



VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – 06/01/2021

Hello Quilters!

What a beautiful time of the year! Virginia is bursting with flowers, but summer heat is just around the corner.

Spend June 12th with VCQ! If we were meeting in person, that's what YOU would be doing, all day.

Our virtual meeting will start with a fabulous lecture by award winning quilter, Julia Graves (soquilts.com), who will present "Color Exploration". Julia will be the teacher for our August virtual class. Afterwards, we will see a slide show preview of CELEBRATION 2022, to be held April 28 – May 1 at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center, along with information on registration. A short business meeting will be followed by an afternoon of Come Quilt with Me. A very exciting day!

Watch the vcq.org site for upcoming classes in July (Kevin Womack), August (Julia Graves) and September (TBD). We are booking the best teachers in the state, bringing you new techniques, new ideas and clever approaches to your projects.

VCQ has placed ads in the Virginia Register for all of 2022 to promote the organization. We are using social media more and more to reach members and keep other quilters aware of what VCQ is all about. Spread the word – VCQ classes have been timely and terrific, VCQ community service supports a variety of projects across the state and VCQ supports exhibits at the Virginia Quilt Museum.

Sooner than you think we will be meeting in person with lots of stories to tell of our quilting experiences this past year. Until then, happy quilting!

Sincerely, *Deborah*

VCQ has a very busy year planned for its members. Participate and enjoy all that VCQ has to offer.



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Elected positions of **VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER** and **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** to be elected in October and to serve 2022-2023. Appointed positions as **PUBLICITY CHAIR** to get our name out to quilters in Virginia and worldwide, most often via Facebook and Instagram. As we return to normal in Virginia, we will be returning to in-person meetings which require a **FACILITY** in which to meet. If you are interested in any position contact Deb Schupp, President VCQ

MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING

General Membership Meeting March 13, 2021

Deb Schupp opened our meeting at 10:04 am. There were 41 members in attendance.

Debi Harding introduced our guest speaker Cindy Grisdela. She is an accomplished quilter and gave a delightful power point lecture as an "Improv Artist". She will be teaching a VCQ class in May.

Members are encouraged to sign up since the class will be open to non-members as well.

The General Membership Meeting started at 11:00 am.

President Deb Schupp reminded members that Celebration 2022 registration will begin in Aug. 2021.

The dates for this are April 28-May 1 2022. She also stated that Zoom seems here to stay so VCQ will be offering a mix of Zoom and in-person opportunities.

Karen Brewster shared her computer pages with us. She explained that the budget for 2020 was completely off due to the Pandemic. She presented the actual income/expense report for 2020. She then presented the 2021 proposed budget. Sue Price made a motion to accept the recommended budget proposal. Motion seconded by Karin McElvein. Motion approved by all present. Then Karen shared the Income and Expense report for Feb. Motion to accept by Paula Golden, second by Ann Tinsman, approved by all present.

Membership chair, Karin M. states she purged all of the unpaid members from our current list. We have 161 current members, 3 of them are new members.

Elizabeth Gibson, Program Chair, gave the dates for future programs. April: Bunny Cleland, May: Cindy Grisdela, June and October: Debi Harding is scheduling a lecture for the general meetings, July: Kevin Womack.

Deb S. also reminded members that the 3rd Saturday of the month is our CQWM. Members can attend for all or partial times, Just drop in!! In April VCQ is encouraging charity projects during CQWM. So far the group has made 40 bassinette covers and 8 ALS quilts. Contact Sue Price if you need an ALS kit. The directions for these projects is on the VCQ web site.

Phyllis Keesee has Block Lotto kits for \$1. Get in touch with her for these.

Members are encouraged to check the VCQ calendar for dates for our upcoming events. Encourage friends to come also. Elizabeth reminds us to share and like the VCQ posts so that your FB friends can see our projects!

During today's meeting we welcomed 2 new members!

All members are reminded to support the Virginia Quilt Museum!

VCQ next General Membership meeting is June 12, 2021.

Meeting adjourned by Deb Schupp 11:38 am.

TREASURER'S REPORT

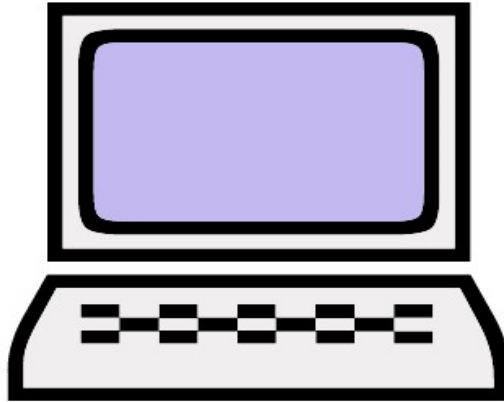
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Money Market \$20,500

Karen Brewster

**COMING SOON TO A
COMPUTER NEAR YOU
UPCOMING VCQ LECTURES &
WORKSHOPS**



Join us for our second VCQ zoom meeting of 2021 including a free-to-members Lecture. **On June 12, 2021** at 10:00am, **Julia Graves**, Quilter, Longarmer, Teacher and Artist from Leesburg, VA will be providing us a lecture titled “**My Color Exploration**”. This lecture will discuss how to select beautiful color combinations for your quilts and provide tips on how to fix color combinations that just don’t seem to be working. It will include a slide show and truck show illustrating classic color combinations and fascinating color illusions.

Julia Graves started her quilting business, Special Occasion Quilts LLC, in 2007 and teaches, lectures, designs patterns, makes commission quilts, longarms for others and sells & services APQS longarm machines. She won

Best Longarm Machine Workmanship Wall Quilt Category at the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, is a Gem Affiliate teaching the gorgeous gem patterns by MJ Kinman - Textile Artist, has had quilts published in books by Gloria Loughman, Katie Pasquini-Masupust and MJ Kinman, was an Artist in Residence at Empty Spools in 2019, and will be teaching at Empty Spools in 2021 and 2022.

Julia has been sewing since she was ten and always loved fabric, needle arts and the entire creative process. She did her apprenticeship as a quilter by making a quilt for each of her nieces and nephews (and thinks she should have counted them before making this promise – there were 32!). She has since made more quilts than she can count, many for charity, and is partial to scrap quilts and working with color to achieve amazing results. Visit her gallery on her website at <http://www.soquilts.com>.

Julia's presentation will be followed by a short business meeting and a preview of all things Celebration. Then a Come Quilt with Me open room for everyone to share and stitch.

Members Use the Zoom link on the members page of VCQ website, providing the password from the back of their membership card. In August, Julia will be teaching “Shimmering Triangles”. Make this gorgeous quilt that gives the effect of water rippling in a stream! See photo on page 8. She will share the class picture and information about the class at the end of her lecture. The website and Facebook page for VCQ class registration is open now.



July's teacher will be ***Kevin Womack*** on Saturday, **July 10, 2021**. Kevin will use Zoom to teach "Playing with Fabric Paints". Learn to create a series of unique fabrics as you explore playful exercises he designs. Start by sampling the effects of transparent fabric paints and move on to utilizing a multitude of methods to create original fabric designs. We will include stamping, stenciling, printing with found objects, direct applications and more. Join in the fun as we play, experiment and create.

This class can be done inside in a space where you can lay down a piece of plastic over a table or outside if your wifi will reach. Please be sure to check the supply list and gather your materials and order any paint you may want prior to class.

Kevin is a textile artist living in Lynchburg, VA. He is passionate about hand dyeing and patterning fabrics with surface design techniques. His experiments produce a line of unique fabrics and clothing that he exhibits and sells. He recently taped an episode (show #2703) for The Quilt show with Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson which aired in August of 2020. Kevin teaches and lectures nationally. His website is:

<https://www.kevinwomackart.com> Registration is open on the VCQ webpage.



August's teacher is also our June lecturer, **Julia Graves**. Julia is an award-winning teaching from Leesburg VA who will be teaching her class **Shimmering Triangles on August 14**. This quilt gives the effect of water rippling in a stream. You will achieve the shimmer by applying easy to understand color and value concepts that you can also use to enhance all your future quilts! The quilt looks complicated, but is actually quite easy to construct. You will learn a quick piecing method for half-square triangles with perfect points. You will use Jenny Bowker's pattern with an instructor taught by Jenny herself. By the end of class, you should have a design layout for your fabrics, completed several blocks and understand how to complete your quilt on your own.

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Registration is open now on the VCQ website.

Even when we can't be close ...



**We can still be close
on Zoom!**



Come Quilt With Me!

The 3rd Saturday of Each Month 9am-Noon

VCQ sponsors *Come Quilt with Me* monthly, every third Saturday from 9-12 and Tuesday, as well as other times during the month. Check the calendar on the VCQ web site. Log in information for CQWM is in the "members only" section of the website. Log in information for the members only section is on the back of your membership cards. ***Please do not share the password or log in information on social media or by email as they are not secure. If you need help with the user name and log in, please use the board directory on page 2 to phone a board member for assistance***

Donations & Estate Planning

As you assess your estate planning and annual giving, please keep VCQ in mind and on your list of philanthropy. Cash donations support the operational expenses of the organization for workshops and lectures. Know that your love of the art of quilting will continue in Virginia after you are gone because of your gift. Use the link on the homepage to make a donation. Contact Deborah Schupp, President of VCQ, to discuss a bequest.

QUILTING EVENTS AROUND THE STATE

A MESSAGE regarding MEMBERSHIP

Our membership, at \$25, is a great value with lectures at each general meeting, special events like the Global Quilt Connection's virtual Quilt Sampler, workshops eight times per year, "Come Quilt with Me" each month, charity projects, support of the Virginia Quilt Museum, etc. Not to mention earlier registration for CELEBRATION!

Currently we have 165 active members. We even have 4 new members this year. Please remember that if you want first choice for your classes at CELEBRATION, and attend at the member discount, you must be a member this year and next. Many of us have been enjoying the zoom meetings and classes, but it will be wonderful when our retreats can once more meet in person.

Here is a link to our Membership form:

<http://www.vcq.org/documents/Membership.docx>
<http://www.vcq.org/documents/Membership.pdf>



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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.

Showing now:

What's in a Word

February 16 - July 10

Curated by Paula Golden and Karin Tauber

Words are powerful! Words can inspire! Words are windows into the world.

In recent years, Textile Artists of Virginia (TAVA) enthusiastically delved into the semantics of words, that is: their meanings, usage, clichés, and contexts. The exhibit presents each artist's conceptions of words and phrases as they explore the themes "Over the Top," "Neologism," as well as "Wordplay and Puns."

Treasures from the Vault

February 16 - July 10

Curated by Susan Farmer

This season, Treasures from Vault host quilts from the 1960s. It explores the different themes and materials used during this time. Curated by the Executive Director Susan Farmer, this exhibit features fun-filled patterns such as Sunbonnet Sue.

American Quilt Study Group

The 2021 AQSG Seminar hosted by the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, VA takes place August 18-22 and plans are still on track for an in-person event. The brochure became available in late April and registration opened May 1. Contact Susan Price for the password needed to access registration. Touring from Staunton, Va. to Winchester, Va., SEMINAR goers can examine the unique textiles of the Shenandoah Valley. In displays curated just for AQSG, you will see quilts in forts, log cabins, three 18th century mansion/house museums, the historic antebellum city house of Virginia's official quilt museum, two beautiful early 19th century private homes with private collections, and a modern 20th century museum dedicated to Valley culture...each with dedicated experts who will share their love of quilts. Quilt historian, retired textile appraiser and AQSG member **Neva Hart** presents "Shenandoah Quilts and Quilt Makers" in her Friday, August 20 Keynote.

Did you know that AQSG has a Facebook page? They are conducting "Quiltside Chats" on the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 3PM that you can access through Facebook. May 16 will be with a conversation with Mary Kerr, July 18 with Sue Reich. If you miss the live event you can watch a recording on AQSG YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnSdyh7Ji7GLiumC9-c9Xkg>.

See <http://www.Americanquiltstudygroup.org> for more information. AQSG also produces an online quarterly publication for members called Blanket Statements. You can access the winter issue at BStatements147.pdf (americanquiltstudygroup.org)

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>

Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee

Ruby Jubilee Quilt Show

Knoxville Expo Center

July 30-31, 2021

entries due June 1, 2021

**QUILTERS UNLIMITED
2021 ONLINE QUILT EXHIBIT
JUNE 4 – JUNE 6, 2021**



A MESSAGE regarding CELEBRATION 2022

CELEBRATION 2022 is coming! Let's get excited!

Are you ready for a fun-filled weekend at Smith Mountain Lake next spring? We will be gathering April 28 – May 1, 2022 for our next retreat! After more than a year at home due to the pandemic, we're all anxious to be able to go places and be with friends again. Add in some quilting and you have the perfect recipe for a weekend away. The CELEBRATION brochure with all the details will be published in July of 2021 so you will have time to review class offerings, and registration will begin August 1. However, we will do a preview of all things CELEBRATION at our June meeting, so please plan to attend (virtually)! If you have not attended CELEBRATION before, this would be a good opportunity to find out all about it. So, mark the dates on your calendar and join us at our 2022 retreat, "Quilt Trails"!

Susan Price celebration@vcq.org

This year VCQ is running ads (below) in the Virginia Register newspaper. This publication is available free at quilt shops, antique shops, and gift shops across the state. This year, we will have a 2”x2” classified ad which will help keep the VCQ name in front of quilters.

Virginia Consortium of Quilters

since 1984

Be a member and join quilters from across the state!

Zoom classes and

“Come Quilt with Me” drop-ins!

www.vcq.org

VCQ hopes to again soon schedule meetings all over the state. If your guild would like to sponsor a meeting contact one of the Board members. If you know of a quilting teacher we would be interested in, please contact Elizabeth Gibson, Programs Chair/Teachers at programs@vcq.org or 703-481-6879



Charity

I wish to thank the following VCQ members for participating in our first zoom Charity Come Quilt with Me on April 17th: Karen Brewster, Kathy Gray, Faye Hannah, Debi Harding, Kathy McCrae, Susan Price, Deb Schupp, and Susan Swett. I hope more of you will join us next time.

We accomplished a great deal. Over 67 bassinet covers and at least twenty-five saw tooth blocks for future ALS quilts were sewn. An ALS quilt was sandwiched ready for quilting and at least two Quilts for ALS were quilted and bound. I will be delivering at least 12 (if not more) quilts to ALS in May and all of the bassinet covers as soon as I receive them.

Please send all finished quilts and bassinet covers to:

Karin McElvein
8560 Executive Drive, A3
Norfolk, VA 23503

If you have any questions, please email me at karinlisa7@gmail.com or call me at 754-572-1569

QUILTS: Have you finished all your UFO's? Would you like to make a charity quilt while you are sheltering at home? Susan Price has 3 lap size quilt kits cut for our charity project that are ready to be sewn, all that needs to be added is batting. She will mail you a kit if you are interested. We have also received an additional 61 yards of fabric donated by The Quilters Studio in Fairfax for our charity projects. This yardage will be used to create more quilt kits and some for bassinette covers. Contact Susan at <mailto:vicepresident@vcq.org> if you are interested in sewing a quilt kit.

Charity quilts are being donated to the ALS Hopes and Dreams quilt challenge. Minimum quilt size 35"x 44" or larger. Lap or bed quilts of all sizes are welcomed.

Karin McElvein is collecting both the quilts and bassinet covers.
Contact her at membership@vcq.org

Too much fabric? Need space for more? Did you sort your fabric and organize your stash during the lock down? Here a quick, easy and useful project that uses some of that stash while contributing to our community. No need to prewash the fabrics – the hospital washes all donations before using them.

Bassinet/Mattress Cover for Children's Hospitals

Finished dimensions: 20" x 28"

Cut 1 piece, 42" wide or WOF (width of fabric) by 29" long.

1. Fold fabric in half right sides together so 29" edges match.
2. Sew 1/4" seam across one short end (21") to within 1/4" of end, turn and continue on long edge, backstitching at beginning and end.
3. Finish raw edges of seam allowances with zigzag or other over-edge stitch.
4. Turn raw edge of opening 1/2" to the wrong side and press. Turn over one more time and stitch along the edge to hold in place.
5. Turn right side out and press.

French seams

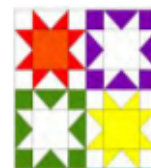
1. Fold fabric in half wrong sides together so 29" edges match.
2. Sew 1/4" seam across short end (21") to within 1/4" of end, turn and continue along long side, backstitching at beginning and end.
3. Turn so wrong sides are together, carefully pressing it flat.
4. Sew (encasing previous seam) using a 3/8" seam allowance.
5. Turn raw edge of opening 1/2" to the wrong side and press. Turn over one more time and stitch along the edge to hold in place.
6. Turn right side out and press.

Don't want to make a whole quilt? How about a few blocks?

Directions below:



ALS Charity Block – Sawtooth Star Blocks



The Hopes & Dreams for ALS research sponsored by Quilters Dream Batting continues. VCQ members turn in blocks to be made into a colorful top. This top is donated and money raised goes to ALS research.

Please make 8" finished Sawtooth Star blocks in white and a tone-on-tone color or solid color to be made into a donation quilt for ALS.

Keep the colors bright so this will be a happy quilt to help the recipient smile.

When you have made a couple, please send to:

Deborah Schupp, 17163 Tally Ho Trail, Brandy Station, VA 22714

Make the center and the star points in one color. Make the background in white.

OR

Make the center and the star points in white and the background in the one color.

Cut 1 - 4 ½" square for center of the star

8 - 2 ½" squares for star points

4 - 2 ½" x 4 ½" rectangles for background

4 - 2 ½" squares for background

To make the block, use the stitch and flip method to create four flying geese units. You can find instructions for this method on the internet and in numerous quilt books.

Arrange the 2 ½" background blocks in the corners and the 4 ½" center block in the star fabric. Sew the units into rows and the rows into the star block.