



# VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM OF QUILTERS

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Karen Brewster**

Oh, What a Night!

Our first Slumber Party on August 19<sup>th</sup> was such a fun night. We had surprise guests Alicia Thomas with the Virginia Quilt Museum, and Pat Sloan and Wendy Shepard, promoter and designer of the Harrisonburg replica quilt pattern. The Harrisonburg quilt has been a fundraiser for the museum raising over \$30,000. On September 16<sup>th</sup> Pat and Wendy will be at the museum with their quilts and be available for photo ops.

We also had a scavenger hunt, prize drawings and recipe sharing. We had a little drama as well. Deb Schupp and I were at Kelly Zuber's B&B (5-star rating) for the event. There was an uninvited guest in the form of a small black snake right in the middle of Kelly's interview with Pat Sloan. Elizabeth Gibson had to temporarily evacuate her home as her neighbor's house was on fire. Good news, it did not spread and everyone was okay. We had close to 50 participants and my guess is there were over 20 who made it to midnight. I think a good time was had by all. I have already been asked when is the next Slumber Party scheduled. We had 1 non-member attend and she told me that she intends to join VCQ and she wants to check her schedule she is thinking about coming to Celebration.

The Celebration Committee is hard at work on making our 2024 meeting the best as we look to celebrating with Quilting Friends for 40 years. The brochure has been online since July 1 and registration for members began on August 1. Registration for non-members will be in September. Last number I heard was 110 participants signed up so far. Remember you don't have to have a roommate picked out at registration. Just indicate you are ready to make some new quilting friends.

Debi Harding, in-person meeting chair, has pulled together a great meeting for October. We will be in Mechanicsville. Full details are in this newsletter. It will be wonderful to be together again for classes or Come Quilt with Me. I always leave a meeting inspired with new ideas or a tip or trick I have picked up from fellow members or a teacher.

Good News. We delayed the release of the newsletter by a few days to be sure that online registration for October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting would be up and running. Look for the link on the registration page of the newsletter. Thank you Mary Grogan for getting this set up.

Keep Calm and Quilt On.

Karen Brewster, President VCQ



## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board & Area Reps 2023

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## AREA REPS

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| <u>1. Northern VA</u>                    | <u>VACANT</u>        |                                 |
| <u>2. Shenandoah Valley</u>              | <u>VACANT</u>        |                                 |
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| <u>8. Peninsula</u>                      | <u>Sue Knapp</u>     |                                 |
| <u>9. Tidewater</u>                      | <u>Debi Harding</u>  | <u>debi.harding@cox.net</u>     |

## Election of Officers

October is our annual meeting which includes the election of officers. Terms are for two years and three out of the six positions are elected at the annual meeting. Below is the slate of officers whose term will be 2024 through 2025.

Vice President      Karilyn Pittman  
Treasurer            Paula Hutt  
Historian             Kitty Bull

**Please join us in Mechanicsville in October as we need a quorum to hold the elections. If a quorum is not reached an online ballot will be sent to members.**

## New Year's Eve Day – Mystery Quilt

*The board has decided we will once again do a Mystery Quilt on December 31st via Zoom as we did last year. We need someone to lead this effort. A committee will be formed to make this event as special as last year's. Here's your chance to have a great time working with other VCQ members and provide a fun day for members and non-members. Please contact Karen Brewster at [President@vcq.org](mailto:President@vcq.org) if you are interested in leading or being a part of this fun event.*

**JOIN the VCQ BOARD!**



Our in-person meetings require a **FACILITY CHAIR**, which is an appointed position. The board needs someone to lead the venue selection and booking arrangements for next year. This job is easily done by a committee or duo. It's not hard or terribly time consuming but it is one that makes a big impact on our membership. VCQ has met all over Virginia so most areas already have facilities that we have used in the past. And, we need **AREA REPs** for several areas. If you are interested in any position contact Karen Brewser, President VCQ [president@vcq.org](mailto:president@vcq.org)

*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

The 1st Tuesday each Month 1pm-4pm

Join your VCQ friends from your own studio to sew blocks for ALS charity quilts, and bassinet covers or work on your own projects and chat with quilting friends.

In-person General Membership Meetings began in June 2022, but Come Quilt with Me continues on Zoom. VCQ sponsors *Come Quilt with Me* monthly, every third Saturday from 9-12 and first Tuesday 1-4. 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 contact a board member for assistance.***

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

VCQ General Membership Meeting  
Gloucester, VA

**Saturday June 10, 2023** The meeting was called to order at 12:35 by President Karen Brewster. President Brewster welcomed everyone along with our 5 new members attending their first meeting and 1 guest.

Announcements: President Brewster asked for corrections to the March minutes. None were noted. Kathy Gray made a motion to accept them as posted. Jan White seconded the motion. The motion carried. President Brewster announced there were cards for an ill member and a sympathy card for Debby Kratovil whose daughter unexpectedly passed away.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Treasurer: Wendy Collyer announce we have \$18,554 in General Checking account, \$16,461 in Money Market account. We are currently about \$5,000 ahead, but nothing has been accounted for yet for this June meeting. There was \$2,000 donated to Vi Graves Scholarship Fund. Wendy explained that the fund is used to help someone who wants to go to Celebration pay for part or all of it if they are having financial difficulties. Wendy is going to email the financial report out to membership (she was not able to have available at this meeting).

Community Service: Karin McElvein was not present. Kits were made available for members to take and put together for ALS quilts. Members can return at the next meeting as well as any ALS or Bassinette Covers they have made.

Membership: Faye Hannah announced we have 223 current members. We have had 50 new members join so far in 2023.

Celebration: Deb Schupp announced that the online brochure is with Mary Grogan to link to the VCQ website. Our Facebook and Website has a list of the teachers that will be there. On July 1st the full brochure will go live online, on Aug 1st registration will open to VCQ members, and on Sept 1st registration will open to non-members. There is a Lottery Block for purchase (\$5 for 2 blocks). Make the blocks and turn them in at next meeting or at Celebration. The blocks will be raffled off. Membership was reminded that we are also doing the 40th Anniversary Ruby Quilt Challenge for Celebration-make a Red & White quilt to show.

Newsletter: Kathy Gray announced the deadline for the next newsletter is August 15th.

In-Person Programs: Debi Harding announced the next in person meeting will be Oct 14th (2nd Saturday). Sherry Whitford is looking for a location in the Richmond area (Mechanicsville) and we are planning on 3 teachers. June 2024 is secured for Harrisonburg.

Virtual Programs: Elizabeth Gibson was not present. President Karen Brewster announced that Catherine Redford will be presenting her class "Walking Foot Quilting & Big Stitch" on September 9th (2nd Saturday). Registration is open and the cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. The minimum needed to hold the class is 12 and the maximum is 20. Class will be held 10-5, it is a 6 hour class with an our for lunch.

Old Business Kelly Zuber-The Slumber Party is going to be on Aug 19th from 6pm - 12am on Zoom. The cost is \$5 for to pay for the Zoom slot. If you want to have a group of friends do it together, only one person needs to register for the Zoom slot. Kelly does ask that everyone be on the honor system and purchase the Harrisonburg Quilt Pattern from the Quilt Museum. The sale of the patterns is going to support the museum. We have 100 zoom slots that can be used. There will be specials guests popping in, prizes, and recipes.

NEW BUSINESS: President Karen Brewster announced that Mary Grogan is stepping down from being web mistress on 12/31/2023. Mary has been doing the job for 10 years and is currently dealing with some health issues and she needs to concentrate on that. Multiple members volunteering to do different parts of it would make the job much easier to do. Mary is currently working on switching us over to Mailchimp which will make email blast much easier to do. She is also looking into a new web platform that will have better virtual programming built in.

Reminders: Come Quilt with Me is on Zoom the 1st Tuesday from 1pm-4pm and the 3rd Saturday from 9am - 12pm. Area Reps are still needed for the Southwest, Shenandoah Valley and Northern VA. October Elections will need to vote on Vice President, Treasurer, and Historian/Documentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 and members returned to their classes.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Frieman

## COMING TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Elizabeth Gibson

September 9 is our next exciting online class, “Walking Foot Quilting, Beyond the Basics” with Catherine Redford. The class is full but contact Elizabeth Gibson [programs@vcq.org](mailto:programs@vcq.org) to go on a waiting list. Those of you signed up, please see the supply list below. The Zoom link to attend the class will be sent to enrolled students several days before class.

#### **Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Basics**

##### **Supply list:**

##### *Materials:*

- ten 10” squares solid color fabric (not batiks)
- two 10” square pieced blocks of any design, or two more solid squares (not batiks)
- six 10” squares low loft cotton batting
- Sewing machine threads for quilting e.g., 50 wt or 60 wt. 2 ply cotton threads
- 8wt. perle cotton/12 wt. thread for hand stitching

##### *Equipment:*

- Size 1 safety pins for basting quilt sandwiches,
- scissors,
- chalk pencil,
- ruler,
- low-tac painters’ tape,
- Size 80 sharp machine needle,
- #24 chenille hand sewing needle,
- paper and pen for notes.

Sewing machine required with either a Walking Foot or Dual feed System. I recommend an open toed sole plate for maximum visibility. Have all your sewing machine feet handy. You never know what you might choose to use! If your machine comes with a hands-free system (knee lift) make sure to have it available, even if you don’t normally use it.

*PDF of handout will be supplied to all class participants*

VCQ would like to have a few members who would be willing to moderate online classes. This involves contacting the teacher before the class to ask if she has any specific tech needs and then contacting the VCQ programs to see how we can help the teacher. On the day of the class the moderator acts as the host or cohost of the class, monitors the chat box, takes attendance and assists the students in the class. Email [programs@vcq.org](mailto:programs@vcq.org) if you might be interested.

Watch for another virtual class offering in November. Once the schedule is firm, we will announce it by email blast and on our VCQ Facebook page.

Would you like to help VCQ by finding and contracting with our virtual teachers? It is not a difficult job and could be done completely on-line. If so, please send an email to [programs@vcq.org](mailto:programs@vcq.org).

***Elizabeth Gibson***



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

### **40 Year's of VCQ Quilting Friendships**

The registrations for **CELEBRATION! 2024** are pouring in, classes are filling up quickly and we are excited that you are going to be with us. Registration is open for VCQ MEMBERS only --- BUT, and this is a big BUT, if you are a non-member who wants to join VCQ and register for the retreat early you can go to our CELEBRATION! registration link and pay for your 2023 and 2024 dues when you register and pick your classes NOW. Advantages: 1) You get to register before non-members who don't get to sign up until 9/1/23 and 2) You get to be a full fledged VCQ member and enjoy all the other exciting things we are doing in the next year and a half. Here's the CELEBRATION! 2024 registration link:

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

To make the event really special, I need a few more volunteers on the **Celebration! 2024** Committee:

- Ice breaker on Thurs evening (2)
- Onsite quilt shop vendors (1 person). Mr Snippy, who sharpens scissors, has been booked already.
- Banner for the stage (1 person to coordinate) Many will help construct.

Contact me at 540-604-0988 or [QLTQEEN@gmail.com](mailto:QLTQEEN@gmail.com). As I have said before, you will have a better experience by helping to work on the event. If you don't volunteer, these things won't happen. So raise your hand!

Deb Schupp, **Celebration! 2024** Chair



## *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, 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 the next in-person workshop – October 2023 or March, 2024. I will make sure they all find new homes.

Lynn Garver, Donations Chair  
garverlynn@hotmail.com  
330-730-0230



## ***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 bag, box, dish towel, or newspaper with name and phone #.

## **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)

# Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is to help offset the cost of **Celebration! 2024**. Your help is needed! Donate your quilting 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.

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.

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 set-up the auction tables.

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

## 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 Karen Brewster, President of VCQ, to discuss a bequest.**

## ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO VCQ

You can donate to a specific charity with PayPal purchases by using the "Give at Checkout" feature. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Visit your PayPal App or the Giving Hub.
2. Search for the charity you want to select.
3. Click and go to the charity profile.
4. Click the heart icon.

Once you've chosen your favorite charity, you'll have the option to donate to it during each checkout. [To remove the charity as a favorite, simply tap the heart icon again](#)

Linda Whitley

## IN MEMORY



Phyllis Mondak, VCQ member and former owner of Quilting Adventures in Richmond, passed away on August 17th. We are grateful for her dedication to our quilting community and to VCQ. Phyllis was a warm friend and worked hard to promote VCQ. She was the co-chair for Celebration 2018 with Susan Beard and she worked with Deb Schupp to create the list of teachers for the 2024 event.

Early last fall she shared that the breast cancer that had been in recession through chemo was making a comeback. Therefore, she was focused on her health. Phyllis's service will be Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 1:00-4:00 pm at Bon Air Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Rd. North Chesterfield.

To honor Phyllis, please consider making a donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at [lls.org](https://lls.org). We are sad, and our hearts go out to Phyllis's family and friends. Condolence cards can be sent to her husband Dave Martinez at 3570 New Market Road, Henrico, VA.23231

## ARTICLES FROM OUR MEMBERS

### SewTangle by Sweetie Davis

SewTangle, owned and operated by Marian and Dave Dabay, is a delightful little quilt shop in a residential neighborhood at 798 Chesapeake Drive, in Whitestone VA.

SewTangle is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00-4:00, and by appointment by calling 804-807-1197. Guest shoppers are welcomed with a smile. SewTangle stocks about 1,000 bolts of fabric from Northcott, Robert Kaufman, Figo, Riley Blake, Clothworks, In the Beginning, Blank, StudioE, Free Spirit, a little Tula Pink and Kaffe Fassett, and others. Marian's style is somewhat romantic, a little bit modern, maybe quirky, and bright, colorful and fun. SewTangle has a good selection of white-on-whites as well as a great selection of precuts, especially 5" charm packs and fat quarter bundles. You'll see wide backs, Batiks, panels, Minky, rulers and other sewing and quilting tools.

Marian and Dave have been married almost 40 years. They are retirees from careers in the computer industry. They opened SewTangle in April 2021. It temporarily closed in the fall of 2022 because of an unforeseen medical issue. Good health has returned so Marian and Dave re-opened the shop in June 2023.

Marian has been quilting for about 10 years. She began by writing her own quilt patterns. She learned that in order to sell her patterns, she needed to make at least three quilts from each pattern. She made one quilt while writing the pattern, a second to test the pattern and then gave the pattern to someone else to test. She found it expensive to buy the fabric for three quilts, so thought that she might be able to buy fabric wholesale. Marian started selling fabric on Etsy right about the time Covid hit. She says that sales through Etsy were successful; however, her love of fabric and quilting led she and Dave to open SewTangle a year later.

SewTangle works with Toys for Tots. Quilters are welcome to come in and pick up a Christmas stocking kit for \$5, then make the stocking, fill it with toys and bring it back to the shop to be donated to Toys for Tots. SewTangle will give the donor a \$5 gift certificate in return.

If you would like to sign up for the SewTangle newsletter, email Marian at [marian@sewtangle.com](mailto:marian@sewtangle.com). You may also follow SewTangle on Facebook and Instagram - @sewtangle. SewTangle welcomes you to visit the shop.

### Our trip to Quilt Week

by Karilyn Pittman

This past April, Jan Farrow and I attended Quilt Week in Paducah, KY. We had a wonderful time and learned so much! We enjoyed meeting the vendors and having many of our questions answered. We purchased some great tools and accessories to enhance our quilting. We took three classes while we were there.

We took Kailua Cabins from Marti Michell. It was Log Cabin themed blocks. In this class we used a ruler created by Marti. We learned how to cut all the pieces for four blocks at one time. This was a very efficient use of fabric and our time.

Another class we took was Free-Form Twists from Karen Eckmeier. In this class we created beautiful blocks by cutting free-form curves and then piecing them together. Karen has a book written about this method as well as a great YouTube video showing the technique.

Our third class was Get En Point with HRTs with Shereece Nicole. Here we created a tablerunner utilizing Shereece's technique for making half rectangle triangles. It wasn't at all like we thought and it was fun to learn!

We attended an All-Star Review with several of the teachers who were offering classes throughout the week.

A highlight of our trip was visiting Hancocks of Paducah. It was an amazing store and of course, we purchased fabric! The store was extremely large, very organized and the staff was friendly and helpful.

One other high spot in our trip was visiting the National Quilt Museum. There were several exhibits including one honoring Kaffe Fassett, showcasing several of his quilts.

There were pop-up stores and exhibits around town. We visited the Cherrywood Pop-Up shop as well as their exhibit showing their recent Graffiti Challenge.

Our husbands made the trip with us and they enjoyed exploring the Paducah area while we attended the events. Paducah is a beautiful town with many things to see and do. If you get a chance to visit Paducah or attend Quilt Week, Jan and I would highly recommend it!

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All the best, Karilyn

## Tips and Tricks

From Karen Brewster

### Tip 1: Routines Boost Your Quilting Efficiency

For those of us who work, have families, *and* try to stay crafty, efficiency is essential.

Establishing routines can help you make the most of your time.

For example, let's say your sewing space is often cluttered, making it hard to find things you need. (I know mine sometimes is!) How much time do you estimate you spend each week hunting for a particular scrap of fabric or specialty tool? Be honest: Have you ever had to re-purchase something you lost, only to discover the original later? That can add up to a lot of wasted time and money.

In this example, a tidy-up routine could make a huge difference. First, choose a time of day that coincides with your less-creative hours (for me, that's at night, when it's dark out and I'm tired). Commit to a small amount of tidy-up time (10 minutes is a good start) and set a timer ([this one is my fave](#)). When the timer goes off, stop — or if you're at a bad place to pause, set another timer for five more minutes. Stopping is key; if you clean non-stop the first time and get worn out, you'll feel disincentivized to make it into a daily routine.

### Tip 2: Decide Once

As you begin to sort through your fabrics you have only two decisions to make: keep or get rid of it. Don't allow yourself to have a "maybe" box. And only keep what you can reasonably store in the space you have available. If you don't love it, you probably won't use it in a quilt in the near future.

Tip 3: Use strip piecing techniques when possible. This is not only more efficient, but it tends to be more accurate as well. I always analyze a pattern first to see if I can make it more efficient by cutting strips of fabric instead of individual squares, for instance. I just ran across this on a complex block for a pattern where it had me cutting out individual squares for 9-patches. I made them with strips instead and they turned out perfect.

# 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

[info@vaquiltmuseum.org](mailto:info@vaquiltmuseum.org)

## A Message From Alicia Thomas, Executive Director

If your guild is interested in having a tour here at the museum or me coming to visit with some pieces from the education collection, please reach out. Tours and presentations are the fun part of my job!

## EXHIBITS THIS FALL AND WINTER

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|--|--------------|
| Quilts Gone Wild   | May – Sep 23 |
| Play Land by Susan Lapham                                    | Jul – Oct 23 |
| No Boundries   | Jul – Oct 23 |
| Stories Are Made Loop By Loop                                | Jul – Oct 23 |
| Rock, Pebble, Stone  | Sep – Dec 23 |
| Bearing Witness: Civil War Stories by Lesley Riley           | Oct – Dec 23 |
| Beatlemania: Connecting Beatles Songs from Historical Quilts | Oct – Dec 23 |

## Richmond Quilters' Guild Quilt Show "Seasons of Quilting"

will take place October 7-8 from 10 am - 5 pm at the ACCA Shrine Center, 1712 Bellevue AVE, Richmond. More information at [richmondquiltersguild.com](http://richmondquiltersguild.com).

### QUILTING EVENTS OUTSIDE THE STATE

## American Quilt Study Group

<http://www.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>

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

## CELEBRATION OF TEXTILES AT TEXTILE MUSEUM SEPT. 9

The George Washington Museum and the Textile Museum will have the annual [Celebration of Textiles](#) family day on Saturday, **September 9th, 2023**. To coincide with [Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts](#), the exhibition's opening day will be dedicated to displays, demonstrations, and activities for all ages based on DC quilting history. Visit <https://museum.gwu.edu/programs> for more information.

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## Community Service Block

I don't know about you but I'm always looking at ways to put my scraps to good use. What better way than to make a block or more for a Community Service Quilt. I chose the Box Kite block from Quilter's Cache. It is an easy 12" finished block made with squares and half-square triangles. For the pattern follow this link below. If the link doesn't work, copy and paste the address into your browser. For the light color please use white, cream or any low volume print. Can't wait to see what you create. Bring completed blocks as many as you would like to sew to our meeting in October or if you are unable to attend in-person you can mail to me at Karen Brewster 8321 Kingsgate Rd., Springfield, VA 22152.

<https://www.quilterscache.com/B/BoxKiteBlock.html>



## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

I hope to receive more quilts at the October meeting. I delivered 10 quilts to Hopes and Dreams in July.

Quilt Kits were distributed at the June meeting. Return them as soon as possible. If I am not at the meeting, someone from Virginia Beach will bring them to me. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail them to me.

All quilts should include the form from Hopes and Dreams which can be found on the website, and also under files on our facebook page. Please say the quilt is from a Guild and write in Virginia Consortium of Quilters..

Each quilt should also have a label attached to it. It can be as simple as Name, City and Year . We have members who will quilt your tops once you have completed them.

I appreciate all the quilts I receive.

I also need bassinet covers.

Thank you

Karin McElvein  
8560 Executive Dr #3  
Norfolk, VA 23503  
757-572-1569

### A MESSAGE regarding MEMBERSHIP

VCQ has a current membership of 257 members. We have had 72 new members join since January 1, 2023. Our membership, at \$30 per year, is a great value with lectures at each general meeting, virtual workshops, "Come Quilt with Me" 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.**

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

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")  
( \$25.00 for 2023 only, \$30 per calendar year for 2024 and later, up to four more years.)

Renewal Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to "VCQ" and include SASE)  
( \$25.00 for 2023 only, \$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:**

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

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

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

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

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# INFORMATION ON ATTENDING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

## October 14, 2023 Meeting & Workshop in Mechanicsville, VA

### Register online today!

This is our first in person meeting where you can register online. Read about all your options below and then use this link today:

[https://www.vcq.org/meeting\\_register.php?meeting\\_id=1](https://www.vcq.org/meeting_register.php?meeting_id=1)

### Lodging Accommodations:

*No hotel could give us a block of rooms, without a deposit of \$500 credit card and that we would block 20 rooms and guarantee 18 filled 30 days before the event, to obtain our \$500 back. Most hotels offer AAA and senior discounts up to 15%. Also review hotel rates on trivago.com; trip advisor; then call the hotels directly to obtain the best rate and see if they can match. Finding one to meet everyone's budget seems to get harder for each meeting.*

*Reserve and share a hotel room of your choice.*

#### Hampton Inn Richmond-Mechanicsville

7433 Bell Creek Rd.  
Mechanicsville VA 23111  
(804) 559-0559  
6.4 miles (13 minutes from meeting location)  
2 Queens - \$204 plus tax w/ AAA  
Continental Hot Breakfast provided

#### Holiday Inn Express Richmond-Mechanicsville, an IHG hotel (ihg.com)

7441 Bell Creek Rd.  
Mechanicsville VA 23111  
(804) 559-0022  
6.4 miles (13 minutes from meeting location)  
2 Queens - \$139 plus tax  
Continental Breakfast

There are many other hotels in the Glen Allen/Richmond area, which is only a few miles further.

### Meeting Location:

#### New Bethesda Baptist Church

9019 New Bethesda Rd.  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116  
(804) 779-2101 [www.newbethesdabaptistchurch.org](http://www.newbethesdabaptistchurch.org)

If you can't register on-line then your registration form and check to VCQ must be **postmarked by Saturday, September 23rd** (3 weeks prior to event). **Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations postmarked after September 23rd will not be accepted and will be returned.** Please fill out your registration form completely as this information is very vital to ensure proper confirmation mailing of your postcards.

**You will receive a postcard with your registration confirmation – Bring your postcard to lunch!!**

Any cancellations must be made by Saturday, September 30th (2 weeks prior to event) to obtain a refund.

**Please wear your VCQ or Guild nametag to the meeting so we can put names and faces together.**

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>- Schedule: Dinner on your own**

- No Board or Committee meetings are being held

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 Meeting Schedule:**

- 8:05 - 9:00 AM                      Registration
- 9:00 – Noon                              Workshops
- Noon – 12:45PM                      Lunch
- 12:50 - 1:20PM                      Business meeting
- 1:30 – 3:30PM                      Workshops reconvene
- 3:45 - 4:15 PM                      Show and Tell

### **SHOPS NEARBY**

Quilting Adventures – May 1<sup>st</sup> reopened with new owners,  
Julie Haymes and Heather Stocker  
6943 Lakeside Ave, Richmond, VA 23228  
(804) 262-0005  
Open Friday until 5 pm.  
10% discount for guild members

Millstone Quilts  
Owner Regina Simmons  
8074 Flannigan Mill Rd., Mechanicsville, 23111  
(804) 779-3535  
Open Friday until 5pm.

Bobbin & Bolt  
3991 Deep Rock Rd.  
Richmond, VA 23233  
(804) 418-8001  
Open Friday until 5pm.  
BobbinandBolt.com

All Brands Sewing Center  
Owner, Meg Cahill  
Westland Shopping Center  
8079 West Broad St., Richmond, 23294  
(804) 270-1882  
Open Friday until 5pm.

**Let's Have a Fun Day with these **three** great classes!**

**Workshop A: A Scrappy Delight with Augusta Cole**  
**Sewing Machine Project Class** Skill Level: Basic Sewing Skills



**Supply List: - Fabric and Notions Required:**

Scraps, Scraps and more Scraps

Sewing machine and regular sewing supplies

Extension cord and power strip

Thread and filled bobbins – gray or neutral

Rotary mat and cutter (sharp) including rulers

Triangle ruler – either an Omnigrd or a Creative Grids Half Square 4 -in 1- Triangle Ruler, I will have some of these available for \$20.

A large ruler to square up your blocks.

Irons and pressing surface will be provided in general area or room

**Fabrics for A Scrappy Delight**

Bring your strip scraps! Study the photo, I like the mixture of colors in this quilt, so use what you have.

For the center squares in this quilt we will be using 6-inch strips, they should be different widths, and we will sew them together with our background strips.

Lots of strips, so enjoy using lots of scraps!

4 yards of background fabric – I used white for my colors to pop. Cut at least 2 strips selvage to selvage, 6 inches wide X width of fabric, bring remainder of fabric to class.

Depending on how large your quilt finishes, I recommend waiting to see what your backing fabric needs to be for this scrappy quilt.

Study the photo, the vertical sashing strips are all different widths, but cut 4.5” wide.

The sashing strips going horizontal are also different widths and are also cut 4.5” wide.

Bring lots of strips! Sharing our stash will also be fun. Variety!

**About your teacher:**

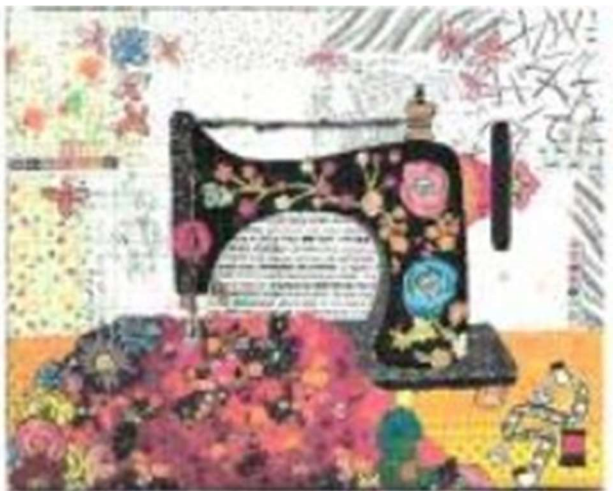
I began my quilting career in North Carolina 35 years ago. I was a member of the Pamlico River Quilters Guild and in 1982 I was asked to be on the board of directors for the North Carolina Quilt Symposium. In 1984, I moved to Richmond and became active in the local quilting groups, eventually serving as President of the Virginia Consortium of Quilters, a statewide quilting group.

Currently, I offer a variety of workshops, many of them being snappy, scrappy classes. I give lectures that include my collection of quilts and my love for the art of quilt making.

I regularly teach workshops up and down the East Coast and beyond! I love to teach and travel.  
AugustaColeQuilting.com (804) 402-5358.

**Workshop B: “Collage Quilt” with Julie Haymes**

We have chosen a Laura Heine pattern with three minis on the same pattern. Each are 16” x 20”, which has a pincushion, a dress form and a sewing machine. We will all be making the sewing machine. Grab some Steam-A-Seam 2, some popping florals, a bit of background and join us for a class sure to tickle your funny bone. Julie will be your guide, as we cut, adhere, and enjoy the creativity that collage has to offer. Basic process by which you will create the base of your collage and how to embellish it with florals and fun stuff.



**Hand Class:** No cutting mat, No rotary cutter, And Please-No Cutting anything ahead of time

**Skill Level:** Beginner+

**Supply List:**

- Scraps are so small, you can use lots of little pieces (some florals) for the entire quilt
- Keep in mind smaller motifs must be used to keep preparation for the smaller quilt
- 20” x 24” piece of Pattern Ease – or purchase from teacher for \$1
- 1 yard of steam-a-seam 2 – or purchase package from teacher for \$6
- #2 pencil
- Medium, fine point scissors, Karen K Buckley perfect scissors, good for applique & fussy cutting work great.
- Small and Large fabric scissors

- Applique pressing cloth or Precision Fusing Cloth if you have one or parchment paper
- Black sharpie – yes regular thick one (not fine point)
- Black Fabric for sewing machine
- Backing fabric 20” x 24”
- VCQ will provide irons and boards for fusing

**Kit Fee:** \$25 for your Laura Hein pattern, \$6 for Steam-A-Seam 2 package – (5) 9” x 12” sheets and \$1 for a piece of Pattern Ease, which is thin see thru interfacing (20” x 24”) can be purchased from the instructor.

**About your teacher:**

Julie Haymes with Heather Stocker are the new owners of Quilting Adventures. They’ve both been quilting for over 20 years. At the end of May, they closed the shop for a complete renovation and re-opened 3 weeks later. Along with the shop offering classes, they now offer Long-arming Services. Heather had a long arm business in her home for 10 years (Bon Air Quilts) and made T-shirt quilts. Julie was her employee for a year before they bought the shop.

Email: [julie@quiltingadventures.com](mailto:julie@quiltingadventures.com); shop # (804) 262-0005

**Workshop C: Rolling Nine Patch with Diane Phillips**

This quilt can be done with two fabrics or scrappy. If you do a scrappy quilt, make sure your “Background” has a “relationship” so it is somewhat cohesive. Think one color family that will not be part of your “Focus”. In the sample I used many black and white prints as my Background, where my “Focus” was tone on tone or solids.

The quilt is constructed using three different double nine patch blocks. You will have a confident understanding on how to finish the quilt when you leave the class.



**Sewing Machine Project Class**

**Skill Level: Beginner Friendly**

**Supply List for Queen Size Rolling Nine Patch**

Three simple nine patch blocks when carefully put together give the impression of curves. You can create a quilt using two high contrast fabrics or you can go with a “planned scrap” approach.

**Fabric Requirements:**

- Focus Fabric 3 ½ yards
- Background Fabric 6 yards
- Coordinating Thread

**Other Requirements for Class:**

Sewing Machine with new needle and full bobbin  
Rotary Cutter with fresh blade and cutting mat  
Acrylic Rulers that you are comfortable using for cutting  
I use a 6" x 12" and a 6" x 24"

**Prior Cutting to Assure Success – not required but very helpful****From your Focus Fabric**

40 strips 1 ¼" x width of fabric  
10 strips 2" x width of fabric  
4 strips 2 ¾" x width of fabric

**From your Background Fabric**

4 strips 3 ½" x 84" cut on length-wise grain\*  
35 strips 1 ¼" x width of fabric  
5 strips 2 ¼" x width of fabric  
8 strips 2" x width of fabric  
64 squares 2 ¾" x 2 ¾"  
120 rectangles 2 ¾" x 5 ¾"  
36 squares 5 ¾" x 5 ¾"

\*Cut first (if you are making the entire quilt)

Don't forget to label your pieces.

Even if you get a third of this precut you will go home with a lot done.

**Most important – come and have fun!****About your teacher:**

I have been quilting for 40ish years. Previously, I worked at NW Fabrics & Crafts in Des Moines IA, as well as Quilters Confectionery in Warrenton VA. I helped develop and taught simple beginning quilt classes. I've also been the Creative Coordinator of several wonderful retreats with the Fauquier County Quilters. Currently I live in Richmond VA and document my quilting life in a blog ([divadiversion.blog](http://divadiversion.blog)). email: [rhdiva2002@yahoo.com](mailto:rhdiva2002@yahoo.com); (804) 330-3106

**Workshop D: Come Quilt with Me**

Bring your own hand or machine project, ALS Charity Quilts or bassinette covers to work on as you sit and quilt with other members and experience wonderful fellowship.



**VCQ WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

[https://www.vcq.org/meeting\\_register.php?meeting\\_id=1](https://www.vcq.org/meeting_register.php?meeting_id=1)

Registration deadline: Saturday, **September 23rd (3 weeks before event) either by mail or on-line.**  
 Registrations will close after this date without exception. Any registrations online or postmarked after  
 September 23rd will not be accepted and will be returned. Any cancellations must be made by Saturday,  
September 30<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks before the event) to obtain a refund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Workshop (includes lunch). Circle letters and indicate choice on line. In the event your workshop  
 choice is full, and you are placed in CQWM, do you want the \$5.00 refund or donate it to VCQ? (please check  
 your preference) \_\_\_\_\_ refund \_\_\_\_\_ donate to VCQ

- Workshop A:** A Scrappy Delight with Augusta Cole
- Workshop B:** Collage Quilt with Julie Haymes
- Workshop C:** Rolling Nine Patch with Diane Phillips
- Workshop D:** Come Quilt with Me

Workshop Choice: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Cost  |      |
| <b>Member, Workshop and Lunch</b>                             | \$50 |
| <b>Member, Come Quilt with Me/Community Service and Lunch</b> | \$45 |
| Non-member, Workshop and Lunch                                | \$60 |
| Non-member, Community Service/Come Quilt with Me and Lunch    | \$50 |
|   |      |

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (subtract \$10 from total cost, if you will be bringing your own lunch)

Are you willing to be a class helper? Yes No

Are you bringing a sewing machine to Come Quilt with Me? Yes No

Were you referred or invited by a VCQ member? Yes No

If so, please write in their name \_\_\_\_\_.

Sandwich Lunch Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad or \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey

Special lunch requirements \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free Allergic to \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** VCQ will try their best to accommodate special lunch request, but if this has not been acceptable to you,  
 please check here: \_\_\_\_\_ **I will be bringing my own lunch (REDUCE registration fees above by \$10)**

If you can't register online, send workshop registration form and your check **payable to VCQ** by Saturday,  
 September 23rd, 2023.

Debi Harding, 2356 Bizzzone Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Email programs@vcq.org or call or text (757) 615-7758 with any questions. See you in Mechanicsville!