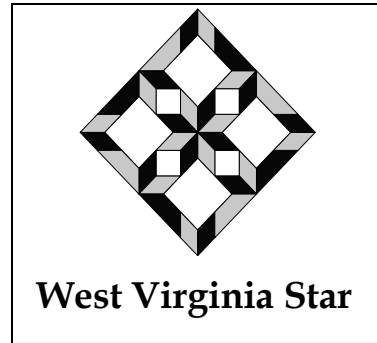


THE WEST VIRGINIA QUILT FESTIVAL 2024
June 20-22, 2024
 Summersville Arena and Conference Center
 Summersville, WV

Thursday & Friday 9:00 am–5:00 pm ~ Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm



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President's Message

Hello Quilters!

It's time to warm up your needles and finish your projects for the 2024 Festival! In fact, there's still time to start a project...I've got a few in the works, but I may decide to start another one. My challenge to you all is to get at least one quilt ready for the Festival. You'll be glad you did!

Have fun reading through the Newsletter, and note that there are several changes in store for this year's Festival. Please make plans to come join us in Summersville in June when we celebrate

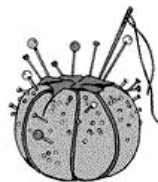
**Wild, Wonderful,
 West Virginia!**

Happy quilting.....
Barb Green



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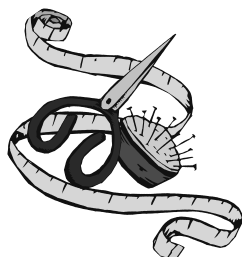


The Quilt Shoppe

Vickie Fleer has always been one of the biggest and most enthusiastic supporters of the West Virginia Quilt Festival. She sponsored us each year, and stored WVQI's supplies from summer to summer. Generous as ever, she has agreed to sponsor our Quilt Festival one last time.



Visiting The Quilt Shoppe was always a wonderful and inspiring experience. This is one lady who was never too busy or too tired to stop and help customers with any problems they encountered, or who just needed help picking out the perfect fabrics to finish the project of the moment. I know all of us appreciate her efforts on our behalf over the years. WVQI wishes Vickie Fleer all the best in the years to come! Happy quilting, Vickie!



Welcome From the Festival Coordinator

The theme of the 2024 West Virginia Quilt Festival is “Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia,” but please enter your quilts made in any pattern or color you like. We just want to see your work on display at our Festival! This is the year to drag out your camouflage fabrics and panels of wildlife. Or tractors! Maybe you will concentrate on some appliqué projects to highlight West Virginia wildlife, our state’s history, or a unique location such as the gristmill at Babcock State Park. You don’t have to limit yourself to appliqué. What about a Civil War sampler? Born during the Civil War and attaining statehood on June 20, 1863, the story of West Virginia is ideally suited to such a quilt. And, the opening day of the Festival is West Virginia Day!

We are welcoming back Mary Kerr this year. She has a new exhibit of 20 quilts, “Southern Splendor.” Her talk and trunk show after the Friday night dinner are always done in her own inimitable style! She will conduct a 30-minute gallery talk about her exhibit each day of the Festival. And, she will be offering appraisals of quilts, both oral and written. See page 4 of this newsletter for more about Mary, and how to contact her should you want to have your quilts appraised.

We are switching things around for this year’s Festival. One change is that we will not be having the full-day classes on Thursday and Friday. Instead, we are going to offer all of our classes on Saturday, including the always-popular Teachers’ Medley. These classes will be much more affordable, and you won’t have to haul along a lot of heavy gear. Details are not set at this time. Sign-up forms for classes and the Friday night dinner will be included in a later newsletter.

Whether you are planning a piece to celebrate Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia or are working on a quilt of a completely different style, I urge you to share your work by entering it in our Festival. There is so much to see, do, and learn at our annual event; classes, vendors, and of course, all the quilts to inspire you. I hope to see you in June!

Reminder –

All quilts entered in this year’s Festival must have been made after 1.1.2019

Joni Hoffman, Festival Coordinator



Quilters & Food!

You can buy lunch at the Armory! When your feet need a break, visit the concessions area! Rest and refresh yourself between shopping and browsing the quilts, and fuel yourself for a longer look at that Vendor who had the gizmo you just have to have! There are also many restaurants in the Summersville area, if you wish to eat outside the Conference Center.

Many thanks to Barb Green and her crew in the Northern part of the state, who will be making this year’s ribbons for us. It’s always a treat to see how they look each year. Remember! You can’t win a ribbon if you don’t enter a quilt!

CASH PRIZES FOR 2024

West Virginia Quilters, Inc. will be awarding \$100 to all 1st Place winners. An additional \$100 will be awarded to all Best of Show, Best Machine Quilting and Best Hand Quilting winners.

Admission

\$10.00 per day

Buses

We welcome bus groups. We will gladly work with your group to make attending the Festival a fun and pleasant experience.

Please contact Joni Hoffman
304.364.8537

A Few of our Vendors & Hotel Info

Vendors

Gabby's Sewing & More Gabby's Sewing and More is a local, family-owned and operated sewing company in the Kanawha Valley that provides professional and trusted sewing, quilting, alteration services, and much more to their customers. They proudly carry over 6,000 bolts of premium cotton fabrics at affordable prices. With a wide variety of fabrics and designs, they are sure to have something in store for every customer who stops by. Gabby's has a wide range of notions from small objects or accessories, to the tools we all need, like rulers, needles, threads, pins, etc. They are also a dealer of Bernina, Janome, and Brother sewing and embroidery machines, from new to used.

Fabric & Gift Shop This family-run business celebrated their 20th year in operation last summer. Located in Clay, West Virginia, owner René Moore now stocks over 5,000 bolts of quilter-quality fabrics, and is known for having a good selection of wide backings. She carries Jack Dempsey cross-stitched quilt blocks, a large stock of embroidery floss, yarns for knitting, many notions, and loads of quilt panels and novelty prints. She can meet most of your needs with a smile, and also ships her merchandise across the U.S. The shop is open six days a week. You can find them on Facebook at Fabric & Gift Shop or call 304.587.7530.

Country Roads Quilt Shop Located in the historic Seneca Center in Morgantown, West Virginia, Country Roads Quilt Shop has high-quality cotton quilting fabrics, notions, books and patterns. They also offer edge-to-edge long-arm services, classes, retreats, and shop hops. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned expert, they know you will find inspiration in their shop. If you are looking for something special for a quilting buddy, they have eGift cards available for purchase. What quilter wouldn't love to be on the receiving end of that gift?! Their email is kiri@countryroadsquilts.com or call 304.241.5645.

Side Stitchin' Quilt Shop This new quilt store opened in Belpre, Ohio in 2021, is owned and operated by Shirley Cox. After a 35-year teaching career, she was finally able to retire from the classroom, and now devotes all her time to her quilt shop. From pre-cuts and panels to wide backings and wool kits, Side Stitchin' has continued to grow with the addition of classes and online sales. Shirley focuses on meeting the needs of her customers, and welcomes you to visit her shop and let her help you make your next quilt a success. You may contact her at sidestitchin@gmail.com or phone the shop at 740.780.4072.

Keep your eye on the website (www.wvquilters.org) for additional vendors, who will be added as we receive their registrations. Please support them and our Festival by visiting their booths and bringing home some new quilting goodies this year. For information about vending, contact Joni Hoffman at jhoffmanwv@gmail.com or call 304.364.8537.

Summersville Hotel Information



**When I heard Wild,
Wonderful, West Virginia, I
was looking for a little LESS
wild!**

La Quinta Inn & Suites

304.872.0555

Fitness center, complimentary breakfast buffet, indoor heated pool and hot tub.

Econo Lodge

304.872.6900

Cable Television and free continental breakfast bar.

Hampton Inn

304.872.7100

Hampton-inn.com

Free continental breakfast, exercise facility, outdoor heated pool.

Quality Inn

304.872.6500

Free continental breakfast, free high speed internet, exercise room, sauna, outdoor heated pool.

Sleep Inn

304.872.4500

Free continental breakfast, free high speed internet, outdoor heated pool.

Super 8 Motel

304.872.4888

Continental breakfast, free high speed internet.

Our Judge

Priscilla Godfrey, NACQJ Judge

Priscilla Godfrey has lived in western Loudoun County, Virginia since 1979. A Certified Quilt Judge since 1986, she is a charter member of the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges, and teaches about quilting techniques, art quilting, and how quilts are judged. She does commission work, having made several t-shirt quilts and a quilt of antique silk handkerchiefs. Her quilts have been exhibited far and wide, including the Quilt Museum of Boulder, Colorado, the town hall at Main-Taunus Kreis, Germany, the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky, the Houston, Texas Quilt Festival and the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, VA. A long-time WVQI member, we look forward to having Priscilla's thoughts



and comments as she evaluates the work of our membership.



The state animal of West Virginia,
the mighty Black Bear

Quilters and Food

You should **NEVER** feed the bears, but you can certainly treat your empty tummy with the wide variety of food sold at the Summersville Arena and Convention Center. When your feet need a break, visit the concessions area!

There are also many restaurants in the Summersville area.

We ask that no food or drink be taken into the Arena itself.

We protect your quilts just as we would our own.

Registration Forms

Please note that there are separate forms for different aspects of the Quilt Festival, and these forms are mailed to different people:

- Little Quilt Auction Form...page 10
- Quilt Entry Form...Attached
- Membership ApplicationForm Attached

The Class/Dinner form will be included in your next Newsletter. All forms will go up on the WVQI website as soon as they are available.

***Note ...the Festival Quilt Entry Form Deadline is April 30. The form is attached to this newsletter.**



Documentation, Membership Reminder & Quilts for Sale

Documentation Project

You are invited to participate in the West Virginia Quilt Documentation to be held on the main floor each day of the Festival. The West Virginia Quilt Documentation Project gathers information on quilts that were made in or that currently "reside" in West Virginia.

If you would like to volunteer to help and learn about the process, please contact Roberta Gellner. If you have a quilt to be documented, make an appointment with Roberta, and a team of volunteers will



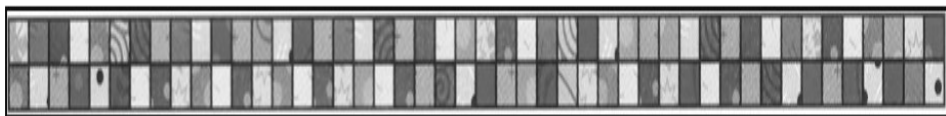
measure, photograph, date, and identify the quilt pattern. It takes 30-40 minutes to have your quilt documented, and you can either stay and watch the process (highly recommended) or take in the quilt show (also highly recommended!)

Bring information and pictures of the quiltmaker, if available; "maker unknown" quilts are also welcomed. Data gathered will be stored in the WV Culture Center

Archives, and will be uploaded to the Quilt Index (www.quiltindex.org). Information about quilt ownership will remain confidential.

Contact Roberta Gellner at 304.893.8324
or at umwelthund@frontier.com.

West Virginia Quilters, Inc. is a long-time supporter of the Quilt Documentation Project, with the help of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History.



Need a little Extra cash? List Quilts for sale at the Festival!!

If you are someone who has more quilts than you can give away, or your family has voiced the opinion that you should sell that sewing machine and take up bricklaying, we offer the quilt owner the chance to connect with a buyer. If your quilt is for sale, then we will share your contact information with the potential purchaser. There is a line on the Quilt Entry Form for you to communicate your wishes to us. The quilts that are for sale are designated on the show floor by a special tag that directs the interested party to the front desk, where the quilt owner's contact information is available. All sales are between you and the purchaser, and the quilt must remain up through the end of the Festival on 22nd June. Good luck!

WVQI Membership Reminder

**WVQI membership runs
from January 1 to December 31.**

Membership renewal notices are sent out in early December.

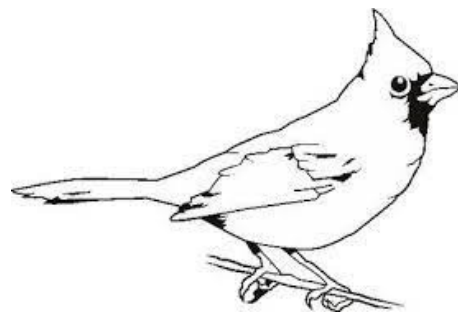
If your membership has expired, please renew now in order to continue to receive the benefits of being a member of WV Quilters, Inc.

Not sure if your dues are paid up?

Contact:

Lora Caplinger
jlcaplin@gmail.com
304.991.1423(C)

You can find the membership form on our website, or you can use the form attached to this Newsletter.



**The State Bird of West Virginia,
the Cardinal**



Friday 5:30 pm - Mary Kerr, Dinner Speaker

Gallery Talks and Appraisals throughout the Festival



Mary Kerr is no stranger to the West Virginia Quilt Festival. Always a lively and engaging speaker, she will join us Friday night for an after-dinner lecture and trunk show of quilts from her latest collection, “Southern Splendor.”

The American South has a rich quilting history, steeped in tradition and passed down through the generations. Mary worked with quilt historians, southern institutions, and private collectors to display some of the designs, colors, and patterns that are unique to the region. We hope you will enjoy this presentation of unique Southern quilts, and celebrate those who have shared their time and talent.

Come and learn more about these quilts from Mary Kerr during her 30-minute gallery talks each day. Free with paid admission to the Festival.

Mary Kerr is an American Quilter’s Society certified appraiser. A quilt appraiser is “expected to assign a value to a quilt determined by a variety of methods. These methods are based upon factual data gathered from consummated sales in the current market place.” AQS website

Mary offers both verbal and written appraisals. If you are unsure of which is better for your quilt and needs, don’t hesitate to contact Mary. **703.491.3295 or mary@marykerr.com**

When you schedule a verbal appraisal with Mary, she meets with you about your quilt and shares her knowledge of the materials, techniques, and more information about your piece. Mary will tell you the value of your quilt; however, you will not receive a written document with your appraisal. A verbal appraisal is \$25.

If you would prefer a written appraisal, Mary will meet with you about your quilt and gathers information about the piece. After your time with Mary, she researches information pertaining to your item, and prepares a document certified for sale, insurance, or donation purchases, which you will receive in the mail. A written appraisal is \$75.

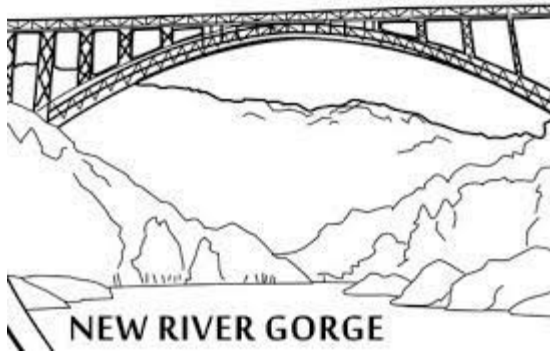
Officers and Volunteers

Volunteers

We are all volunteers. Would you like to be included? Does being a White Glover sound like fun? Would you rather welcome visitors at the entry area? Maybe relieving Vendors for breaks or helping with our Boutique sounds like the perfect place for you! We welcome any help setting up and taking down the show.

Volunteers who work a 4½-hour shift will have the admission fee waived for that day. If you don't want to plan ahead, stop by the front desk and ask if we need help that day. We would love to have you pitch in!

If you would like to join our Festival Committee as we plan next year, let Joni know. Again, we would love to have your help! If you would like to volunteer or have other questions, please contact Joni Hoffman, Festival Coordinator at 304.364.8537 (Home) or jhoffmanwv@gmail.com



The southern part of the state features some of the most rugged scenery. And rugged workers!



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Quilt Entry Categories and Boutique

Entering Your Quilt In This Year's Festival

First, Is your quilt made by one person from beginning to finish, two people, or three or more? Pick the appropriate category... **Individual, Duet** or **Group**.

The remaining categories are Non-Judged; they are Clothing/Accessories/Home Décor, Youth, and Display Only.

Second, Is your quilt **Pieced, Appliquéd** or a **Mix** of techniques? This should narrow your choices to two or three possibilities.

Third, Measure the outside or the **perimeter** of your quilt and check the box that fits your quilt.

Reminder – **Your quilt must have been completed after January 1, 2019.**

Finally...Sleeves– All quilts must have a 4-inch hanging sleeve securely attached to the back of your quilt. This sleeve should measure 86 inches from the bottom of the quilt to the top of the sleeve. See the Festival Entry Instructions for more information or visit our website...

The Boutique

Did you ever ask yourself, "What was I thinking when I bought that piece of material? Why did I buy so much of that fabric?! I can't believe I bought that ruler when I already have it! Why am I just hanging on to that old machine, cutting mat, patterns, magazines and books, etc."

Well, we have a solution....
the Boutique at the West Virginia Quilt Festival!



Starting in April, Boutique chairs Barb Battles and Ilene Allen will be busy – gathering, sorting, and pricing anything quilt-related for us to sell during the Quilt Festival in June. Even though The Quilt Shoppe in Summersville has closed, Vickie Fleer has generously offered the upstairs at her shop for us to store your items, so that we can get them ready to sell. And 100% of the money we make goes to help us continue to have our wonderful Quilt Festival.

You can call Barb Battles at 304.619.9622 or Ilene Allen at 304.880.3726, and we will be glad to make arrangements to meet you at The Quilt Shoppe to help you unload your items. In addition, we will be at the WVQI Retreat at Cedar Lakes this spring, if you would like to bring your quilting items there. And don't forget – you can always bring your items to the Festival with you.

Please note that due to their weight, bulk, and unsuitability for quilting, we cannot accept donations of jersey, double knits, or unrelated quilting items.

So pack a box or more for the Boutique, and just think of all the room you will have to buy more fun stuff from the vendors at the Festival!

The Little Quilt Auction

Little Quilt Auction

We hold an open Silent Auction every day, 9am-3pm. There is a different selection of Little Quilts up for bidding each day. Our auction displays a wide variety of techniques.

As the theme for our 2024 Festival is “Wild, Wonderful West Virginia,”

Little Quilts with scenes of our beautiful state would be a great addition to our auction! The funds raised help offset our expenses of putting on the Festival.

Did you know that Little Quilt Auction bidders have become very interested in your machine-embroidered pieces?

They have proven to be popular sellers. We would love to have some of your beautiful creations in this year's Festival. Co-Chairs Claudia Covey and Jeanie Brown welcome your contributions. Please send them to arrive by June 13, 2024 to:

Claudia Covey 49 Grapevine Circle Gassaway, WV 26624

We will also accept Little Quilts in person on Tuesday, June 18 at the Arena and Conference Center. Please remember to put a sleeve on your quilt, and to label the back. Quilts will be randomly placed in the auctions. **A Viewers' Choice ribbon is awarded to one Little Quilt each day, to both the maker and the purchaser of the quilt!**

Thank you for considering a donation for the Little Quilt Auctions.

We appreciate your talent and generosity in sharing your work.



2023 Festival Schedule

Thursday, June 20

9:00-5:00 Festival open

9:00-3:00 Little Quilt Auction

Friday, June 21

9:00-5:00 Festival open

9:00 -3:00 Little Quilt Auction

5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Lecture – WVQI meeting and Lecture – “Southern Splendor” trunk show and presentation by Mary Kerr

(after-dinner WVQI meeting and lecture are free and open to the public)

Saturday, June 22

9:00-4:00 Festival open

9:30-10:30 Technique class (to be announced)

11:00-12:00 Technique class (to be announced)

1:00-3:00 “Teachers’ Medley”

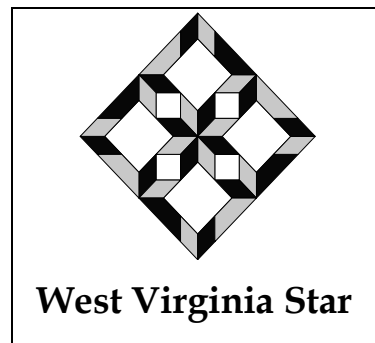
Throughout the Festival

**Exhibit of 20 uniquely Southern quilts from the exhibit “Southern Splendor” – Mary Kerr. She will be hosting free walking tours daily See page 6.*

Walking Tours are included with paid admission

Little Quilt Auction Form

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Little Quilt Auction Donation Form

Thank you for considering a donation for the Little Quilt Auctions.
We appreciate your talent and generosity in sharing your work with others. **Each day, a Viewers Choice Ribbon will be awarded to both the maker and purchaser of one Little Quilt.**

Please complete the following form to accompany each Little Quilt, and send the forms and quilts to:

Claudia Covey, at 49 Grapevine Circle, Gassaway, WV 26624
to arrive by Thursday, June 13, 2024

We will also accept Little Quilts in person on
Tuesday, June 18,
at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center.

Please note that all donated quilts or ornaments become the property of West Virginia Quilters, Inc.

A Silent Auction will take place every day of the Festival from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,
with a different selection of Little Quilts each day.

Final bids at 3pm determine auction winners.

If you have questions or concerns, you can email Claudia Covey at ccquilts@yahoo.com.

Please attach a hanging sleeve and a label to the back of your quilt.

Quilter's Name:

Street, City, State,

Zip: -----

Phone: ----- Quilt Guild:

Title of Quilt: -----