



**Virginia Consortium of Quilters
A Circle of Friends-Silver and Gold
Celebration 2018**

Join us for a fun-filled weekend retreat!

April 26 – April 29, 2018

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

775 Hermitage Road

Wirtz, VA 24184

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

**Your 2018 Celebration Committee looks forward to seeing you at the Lake
Please contact us with any questions.**

CO-Chairpersons

Susan Beard, Celebration@vcq.org
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Committee Members

Mary Grogan, Vendors,
Judy Beigbeder, Challenge,
Phyllis Mondak, Teachers
Phyllis Keesee, Wendy Collyer, Block Lotto
Karin McElvein, Registration
Susan Fulton, Door Prizes
Deborah Schupp, Tag Team
Alice Kennedy, Silent Auction

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- *Celebration Dates: April 26 – April 29, 2018. Check in: 1:00PM April 26. Depart: 11:00AM April 29.*
- *Cost: \$385 per VCQ member and \$485 per non-member. All-inclusive fee except for kit fees, class supplies, and spending \$\$\$ for vendors and silent auction.
DAY STUDENTS: \$310 per VCQ member and \$410 per non-member.*
- *Registration opens August 12, 2017, at the VCQ meeting and a \$100 non-refundable deposit will reserve your spot. Only VCQ Members will be registered during the month of August 2017. Registrations from Non-members received in August will be processed on September 1.*
- *Registration closes March 1, 2018 (or at capacity).*
- *Final payment is due March 1, 2018.*
- *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 three (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 2018 SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Thursday, April 26th

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| 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | REGISTRATION , Turn in Block Lotto, Register for the "A Circle of Friends-Silver and Gold" 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 27th

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| 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: Karla Alexander "Lifting The Quilts From Your Stash" |
| | Block Lotto Drawing |
| | Activity: Strip Night (participation optional, explanation on page 5) |
| CLOSES 9:30 PM | Merchant Mall Vendors, Silent Auction, Challenge |

Saturday, April 28th

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| 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 "A Circle of Friends – Silver and Gold" 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 | Program – Lecture Mary Huey "How I Learned to Color." |
| | Block Lotto Drawing, |
| | Activity: Challenge & other winners announced |
| CLOSES 10:00PM | Merchant Mall - FINAL Twilight shopping |

Sunday, April 29th

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| 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 2018 Class Projects |
| | Door Prizes |
| | Time to pack & load cars, farewell. |

CELEBRATION 2018 – FAQ's

What does it cost? What is included?

VCQ Members: \$385; Non-members: \$485; Day Students VCQ member \$310; Non-members: \$410. (If you would like to become a VCQ member, please visit the web site at www.vcq.org/join.htm.) Celebration 2018 fee 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 knows of a particular need and would like to nominate a member to receive the scholarship, she may either submit a completed form on behalf of the nominee or send the name to the President who will send the application form to the nominee. The deadline for submission of the application for a Celebration scholarship is February 1, 2018. The Application form is on page 28.

How do I register?

The \$100 **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. Non-members will be registered beginning September 1. Please make checks payable to VCQ (notation: Celebration 2018). Mailed registration forms are to be sent to **Karin McElvein, 1309 Maplewood Ave, Norfolk VA 23503**. Registration closes March 1, 2018, or earlier if capacity is reached.

When is final payment due?

Final payments must be received by March 1, 2018. The total cost may be paid in installments, as long as the total is received by March 1, 2018. Remember to keep your VCQ membership up-to-date. All payments should be made payable to **VCQ (notation: Celebration 2018) and sent to Karin McElvein, 1309. Maplewood Ave, Norfolk VA 23503**

What is the cancellation policy?

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to Susan Beard, 3610 Seminary Ave, Richmond VA 23227 OR emailed to celebration@vcq.org. While the deposit will not be refunded, refunds of additional payments will be issued only for requests postmarked or emailed before February 1, 2018, due to commitments to the 4-H Center and teachers.

What about lodging?

Housing is dormitory style in rooms accommodating a maximum of four (4) Each room 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 are provided. If desired, you may bring a bath mat, extra towel, extra pillow, hangers, and quilt for your bed.

What about the meals? 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 2018.

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 before departure on April 26, 2018. 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? 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 Bring your cell phone and charger.

EVENTS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Workshop Format:

Six-hour workshops are offered on Friday and Saturday along with “Come Quilt with Me.” All 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 or to Celebration 2018 on Thursday, April 26th. However, 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 Susan Beard.

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! In the meetings, prior to Celebration, you may purchase a packet containing fabric pieces along with directions for making the block. The block will also need a Solid Colored fabric in addition to the pieces in the packet. A tone-on-tone or batik will not work; the additional piece needs to be a solid color. Several pre-cut solids currently are available for a nominal charge when purchasing the packet. For each block you complete, your name will be put into a drawing to win enough sets 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 Phyllis Keesee.

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 ‘silver and gold’ vouchers which will be good at any of the vendors during our 2018 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 2018. 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 before dinner on Thursday evening. They will be glad to talk to you about the latest techniques and sign your books and patterns. Please visit their websites before the event.



Celebration 2018 Quilt Challenge:

Let this be the Celebration that you challenge yourself to express your inner quilt-y-ness. How will you interpret the theme “A Circle of Friends-- Silver and Gold”? Will it be blinged-out in Silver and Gold? Maybe dedicated to or in memory of a special friend? Could it show some facet of yourself that welcomes new friendships or maintains them?

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

The guidelines are simple:

1. Total perimeter is a minimum of 36” and a maximum of 72” or any shape fitting within those dimensions.
2. Quilts must have some method of hanging attached such as a sleeve to accommodate a 1-inch diameter rod OR corner triangles with a rigid rod included OR a hanging loop. In all cases, the method should ensure that the quilt hangs flat.
3. Include a label on the back with at least the Title, Maker’s Name*, City/State, and Date. *You, as the maker, should also be the designer for an original work of art.
4. The deadline for this challenge is Check-In on April 26, 2018.

Schedule:

Once you have started your entry, please email Judy Beigbeder, bzqltn@gmail.com with expected dimensions or any questions. Early notification is not a final commitment to enter but will help with the design for displaying the entries. Please turn in your finished project at the Challenge table during Check-In on April 26, 2018.

Evening Activities and Programs:

Celebration 2018 is excited to bring you entertaining evenings!

**Thursday Program – Introduction of teachers and projects for 2018 Celebration
Show & Tell of Past Celebration Projects**

Thursday Activity - “Buck Night.”

Friday Program - Lecture – Karla Alexander

Friday Activity – “Strip Night.”

Saturday Program – Lecture - Mary Huey

Show and Tells:

Thank you in advance for participating in Celebration 2018’s Show & Tell Times: Past Celebration Projects can be shown on Thursday evening and the 2018 Class Show & Tell will be on Sunday during the closing event. Index cards are provided for you to describe your project/s and will be read by the emcee. All participants are requested to limit their sharing to no more than three (3) Show & Tell items.

Non-denominational Worship Service:

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

Orphan Block Exchange

Bring one or many Orphan Blocks for a fun exchange!