



Join us for a fun-filled weekend retreat!

April 28 – May 1, 2016

W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake [SML]

775 Hermitage Road

Wirtz, VA 24184

<http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/>

**Your 2016 Celebration Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Lake
Please contact us with any questions.**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- *Celebration Dates: April 28-May 1 2016. Check in: 1:00PM April 28. Depart: 11:00AM May 1.*
- *Cost: \$375 per VCQ member and \$405 per non-member. All-inclusive fee with the exception of kit fees, class supplies, and spending \$\$\$ for vendors and silent auction.*
DAY STUDENTS: \$300 per VCQ member and \$325 per non-member.
- *Registration opens August 8, 2015 at the VCQ meeting and a \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. Only VCQ Members will be registered during the month of August 2015. Registrations from Non-members received in August will be held until September 1.*
- *Registration closes March 1, 2016 (or at capacity).*
- *Final payment due March 1, 2016.*
- *Specify roommate requests on your registration form. MAKE SURE THE PERSONS YOU REQUEST ALSO REQUEST YOU ON THEIR REGISTRATION FORM.*
- *Roommates: There will be a 3 person minimum; 4 maximum.*
- *Handicap facilities are available.*
- *W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake [SML]
emergency numbers: phone 540-721-2759 fax 540-721-2766 email: Skelton4H@vt.edu*

CELEBRATION 2016 SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Thursday, April 28th

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION, Turn in Block Lotto, Register for the "*It's Crystal Clear. . . We Are Quilters*" challenge, and register Past Years Completed Projects for Show & Tell.

4:00 PM - OPENS

Drop off items for the Silent Auction at the Central Activities Building (CAB)

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Merchant Mall Vendors

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Meet and Greet the teachers, specialty items will be for sale by the teachers

7:15 PM

Dinner

Program: Welcome

Introduction of Teachers with Class samples

Activity: **Buck Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)**

Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects

CLOSES 9:30 PM

Merchant Mall Vendors

Friday, April 29th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM OPENS

Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friday Workshops

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Friday Workshops continue

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Free time, visiting with friends

6:00PM - 7:00PM

Dinner

7:15PM

Program - Lecture: Rayna Gillman "Pushing Creativity with "What If""

Block Lotto Drawing

Activity: **Strip Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5)**

CLOSES 9:30 PM

Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

Saturday, April 30th

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:00 AM OPENS

Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturday Workshops

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

FINAL Silent Auction Bids

FINAL Votes for "*It's Crystal Clear. . . We Are Quilters*" challenge

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Saturday Workshops continue

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Free time, visiting with friends

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Dinner

7:15 PM

Activity: Anniversary PJ Party (**explanation on page 6**).

Block Lotto Drawing, Challenge & other winners announced

CLOSES 10:00PM

Merchant Mall - **FINAL Twilight** shopping

Sunday, May 1st

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Breakfast

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Non-denominational Worship Service

9:00 AM

Activity: Show & Tell of Celebration 2016 Class Projects

Door Prizes

Time to pack & load cars, farewell.

CELEBRATION 2016 – FAQ's

What does it cost? What is included?

VCQ Members: \$375; Non-members: \$405; Day Students VCQ member \$300; Non-members: \$325. (If you would like to become a VCQ member, please visit the web site at www.vcq.org/join.htm.) Includes lodging, meals, all workshops (except kit fees & supplies), lectures, and special events.

What is the Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship?

The Vi Graves Celebration Scholarship was established to provide financial support for VCQ members to attend the biennial event. Vi was a VCQ member who loved Celebration and lost her life to cancer. Scholarships can be for the full Celebration cost, or partial, depending on need and funds available. Applications are submitted to the VCQ President who along with the Vice President will determine the number and amount of scholarships granted. This process is confidential. If a member would like to nominate a member to receive the scholarship, please submit the name to the President who will send the application form to the nominee, or submit a completed form on their behalf. The deadline for submission of the application for a Celebration scholarship is February 1, 2016. Application on page 28.

How do I register?

Your \$50 **non-refundable** deposit must accompany your registration form (last page of brochure). A paid deposit reserves your space and will be deducted from the total cost. All deposits will be recorded in the sequence in which they are received with workshops assigned accordingly. Those attending the August meeting are given priority over individuals that are not attending the meeting. Mailed registrations will not be recorded until after the August meeting but will be processed according to when they were postmarked. Members only will be registered in August. Non-members will be registered beginning September 1. Please mail deposit made payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2016) and sent to: Heather Zavagnin, 87 White Oak Landing Rd, King William, VA 23086. Registration closes March 1, 2016 or earlier if capacity is reached.

When is final payment due?

Final payments must be received by March 1, 2016. You may pay in installments, as long as the total is received by March 1, 2016. Remember to keep your VCQ membership up-to-date. All payments should be made payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2016) and sent to: Heather Zavagnin, 87 White Oak Landing Rd, King William, VA 23086.

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to: Heather Zavagnin, 87 White Oak Landing Rd, King William, VA 23086 OR emailed to celebration@vcq.org. No refunds will be issued for requests postmarked or emailed after February 1, 2016, due to commitments to the 4-H Center and contracted teachers.

What about lodging?

Housing is dormitory style in rooms accommodating a maximum of 4 and has a private bath with shower, heat and air-conditioning, and ample storage. Handicapped facilities are available. Please indicate your needs on the registration form. Refrigerators and ice machines are available in the dormitories. **There will be a three person minimum; four person maximum per room. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ROOMMATES' NAMES/PREFERENCES ON THE REGISTRATION FORM** (4th bed is a trundle so please keep this in mind when selecting your roommates). SML 4-H Center is a non-smoking facility. Bed linens, pillow, blanket and towels will be provided. If desired, you may bring a bath mat, extra towel, extra pillow, and quilt for your bed.

What are the meals like? What if I have special dietary needs?

Meals are buffet style in the dining hall. Three meals per day are provided (beginning with dinner on Thursday and ending with breakfast on Sunday). **Indicate any special dietary restrictions on the registration form.** Every effort will be made to accommodate allergies or dietary restrictions but cannot be guaranteed.

What do I need to bring?

See page 27 for a checklist of things to bring to Celebration 2016.

Where is W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake?

See page 26 for driving directions. Check their website <http://www.skelton4hcenter.org/> for any changes in directions prior to departure on April 28, 2016. Consult a VA road map or <http://www.maps.google.com> for more specific details.

How can my family get in touch with me if there's an emergency?

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Emergency numbers: phone 540-721-2759 fax 540-721-2766 email: Skelton4H@vt.edu
Bring your cell phone and charger.

EVENTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Workshop Format:

Six hour workshops will be offered on Friday and Saturday along with "Come Quilt with Me". All your options are summarized on page 9.

Silent Auction:

We would like to make this Celebration's Silent Auction the best ever. Our intent is to offer some of the best handmade items, fabrics, kits, sewing machines, and other like items. So start sewing! A Tax Receipt form will be available upon request when you bring your items to any of the upcoming VCQ meetings and/or to Celebration 2016 on Thursday, April 28th. Please do not clean out your sewing room and grab just any old thing. We reserve the right to put items on the Peddler's Table. Any questions please contact Betty Blessin.

Peddler's Table:

In addition to the Silent Auction, there will be a Peddler's Table for yard sale type items (outdated books/magazines, fabrics, tools, notions that would not be suitable for the Silent Auction). These items will be available for a small donation. If you have any items you want to donate, PLEASE BRING THEM WITH YOU TO CELEBRATION. (The Committee will have plenty to transport and will not be able to bring these items also).

Block Lotto:

This was one of the most exciting activities of past Celebrations! You will purchase a packet containing fabric pieces along with directions and foundation paper for making the block. You will need to add a Gemstone Colored fabric such as tonal, batik, or solid (Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald, etc.). For each block you turn in, your name will be put into a drawing to win a set of blocks for a quilt top. The number of sets will depend on how many blocks are turned in. The cost is \$3 per packet. The guidelines and a photo of the quilt are available on the VCQ Celebration web site at www.vcq.org/cele.htm. Any questions please contact Marty Moon.

Buck Night (THURS): Participation Optional

For each dollar [buck] contributed upon entering the auditorium for the evening activities you will receive a numbered ticket. Be sure to keep your ticket(s) handy. The dollars collected will be used to create several 'crystal cash' vouchers which will be good at any of the vendors during our 2016 VCQ Celebration.

Strip Night (FRI): Participation Optional

For each 2 ½" WOF Strip of fabric contributed upon entering the auditorium for the evening activities you will receive a numbered ticket. Be sure to keep your ticket(s) handy. The Strips collected will be bundled and given away as prizes.

Merchant Mall:

Vendors will be joining us at Celebration 2016. They will have fabric and notions to support the classes that are offered as well as a variety of new and wonderful things to enhance your quilt-making. Make sure to support these great folks who work hard to provide us with everything we need.

Meet & Greet the Teachers:

On Thursday evening, attending faculty members will introduce themselves and show items being created in their weekend classes. Meet and greet each teacher, who will have a table to display their kits, supplies, patterns, and books for sale prior to dinner on Thursday evening. They will be glad with talk to you about the latest techniques and sign your books and patterns. Please visit their websites prior to the event.

The “It’s Crystal Clear . . . We Are Quilters” challenge:

The challenge for Celebration 2016 is to make a small quilt with your interpretation of the theme, “It’s Crystal Clear . . . We Are Quilters!”

The challenge quilts will be displayed at Celebration and will be eligible for several Viewers’ Choice Awards. We encourage you to submit quilts from ALL genres of quilting – traditional, modern, pieced, applique, and art.

In support of the Virginia Quilt Museum, we suggest that you donate your quilt to the museum after Celebration so that it may become part of their fundraising quilt auction.

Quilt guidelines:

1. The size and shape of quilts is at your discretion.
2. Quilts must fit within the parameters of 9” minimum by 24” maximum. If your quilt is not rectangular, the diameter must fit within the 9” minimum and 24” maximum measurements.
3. Embellishments such as thread painting, beading, attaching crystals, etc. are allowed. We ask that embellishments that protrude or dangle from the quilt not be used as they require special handling in transporting.
4. Quilts must have some method of hanging attached which may vary depending on size. For larger quilts within the size range, a sleeve is probably most appropriate. Smaller quilts might have corner triangles or even a hanging loop, as long as the edges are stabilized and it hangs flat.
5. Especially if donating your quilt, include a label on the back with a title, your name as maker, and town you are from so whoever purchases your quilt will know who made it!

For questions please contact Kathy McCrea.

Evening Activities and Programs:

Celebration 2016 is excited to bring you entertaining evenings!

Thursday Program – Introduction of teachers and projects for 2016 Celebration Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects
Thursday Activity - “Buck Night”
Friday Program - Lecture – Rayna Gillman
Friday Activity – “Strip Night”
Saturday Activity – PJ Anniversary Party

Show and Tells:

Thank you for participating in Celebration 2016’s Show & Tell :

Past Celebration Projects (Thursday) and 2016 Class Show & Tell (Sunday).

Please bring your show & tell project(s) and the index card(s) provided during registration on the evening assigned. All participants are limited to sharing no more than 3 Show & Tell items.

Non-denominational Worship Service:

A Sunday morning worship service will be available for all who would like to participate.

PJ Anniversary Party:

Please come and celebrate VCQ’s 15th Anniversary of this quilting weekend. Desert and punch will be served while we celebrate. Wear your finest PJ Attire (robe, slippers, hats, etc.). Keep in mind the theme as you prepare your finery. Prizes will be awarded for the most innovative attire. Be prepared to let everyone know how many Celebrations you have been to.