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The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival returns to the Hampton Roads Convention Center

The oldest quilt festival on the Eastern Seaboard celebrates 35 years!

Hampton, VA - Crafters, quilters, and everyone in between unite for the return of the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival (Quilt Festival) February 28-March 3 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. This year's Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival marks a major milestone as it celebrates its 35th year in existence.

What started for Mancuso Show Management as a small festival at the Brandywine Racetrack in Wilmington, Delaware, then moving to Williamsburg, Virginia the following year, the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival has now become the largest quilt festival on the Eastern Seaboard.

"We're thrilled that we're celebrating 35 years with the quilting community here in Virginia. Our journey continues. And, as we all know, it's all about the journey," said Mancuso Show Management Owner and President David Mancuso.

There are several highlights at the upcoming festival that quilters and sewing enthusiasts won't want to miss. There will be over 1000 quilts, wearables, and textile works of art in competitions and special exhibits. An internationally renowned faculty will present a variety of workshops and lectures. The Golden Thimble Needlework Guild and the James River & Shockoe Slip Rug Hookers will offer demos on the show floor. In addition, the festival will feature a fun game night with Quilt-O as well as a fashion show presented by Rachel D.K. Clar. And, as always, the Quilt Festival Merchants Mall will have the best in fabrics, notions, machines, wearable art and so much more.

This year's quilt competition, themed "Reflection," asked entrants to reflect on the positive times and the joyfulness of their years of quilting. Competition entries will show the artists' representations of their creativity. In addition, the Quilt Festival will feature a Modern Category in the quilt competition themed "Mid-Century Mod." Also, while attending, be sure to explore the Wearable Art Competition where you'll find unique full ensembles, vest, jacket, and coat entries on display.

Whether it's textile art inspiration, continuing education, restocking of supplies, or just for fun, this event has it all. Experience the event that puts the "fest" in "quilt festival."

For complete Quilt Festival details, including workshop and lecture information, please visit quiltfest.com.

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Quilt 1: Got Milkweed by Kimi Madorsky – from the Chrysalis Collection of the Monarch Cherrywood Challenge Exhibit

Quilt 2: She Embodied the Land by Liz Schneiders – from the exhibit Georgia O’Keefe Visited presented by the Fiber & Art Stitch Collective

Quilt 3: The Lady Headdress by Brenda West – from the exhibit Class Act presented by the 54-40 African American Quilt Guild

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.