10 60" x 60" pieces and 5 10" x 120" pieces of batting in October. I thought the fusible would be great for making stripped pieced quilt as you go blocks

In October I received 16 finished quilts and one top that needed quilting. I delivered the 16 finished quilts to Hopes and Dreams. They will be part of this coming years count. Hopefully I will receive more quilts at the March and June meeting so that we will win First place again. I will not be at the March meeting, but someone from Tidewater will collect them and deliver them to me.

I want to remind our members that if they just like to piece tops and don't really know how to quilt them that we have members who are willing to quilt the tops for them. They can bring them to any meeting or mail them to me.

I do have about 20 bassinet covers to deliver. Perhaps we could have a charity class in June to concentrate on making them again.

You can get in touch with me if you have any questions. Instructions for Bassinet covers and two charity quilts can be found on the VCQ.org website.

Karin McElvein

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### **A MESSAGE regarding MEMBERSHIP**

VCQ has a current membership of 258 members. We have had 98 new members join since January 1, 2023. Our membership, at \$30 per year, is a great value with lectures and/or workshops at each general meeting, virtual workshops, "Come Quilt With Me" three 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 and on the next page of this newsletter.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Membership dues can now be paid online!! Click the link for the March Meeting Lecture and select the number of years you want to pay. (Listed as a ticket under the lecture tickets.)\*\*\*\*\***

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](mailto: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

or on-line at VCQ.org

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")

\$30 per calendar year for 2024 and later, up to four more years.)

Renewal Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to "VCQ" and include SASE)

\$30 per calendar year for 2024 and later, up to four more years.)

***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 Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320**

**Questions: [membership@vcq.org](mailto:membership@vcq.org)**

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**For Membership Only: Area** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amt: \_\_\_\_\_

Ck. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Year: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Packet: Letter \_\_\_\_; Name Badge \_\_\_\_ Card \_\_\_\_



## **Celebration! 2024 at Smith Mountain Lake**

### **40 Years of VCQ Quilting Friendships Celebration! 2024 is Almost Full!**

I'm so excited to tell you that once again the membership has supported our quilt retreat at the 4H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. The registrations for **CELEBRATION! 2024** are in, classes have filled quickly and we are excited that you are going to be with us. Registration is open to everyone, members and non-members. Most attendees took advantage of early sign ups for members only to secure their space in the classes of their choice. . There are 123 members registered with just two more spaces left. The deadline to register is March 1, 2024, but don't delay. To fill those last two spaces use this link:

[https://www.vcq.org/celebration/2024/celebration\\_register.php](https://www.vcq.org/celebration/2024/celebration_register.php)

### **Co-Chairs for Celebration! 2026**

Volunteer! It's a great way to make new friends all over the state of Virginia!

**Celebration! 2024** is almost here and I am excited to be with so many VCQ members all in the same place enjoying the things we all love – QUILTING!

My job is almost done! It has been a pleasure working with my committee and lots of others to make this a fun and informative event for all. Now is the time for you and a friend to step up to be Chair for **Celebration 2026**.

I know you don't know what your life will be like two years from now, but the event planning needs to begin early. It's not hard, but you do need to be organized. You will receive all the records from 2022 and 2024 which will give you plenty to start with. VCQ and **Celebration!** are well known in the teaching and quilt shop communities along the east coast.

Join in – contact Karen Brewster at [president@vcq.org](mailto:president@vcq.org) or Deb Schupp at [Celebration@vcq.org](mailto:Celebration@vcq.org)

## *Celebration! 2024* – Looking for donations

The *Celebration! 2024* retreat is a great opportunity to learn new quilting techniques, make new quilting friendships and broaden our quilting skills. It's also a time to win door prizes, receive special gifts in our Welcome Bags, or be the winner of that Silent Auction item you had your eye on!

To help make this *Celebration! 2024* extra special, take a good, hard look in your stash. You know, that mountain of fabric, books and notions that you just couldn't live without. See if you can part with a Fat Quarter or two, a book you bought two of or the extra notion you were given that you already had several of. You know what I mean!

Bring your donations to Celebration! 2024. I will make sure they all find new homes. Please email or call me to let me know what you are donating. [garverlynn@hotmail.com](mailto:garverlynn@hotmail.com) or 330-730-0230

Lynn Garver, Donations Chair

### SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction at *Celebration! 2024* is to help offset the cost of Celebration 2024! This is being facilitated by Jan Farrow and Karilyn Pittman. Your help with the auction is needed! Donate your quilting and sewing related items to the Silent Auction. Our intent is to offer some of the best novelty items, fabrics, kits, sewing machines, and other like items. So, there is no time like the present to clean out your sewing studios and start looking for items to donate. A tax receipt form will be available upon request when you bring your items to Celebration! 2024 on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

As we receive donations, we reserve the right to put items on the Peddler's Table. The Peddler's Table is 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 bring something specifically for the Peddler's Table, please tag it as such.

Here are a few suggestions for the Silent Auction to help you get started with your planning:

- Fat Quarters, Precuts and fabric yardage (please label with amount)
- Kits that include fabric and pattern. This can include W.I.P. (Works in Progress) as long as all of the parts and pieces are included.
- Notions, Scissors, Rulers, embellishments and Threads.
- Quilt patterns or books.
- Organizational tools and/or containers.
- Sewing Machines: new or in good working order.
- A gift basket of sewing and/or quilting items.

We would also appreciate it if you would write a brief description of what you are donating. This will help us prepare the bid sheets. Please bring your items for donation with you to Celebration! 2024. We will be receiving items in the auditorium area as soon as possible after you check-in, to allow us time to prepare the auction items and tables. Don't forget to bring cash and/or your checkbook with you to Celebration! 2024 because there will certainly be something that you would like to bid on! Thank you in advance for your help with the Silent Auction.

If you have any questions, please contact Karilyn Pittman ([karilypittman@gmail.com](mailto:karilypittman@gmail.com)), or Jan Farrow ([pharrows@gmail.com](mailto:pharrows@gmail.com)).

## Block Lotto



For **Celebration! 2024** we look forward to commemorating 40 years of VCQ Quilting Friendships! This colorful “Friendship Scrap Block” is a perfect choice for the Block Lotto Patch. The block is 12 ½” unfinished and is constructed as a four patch. Each kit will include clear sewing instructions and 24 off-white triangles, enough to make two blocks. These triangles create a border between the corners and the center of the block (see photo). Each of the four corner triangles should utilize a different bright colorful fabric, prints or tone-on-tone. Trading fabrics with VCQ friends is encouraged and adds to the scrappiness. Just remember that the block must be sewn with a scant ¼” seam allowance so all the parts fit together properly. The blocks will be raffled off at **Celebration! 2024**. If you win a group of blocks, have VCQ friends sign some of them to remember **Celebration! 2024** in a special way. • Buy a fabric kit with instructions for \$5.00, enough fabric for two blocks, from Marty Moon or Joy Harnage. • 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!! Any questions please contact Marty Moon (etwmwm@gmail.com) or Joy Harnage (jbharnage@gmail.com)

## Get your scissors sharpened at Celebration!

Dick Stohr from Snippy Bro's will be at VCQ **Celebration! 2024**.

His specialty is sewing scissors and kitchen knives, but all scissors and all knives, and some garden tools, are \$6.00 per item. Longer blade garden tools are more. Mr. Snippy can accept cash, credit card, or check.

Please contain items in a bag, box, dish towel, or newspaper with name and phone #.

Everyone Loves  
Rubies!

VCQ President's  
Anniversary  
Challenge Quilt  
2024

Virginia Consortium of Quilters celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2024! The traditional gift for this anniversary is RUBIES. Our VCQ president is challenging all members to make a RED and WHITE quilt to bring to Celebration!  
at Smith Mt. Lake 4-H Center April 18-21, 2024.  
The quilt can be any size as long as it is RED and WHITE!  
Must be made in 2023 or 2024. Please add 4" hanging sleeve on back.  
Watch for more details at [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org)

Please contact Marty Moon to enter your quilt in the Ruby challenge

## Fun Nights at 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.

# 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  
301 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801  
(540) [433-3818](tel:5404333818)  
[info@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:info@vaquiltmuseum.org)

## Quilts For All Seasons Quilt Show

The Lake Quilters Guild at Smith Mountain Lake will hold its biennial quilt show on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the Eastlake Community Church which is located at 1201 Timberwood Lane, Moneta, VA. 24121. Show times will be Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The theme of the show is “Quilts For All Seasons”, and approximately 100 quilts and quilt-related items will be on display. The show will also include a quilt raffle, gift basket raffles (3 each day), and vendors selling quilting/sewing items, purses, jewelry, and beauty products. Additionally, there is a **new feature** at the show this year – a boutique with handcrafted items for sale.

Admission is \$10.00 per person. For additional information please contact us at [lqgwebster@gmail.com](mailto:lqgwebster@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.lakequilters.org](http://www.lakequilters.org)

## Women in History

### Kaye England Quilt Collection

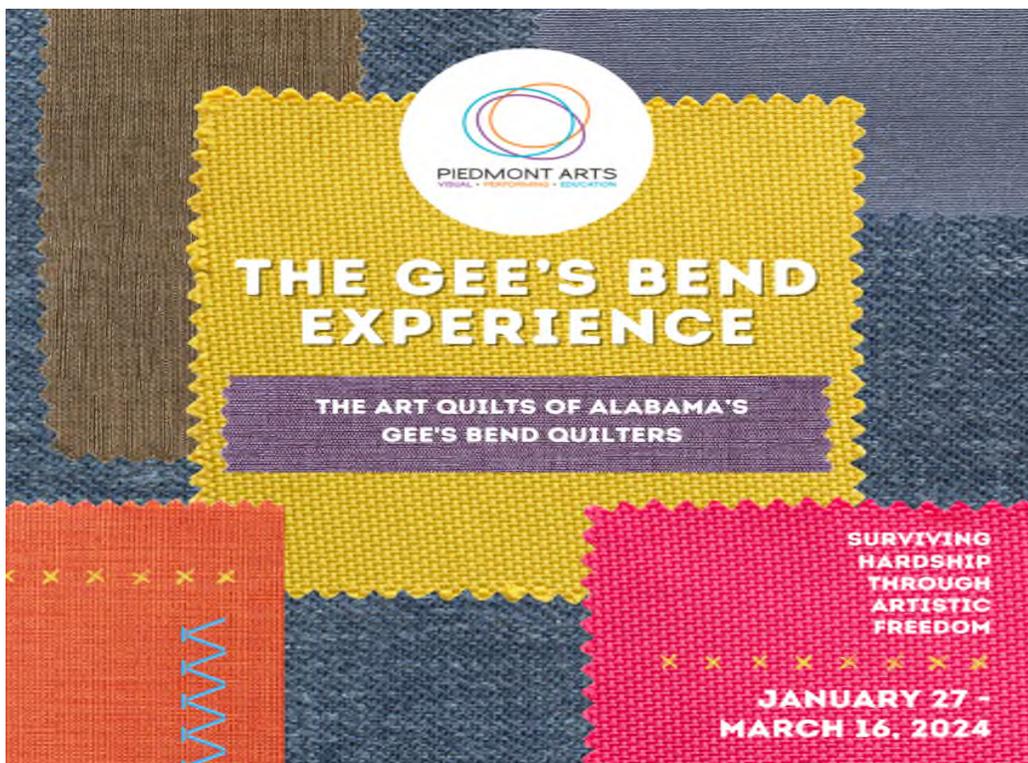
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Oct 16, 2023 – March 8, 2024

Historic Masonic Theatre, Clifton Forge, Virginia  
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Historicmasonictheatre.com



## 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>

## 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.saqa.com/textiletalks](http://www.saqa.com/textiletalks) for more information on this series.

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