



# VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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## 2025 - A YEAR END MESSAGE

Dear VCQ Quilting Friends

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, spent just the way you wanted. Did it include stitching? That's one thing for which I am most grateful. I love the solace of my needle and thread going in and out of my fabric, hopefully, making something beautiful. My other big blessing is this wonderful organization to which we all belong. Thank you for being each other's friends.

The Board is making plans for a fun and memorable year in 2026. We will have several new **"Members Only"** programs and conclude 2025 with a bang. If you signed up for New Year's Eve Day with David Sirota and find you cannot attend, please cancel your reservation. We have a waiting list and someone would love to take your free slot. Even if it is right at the last minute, let us know if you can't come.

Also wrapping up is Karen Brewster's **Block of the Month**. The patterns for 14 blocks (with 2 bonus blocks) will stay on the **"Members Only"** section of our web site until **February 1**, and then disappear. At our In-Person meeting in Williamsburg on March 21, we will have a huge Show and Tell. Bring your quilt, flimsy, or blocks and enjoy the variety. It will be spectacular.

Can you give a bit more time to VCQ by becoming an **Area Representative**? We need reps for Richmond, Charlottesville/Lynchburg and Shenandoah Valley. These are huge areas of our state filled with quilters. Area reps attend the Board meetings and are the voice of those quilters living in their area and are instrumental in helping with In-Person meetings, finding facilities and teachers as we roam about the State. One of the most important duties is as a member of the Nominating Committee which is active every year, as we hold an election for half of the officers every year. We are also in need of a **Newsletter Editor**, or two can serve as co-editors. This Board position requires collecting and editing articles from the general membership and board 3 or 4 times a year to provide information and sign-ups for the in-person meetings, virtual programs, and updates on what is happening throughout the state. Please consider this carefully and serve if you can. Feel free to contact Mary Grogan or me for more info.

I'll be back with you in the next newsletter with details of 2026. Have a happy holiday season, find time to stitch and...

Keep Quilting

Kathy K:)

### **OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026**

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## New Year's Eve Day with David Sirota!

Wednesday - December 31, 2025 Online class - 10am-5pm



**"SCRAPPY CHEVRON STAR...OR NOT "** *Using the Sirota "No More Tears©" Paper Piecing Method - Paper Piecing for the 21st Century*

**This is a FREE event for all Members and Non-Members!**

**New Year's Eve with David Sirota** was first offered on September 6<sup>th</sup> and reached capacity of 100 registrants, with a waitlist, in less than 24 hours. **On December 1<sup>st</sup>, an email will be sent to all who have registered requesting your confirmation of attendance with an RSVP Confirmation Form. (NOTE: There is no Payment page after you submit this form. You do not need to sign in to a Google account to complete the form)**

As there is a waitlist for this program, waitlisted registrants will be moved to an open space as it becomes available. The VCQ Program page will be refreshed with the event information and details to ready project requirements. The attendee list will be posted to the Members Only page. (Non-members will be contacted via email).

A supply list and cutting instructions are included with your registration and can be found on David Sirota's website: [Scrappy Chevron Star...or NOT](#) and the updated [VCQ Program page](#). The **SCRAPPY CHEVRON STAR...OR NOT** free pattern will be sent separately on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 by 10PM Participants are encouraged read through the pattern but please wait until David introduces his technique and guides you through his "No More Tears©" Paper Piecing Method

## SAVE THESE DATES for VCQ in 2026



### Saturday, February 14, 2026

February's Day Virtual Program will be on Saturday, February 14th. Program details and registration information will be aaturnnounced on **New Year's Day at 12 NOON** via email and Facebook. Stay tuned for more information and be ready to register! The popularity of our virtual program instructors and limited ZOOM capacity will no doubt make this a quick sell-out! Note that this program will require a paid registration fee and will be announced with the program details on January 1, 2026 at 12 Noon.

### In Person Program Meetings in 2026

March 21, 2026 at King of Glory Church in Williamsburg

June 13, 2026 at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg

October 17, 2026 at Bayside Baptist Church in Virginia Beach

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**Future Board Meetings** – Saturday, January 10, 2026 Board Retreat Harrisonburg

### **Deadline Dates for Newsletter Submissions:**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for the March 21<sup>st</sup> In-Person Meeting in Williamsburg

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for June 13<sup>th</sup> In-Person Meeting in Blacksburg

August 15<sup>th</sup> for October 17<sup>th</sup> In-Person Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach

Please send material electronically to [newsletter@vcq.org](mailto:newsletter@vcq.org)

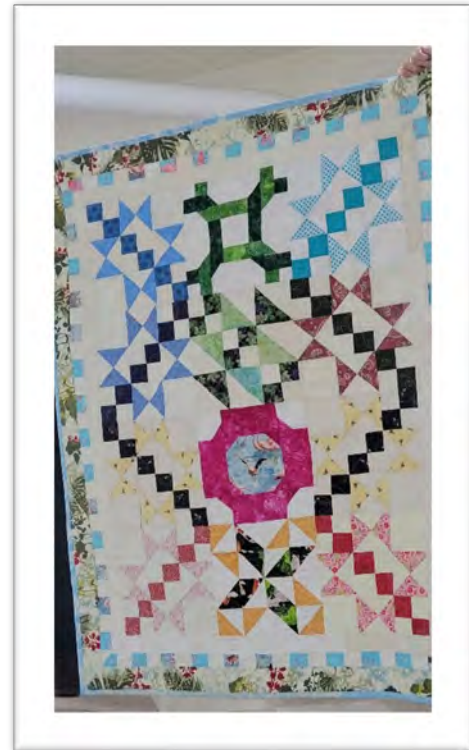
**Remember to check the Calendar tab on the VCQ website for meetings and events at [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org)**



**Show And Tell Pics from the October 25, 2025 Meeting in Culpeper VA**

Deb Heatherly's

"Scrap-tastic" class held on September 6, 2025





### **” Recipes From VCQ’s Past Years”**

Searching through the Historian’s archives of Newsletters and Meeting minutes, Kitty found some recipes from past events AND a mention of the VCQ Celebration 2004 Cookbook that was published with recipes from Celebration participants, teachers and Quilt shops.

Recipes from the 1980’s newsletters –

#### **Party Chicken**

- ★ 1 pkg chipped beef or several slices of country ham
- ★ 6 strips of bacon   ★ 6 chicken breasts (deboned and skinned)
- ★ 1 can cream of mushroom soup   ★ 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ★ 8 oz. sour cream

Put ham or chipped beef inside chicken breasts. Place chicken in greased baking dish. Place one strip of bacon around each chicken breast. Combine soups and sour cream. Pour over chicken and bake at 250° for 3 hours. You’ll have a nice gravy to serve over rice or potatoes. Country ham was used for the VA Beach VCQ event.

#### **Yummy Yam Bake**

One 15 ¼ oz. can pineapple tidbits   ★ 2 cans (17 oz.) yams, drained

- ★ ¼ cup plain flour   ★ 3 tbsps. Brown sugar   ★ ½ tsp. cinnamon   ★ 1/8 tsp. salt
- ★ 3 tbsps. Margarine   ★ ¼ cup chopped pecans   ★ ¼ cup miniature marshmallows

Drain pineapple (reserving ¼ cup syrup). Arrange yams on bottom of 10”x 6” baking dish. Pour pineapple syrup over yams. Sprinkle pineapple tidbits over yams. Combine flour, brown sugar, salt, cinnamon, and “cutting in” the margarine until coarse crumbs are formed. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle this mixture over the pineapple tidbits. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Top with marshmallows and bake about 5 minutes more or place under broiler until golden brown being careful that marshmallows don’t burn.

### **Apple Crisp**

2 cups sliced Apples ★ ½ cup flour

★ ¼ cup margarine

★ 1/4 cup brown sugar ★ 1 tsp. cinnamon

Blend the flour, margarine, brown sugar and cinnamon with a pastry blender to form coarse crumbs. Place sliced apples into a shallow buttered baking dish,. Cover the apples with the flour/sugar mixture. Bake at 375° until apples are tender and the crumb mixture is brown, approx. 45 minutes. If using canned apples, bake for only 30 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream. Serves four.



## **2009 Board Retreat**

### **Crustless Quiche - Mary Grogan**

This recipe is quick and simple to prepare and is extremely adaptable to any season. The flour in the batter gives it a bit of a crust without the work (and calories) of making one. Be Creative! Serves 8

Preheat oven to 350°. **Stir together** – ½ cup flour ★ ½ tsp salt ★ 2 tbsps. fresh herbs or ½ tsp dried of your choice.

**Thoroughly Mix** - flour mixture into 1 cup evaporated milk or light cream using a wire whisk. **Beat In** five eggs. **Stir In** 1 cup cooked vegetables (chard, asparagus, squash, etc.) ★ 1 cup coarsely grated mild cheese of your choice.

**Pour** into a 9-inch lightly buttered pie plate. **Bake** in center of 350° oven for 35-40 minutes, or until pie is set. (it will rise as it cooks). **Cool** 5-10 minutes before serving.

## Recipes (a few) from the Celebration 2004 Cookbook

### Goat Cheese and Phyllo Appetizers – Selwyn Knap

- ★ 6 sheets Phyllo (thawed) ★ 8 oz. goat cheese
- ★ 1 tbsp. fresh rosemary (finely minced) ★ 1 tsp lemon juice
- ★ 3-4 tbsps. Margarine (melted) ★ 1 clove garlic (pressed)

**Filling** – Combine goat cheese, garlic, lemon juice, and rosemary.

**Working quickly** with phyllo so it doesn't dry out, lay one sheet on a flat dry surface. Brush with the melted margarine and lay a second sheet over top. Brush second layer with margarine and lay a third sheet on top. Do not brush with margarine. **Using kitchen shears**, cut layers of phyllo into four lengthwise sections. **Spoon** 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the filling about 1 inch from the end of each layered strip. Beginning at the end of the strip with the filling, fold the layered phyllo strip at a 45° angle over top of the filling. Keep making triangular folds until strip is used up and the filling is completely enclosed. Place triangle (loose ends down) on a baking sheet, lightly coated with cooking spray and brush each triangle with margarine. Repeat process with the other three phyllo sheets and remaining filling. **Bake** triangles at 375° for about 15 minutes until golden. Makes 8 phyllo triangles. Recipe may be halved.

### Cold Broccoli Salad – Susan Fulton

- ★ 16 pieces bacon, cooked and crumbled ★ 2 bunches broccoli ★ 3/4 cup raisins
- ★ 1/2 cup onion, chopped (Vidalia or Spanish) ★ pimentos (optional)
- ★ 1 cup mayonnaise ★ 1/3 cup sugar ★ 2 Tbsps. Apple cider vinegar

Cut broccoli florets off stalk and chop. Discard stems and leaves. Mix chopped broccoli with bacon, pimentos, raisins, and onion. Make dressing of mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar. Pour over broccoli and mix well. Refrigerate for 2 hours.





### **Tomato Soup Spiced Cake**

**Sharon H Dawson**

- ★ 2 cups all purpose flour
- ★ 1 1/3 cups sugar
- ★ 4 tsps. Baking powder
- ★ 1 ½ tsps.. ground allspice
- ★ 1 tsp. baking soda

★ 1 tsp ground cinnamon ★ 1/2 tsp. ground cloves ★ ¼ cup water

★ 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup ★ ½ cup vegetable shortening ★ 2 eggs

**Cream Cheese Frosting:** 1 8oz. package cream cheese (softened) ★ 2 tsps. Milk

★ 1 tsp. vanilla extract ★ 16 oz package Confectioner's Sugar. In bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat 1 8oz. package of cream cheese, 2 tsps. Milk and 1 tsp. vanilla extract until creamy. Gradually beat in one 16 oz package of Confectioner's sugar until smooth and spreadable.

**Preheat** oven to 350°. **Grease** and flour 13"x 9" baking pan. **Mix** flour, sugar, baking powder, allspice, baking soda, cinnamon, and cloves. **Add** water, soup, shortening, and eggs. With mixer at low speed, **beat** until well mixed, constantly scraping bowl. At high speed, **beat** 4 minutes, occasionally scraping bowl. Pour into prepared pan and **bake** 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. **Cool**, then **frost** with Cream cheese frosting.

### **2010 Board Retreat- Mexican Egg Puff – Susan Price**

★ 10-12 Eggs ★ ½ cup flour ★ 1 tsp. baking powder ★ ½ tsp. salt

★ 1 (16oz.) container cottage cheese ★ 1/2 cup butter (melted & cooled)

★ 1 lb. shredded Monterey Jack cheese ★ 2(4oz) cans diced green chiles

Preheat oven to 350°. In medium bowl, beat eggs until light and lemon colored. Add flour, baking powder, salt, cottage cheese, Monterey Jack, and butter. Blend until smooth. Stir in chiles. Pour into buttered 9" x13" baking dish. Bake for 35 minutes.

For those of you who couldn't come to the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting in Culpeper VA, you missed the chance to view Cheryl See's "Hawaiian Improv" Quilt up close and personal. So much detail went into the hand quilting that you had to view it from a few feet away to see that it was actually a quilt within a quilt as the hand stitching told a story to complement the appliqued buildings and gardens of this beautiful English town.



### **COME QUILT WITH ME On ZOOM**

Join us Virtually with your project as you sit and quilt with other members and experience wonderful fellowship.



✂️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 progress as well as the occasional finished project.

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

Sign in with the link in the [members only section of VCQ’s website](#).

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

**Show and Tell from Barb Tinder’s “Quilt As You Go” class  
at our October 25 meeting in Culpeper**







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

[VCQ Virginia Consortium of Quilters | Groups | Facebook](#)

**A Reminder to Vendors that you can post an ad *The First Day of Each Month* on the VCQ Facebook Page.**



## JOIN the VCQ BOARD

**The VCQ Board has openings for:**

- **Newsletter Editor,**
- **Area Representative for the Charlottesville/Lynchburg area,**
- **Area Representative for the Richmond and surrounding counties area, and**
- **Area Representative for the Shenandoah Valley area.**

**Newsletter Duties include:**

- establishing newsletter deadlines
- Gather information from the VCQ Board of Directors for each issue of the newsletter as well as information from the quilting community
- Attend VCQ Board meetings
- Along with a committee, if needed, type, edit, proof and submit a draft of the newsletter to the Executive Board for review before sending it to the Technology chairperson for posting to the VCQ website

**Area Rep Duties include:**

- 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 of being on the VCQ Board:**

- Being part of the decision-making process that drives VCQ;
- Being part of the planning process for a statewide quilting organization
- Being the spokesperson for VCQ members in your area and providing feedback to the Board
- Making life-long quilting friends with quilters from all over Virginia

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 Kathy Gray with any questions.

Congratulations New and returning Board Officers voted in by the membership at the Fall meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

Vice President – Karilyn Pittman

Treasurer – Constance Chappell Horne

Membership Coordinator – Lisa Frieman

These are two-year positions to begin January 1st of 2026.

If you are interested in running for one of the officer positions that will be open at the end of 2026, **President, Secretary, and Historian**, contact any of the area representatives listed in the Board of Directors page of this newsletter or VCQ's president, Kathy Gray, [president@vcq.org](mailto:president@vcq.org)

**Treasurer's Report** from Constance Chappell Horne [treasurer@vcq.org](mailto:treasurer@vcq.org)

Treasurer's quarterly reports and the Year End Report can be viewed in Members Only section on the VCQ website.

**"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, Kathy Gray. 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 the March 2026 In-Person meeting or Celebration! 2026. If you have any questions, please email me at

[vicepresident@vcq.org](mailto:vicepresident@vcq.org)

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

Karilyn Pittman



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT**



Thank you to all the members making quilts for the Hopes and Dreams Quilt Challenge for ALS. Quilters Dream Batting has held an annual competition to continue the fight to find a cure. Their contest always runs from August 1st to July 31st. We

came in 2nd this past year as we contributed a little over 50 quilts. The guild that came in 1st contributed over 100. The challenge has begun!!

VCQ has the [form on our website](#) to print, complete and pin to each quilt. Just make sure you circle the entry category of "Quilt Guild". The new minimum completed size, requested by ALS, is 45" x 60" or larger lap and bed size welcome. Your name and address is used to receive a personal hand-written note of thanks from Quilters Dream Batting.

I want to remind everyone to always put a simple label on their quilt. I would also like to suggest to those who piece tops and then give them to someone else to quilt to fill out a Hopes and Dreams form and submit it with your quilt. The person who then quilts the quilt will know who to give credit to on the label. The quilter should also include her name. In other words, the label should include the name of person who pieced the quilt and also the name of the person who quilted it.

Sample Label: Pieced by \_\_\_\_\_

Quilted by \_\_\_\_\_

City, year

I always add another label with VCQ information and how to care for the quilt. Again, a Huge Thank you to you all. I'm looking forward to collecting more quilts at the March meeting in Williamsburg. Maybe we can even surpass this past year's contest.

**Karin McElvein, Community Service**

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## **A Reminder About the Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship Fund**

What is the Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship? The Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship provides financial support for VCQ members to attend the biennial event. Scholarships can be full or partial depending on need and funds available.

Applications are submitted to the VCQ President who along with the Celebration Chair will determine the number and dollar amount of scholarships granted. This process is confidential. A member can nominate another member by submitting their name to the President or submitting a completed form on their behalf.

**The deadline for submission of the application for a Celebration 2026 scholarship is February 1, 2026.**



Vi was a member of VCQ from 1985 to 2001. She, along with Marty Moon was the co-chair of the Virginia Heritage Quilts project beginning in 1985. She was the Registrar for the first Celebrations in 1988 and 1990. She was an active presence in most of the events that VCQ held in the early days, and continued to participate with VCQ until she lost her life to cancer in 2001.

**Virginia Consortium of Quilters Celebration 2026  
Vi Graves Scholarship Application  
Submit by February 1, 2026 to be considered  
(form may be submitted anonymously for a quilting friend known to be in need)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Request Full or Partial scholarship (circle one): Full or Partial Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**How long have you been a member of VCQ? \_\_\_\_\_ Years**

**How long have you been quilting? \_\_\_\_\_ Years**

**Have you ever attended Celebration (circle one)? Yes No**

**If Yes, which year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Describe the reason for scholarship application:**

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**Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

Please submit to: Kathy Gray, President, 9860 Hemlock Hills Ct, Manassas VA 20111-4236

Questions? Contact Kathy Gray at [president@vcq.org](mailto:president@vcq.org)

This application will be held confidentially, reviewed by the President and Celebration Chair and shredded at the end of the application process.



## CELEBRATION 2026 UPDATES



A couple of things to know:

- We still have a waiting list for Celebration! 2026, and we've already been filling some cancellations with members who are on that list. Don't hesitate to visit the "MEMBERS ONLY" section of our website, [www.vcq.org](http://www.vcq.org) to get on that list. Life happens, and the event is still three plus months away. **If members have to drop out for personal reasons, we want to give anyone who wants to attend a chance to fill the slot. So PLEASE, if you know you cannot attend Celebration 2026 let one of the co-chairs know as soon as possible.** We will pull from the wait list in the order the registrations were received.
- We will update a list of registered attendees in the MEMBERS ONLY section of our website too. The committee recommends that you check that list to make sure your registration is listed there.
- **The due date for final payment is February 1, 2026** but you may pay at any time. You will also find a button in the MEMBERS section to complete your payment for Celebration 2026 any time between now and February 1.
- **A reminder also to current VCQ members who have not renewed for 2026 but are registered for Celebration 2026— If our membership coordinator has not received your membership renewal for 2026 by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, you may lose your place on the Celebration 2026 participant list.**

We hope all of you will continue to support VCQ, renew your membership, and encourage other quilters to become part of this thriving and growing fellowship of Virginia quilters.

Happy Holidays,

Kelly Zuber and Kathy McCrea  
Co-Chairs of Celebration '26

## The Silent Auction at Celebration 2026

By Karilyn Pittman, Vice President, VCQ



The Silent Auction at Celebration! 2026 helps offset the cost of the event. The silent auction is being facilitated by Karilyn Pittman and Jan Farrow. 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, notions, 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.

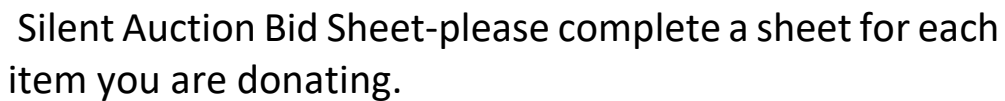
A tax receipt form will be available upon request when you bring your items to Celebration! 2026 on Thursday, April 16, 2026. As we receive donations, we reserve the right to put items on the Peddler's Table. The Peddler's Table is for yard sale type items (outdated books/magazines, fabrics, tools, notions 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.

For the Silent Auction, 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 2026.** 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! 2026 because there will certainly be something that you would like to bid on! Thank you in advance for your help with the Silent Auction. **These items need to be brought to Celebration 2026 with you.** You will need to write a brief description of what you are donating to be turned in with each item. This will help us prepare the bid sheets. Thank you in advance for your help with the Silent Auction. If you have any questions, please contact Karilyn Pittman or Jan Farrow





Brief description of Item: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CELEBRATION 2026 BLOCK LOTTO



A Reminder that if you purchased a Dresden Plate block kit and are looking for some inspiration to complete it, **Karan Fisher will be hosting a tutorial during the Saturday, January 17, 2026 Zoom CQWM session from 10am to 11am.**

The Block Lotto Dresden Plates are to be turned in at Celebration 2026 with your name entered for each Dresden Plate you turn in for a chance to win a grouping of these Dresden Plates to make a quilt. Remember, you **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

## CELEBRATION 2026 Quilt Challenge

### STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER GUIDELINES

- ① Your quilt must have **stars** or **stripes** or **both**. The **stars** or **stripes** or **both** can be in the pattern, in the fabric, or both and can be any color. It can be **all stars** or **all stripes** or a **combination**.
- ② Quilts may be any size. **Please use the Quilt Entry form and submit by April 10, 2026 for quilts up to 70' X 70". Please submit Quilt Entry form by March 1, 2026 if it will be over 70" X 70".** You can [complete the online form here](#), or use the form on the next page.
- ③ Your quilt must be made with a top and bottom layer and batting in between with stitching holding it together.
- ④ Your quilt may be pieced or appliqued, modern or traditional. Any technique is acceptable. Other than that it is all up to you and your imagination!
- ⑤ Your quilt must have a label sewn on the back bottom left hand corner with at least your name, the quilt's name, and the date completed. (this will be covered up for anonymity during competition)
- ⑥ Your quilt must have a sleeve sewn on the back with a 4" wide hanging sleeve to slide it onto the display frame. For heavy quilts and quilts wider than 80" you may consider making a split sleeve if it needs additional frame support.
- ⑦ Each Celebration participant can enter ONE quilt which must have been completed in 2025 or 2026.

This will be a **"Viewer's Choice"** competition. There will be award ribbons for the **Best in Show** - First, Second and Third place AND **Best Interpretation of Theme** – First, Second and Third place quilts, as determined by the Celebration! 2026 attendees. We are asking each Celebration attendee entering a challenge quilt to complete a **pre-entry form** with basic information. **Deadline for this entry form will be two weeks before Celebration 2026.** Turn in your completed quilt at registration on Thursday by 4:00 pm, April 24, 2026, so we will have time to set up the display. Your creation must be registered and numbered so the Celebration attendees will have a chance to vote for their favorite challenge interpretation.

**Questions?** Contact Kitty Bull, Heidi Haynes, Susan Fulton, or Kathleen Hippeli at [QuiltChallenge@vcq.org](mailto:QuiltChallenge@vcq.org)



## Celebration 2026 Quilt Challenge - "Stars And Stripes Forever"

**Entrant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for entry form submission for quilts larger than 70" by email to [QuiltChallenge@vcq.org](mailto:QuiltChallenge@vcq.org) or snail mail to Celebration 2026 Quilt Challenge, 8901 Sawdust Trail, Chesterfield VA 23838 – Sunday, March 1, 2026

Deadline for entry form submission for smaller quilts by email to [QuiltChallenge@vcq.org](mailto:QuiltChallenge@vcq.org) or snail mail to Celebration 2026 Quilt Challenge, 8901 Sawdust Trail, Chesterfield VA 23838 – Friday, April 10, 2026

Deadline for Challenge Quilt delivery at Celebration 2026 – Thurs, April 23, 2026 by 4:00 pm.  
Please only one quilt per Celebration Participant.

Quilt Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Designed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Pieced By: \_\_\_\_\_

Quilt Quilted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe briefly your interpretation of the

Americana – Stars and Stripes Forever theme:

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Quilt's Approximate Size: Width \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Length \_\_\_\_\_ inches

**Questions? Contact:** Kitty Bull or Heidi Haynes or Kathleen Hippeli or Susan Fulton  
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## **Virginia Quilt Museum**

**Open: Tues – Sat, 10am to 4pm**

Virginia Quilt Museum  
2328 Silver Lake Rd. Dayton, VA 22821  
(540) 433-3818  
[info@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:info@vaquiltmuseum.org)

**"The Virginia Quilt Museum celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2025".**

### **Holiday Open House**

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving at 1:00 pm Free admission all day

Enjoy a holiday open house at the Virginia Quilt Museum on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Enjoy a special display of red and green quilts from the VQM collection, shop in the museum store for the perfect holiday present, and have your picture taken with a Victorian inspired Santa and Mrs. Claus.

### **Virtual Exhibit - Red & Green Quilts Current Exhibit**

**September 2 through December 20, 2025**

Take your time in the comfort of your own home, cozy up with some of our best red and green antique quilts. As the holiday season nears, many people start to pull out their festive quilts. Red and Green has always been a popular color choice since the 1800s. This virtual exhibition will allow you to explore the various red and green quilts within the Virginia Quilt Museum's collection. From album quilts to rose wreaths and stars, be sure to check out our traditional quilts online. For more information go to [www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org)."



**More SHOW n TELL October 25, 2025 Culpeper VA**

**Fredericksburg Modern Quilt Guild Art Deco Challenge**



Jan Farrow's Color Palette







Deb Schupp, Carla Alexander's Celebration 2022 class.  
Going to Deb's Granddaughter. Lucky girl

## Hey To Everyone Coming to Celebration 2026

Clean off your Garden Clippers now that the pruning season is over and bring those dull blades to Celebration for a new lease on Life!

Dick Stohr of Snippy Bro's will be at our Celebration during the afternoon of Saturday, April 17, and the morning of April 18. He will sharpen any scissor, any knife, and some garden tools for \$6.00 each.

Yes even pinking sheers if the teeth are still aligned.

Make sure the garden tools are clean of mud etc.

Please contain your items in a box, bag, or wrapped in a dish towel. Include name, and phone # and cash unless you want to pay with plastic.

Bring them dull, use them sharp, like new.



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Generous donations have been graciously distributed from the estates of various passionate quilters or those quilters whose life's journey has redirected their ability to quilt. We Celebrate! their lives through their donations. VCQ is committed to honoring their quilting legacy through projects such as the Hopes and Dreams Quilts for ALS.





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### American Quilt Study Group

<http://www.Americanquiltstudygroup.org>

VCQ in past years paid for a membership with the AQSG. Copies of the research journals, *Uncoverings* can be found under the Research tab of their website along with a wealth of other information about what's happening in the world of quilts and quilt study.

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

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The VCQ Board voted on August 19, 2025 to assess a one-time administrative processing fee of \$10.00 added to the \$30.00 membership dues for **New Members only beginning in January 2026**. This processing fee is to cover the rising postage costs of mailing out the New Member Package.

## **A MESSAGE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP**

As of November 2025, VCQ has a current membership of 353 members, with 117 new members this year so far.

Our membership, at \$30 per year, is a great value with workshops or 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!

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY** \*Remember, in order to remain registered for Celebration! 2026, you must pay your 2026 membership dues before January 1, 2026. You have two options:

- Join or renew online: [Click HERE to join or renew ONLINE](#)
- To send by mail, complete the application form and mail with your check to the Membership Chairperson. The form is available either:
  - On the last page of this newsletter, or
  - On the [VCQ website HERE](#).



**VCQ Wishes All a Happy and Safe Holiday Season**

# Virginia Consortium of Quilters

## Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**By providing my email address I understand that I will receive the newsletter electronically.**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to:        Faye Hannah  
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Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ CK Dep \_\_\_\_\_; Mem List updated \_\_\_\_\_; Card Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

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New Member Packet: Letter \_\_\_\_\_; Name Badge \_\_\_\_\_ Card \_\_\_\_\_ Revised 1/16/2025