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The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival - Largest and Longest Running Quilt Festival on the Eastern Seaboard Returns

Join us February 26-March 1, 2026 in Hampton, Virginia

Hampton, VA – The Hampton Roads Convention Center will host the 37th annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival on February 26 to March 1, 2026. Open to the public, this event produced by Mancuso Show Management, Inc. is one of the largest running quilt festivals in the United States. Gwen Raczak, Marketing and Events Coordinator of MSM, Inc. says of the upcoming event, “Quilting is America stitched into cloth—many hands, many stories, many enduring fabrics. As we celebrate 250 years of our nation, this quilt festival reminds us that unity, creativity, and shared history are what truly bind us together.”

This year’s quilt competition, themed “**Connected by Threads for 250 Years.**” Entrants looking to win Best Interpretation of Theme will show how they’ve connected to their community through their art. Quilt entries will be featured in three competitions: Full Size - Innovative and Traditional categories, Mid-Century Mod/Modern and Wall Quilts. Also, find unique full ensembles, vest, jacket, and coat entries in the Wearable Art Competition.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival is a mecca for quilters and sewing enthusiasts, featuring over 1000 quilts, wearables, and textile works of art on display. In addition, the Merchants Mall includes retail booths with all the best fabrics, notions, machines, and tools. For the avid learners, workshops and lectures by an internationally renowned faculty offer an awesome opportunity to learn new techniques. The Golden Thimble Needlework Guild’s demos, Quilt-O game night, and a fashion show by a local wearable artist Meryl Ann Butler make this event a must see.

Experience the event that puts the “fest” in “quilt festival” at the 37th annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. The event will run **Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**, and **Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Admission is \$20 Thursday through Saturday with re-admittance included, and \$18 on Sunday only. Guests under 16 are FREE.

The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival is generously sponsored by: Founding Sponsor: BERNINA/A Different Touch; Major Annual Sponsor: Brother/Tidewater Sew-Vac; Major Sponsors: Tidewater/Baby Lock, Janome/Tidewater Sew-Vac, Pfaff & Husqvarna Viking/The Sew'n Place; Bronze Sponsor: The Grace Company; Workshop Sponsor: Handi Quilter/Tidewater Sew-Vac; Special Exhibit Sponsor: Cherrywood Fabrics and Special Vendor Sponsors: Wilson's Calico Corner, Fork Mountain Quilting, Studio Kat Designs and French Connections.

For complete M-AQF details, including workshop and lecture information, please visit quiltfest.com.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.