



January 2026

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The Apple Valley Needle Threaders meet at
Berryville VFW on the second Thursday of each month.
Meetings are from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Quilt Bees are held on the fourth Thursday and start at 9:30 a.m.
The VFW is located at 425 S. Buckmarsh St, Berryville, VA 22611

AVNT Board Members 2025-2026

President - Barbara Corey
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Other AVNT Committees 2025-2026

Sunshine - Rebecca Harriett
Kennel Quilts - Stephany Wisecarver
.Care and Comfort - Diana Anglero, Arden Eden, Pam Jones,
Carolyn Mathieu, and Kate Carey
Membership Kits/AV Set-up - Mary Libby



AVNT President's Message - Barbara Corey

Happy New Year to AVNT members!! It is time for a fresh start, new goals and maybe a little change.

Our December 11th meeting was really a lovely meeting. We sent Agnes Ratliff, from Linus Project in the Eastern Panhandle, home with a huge donation of quilts, crochet blankets, fleece blankets and yarn. I took pictures of everything so we can keep a tally for our donations for 2025. Many thanks to Peggy and the Care and Comfort committee for bringing the iron to attach labels to all the quilts. We ended the meeting with a delicious luncheon. I saw a few items from our cookbook in the mix of dishes.

Speaking of the cookbook - we purchased 200 books. We sold over $\frac{1}{2}$ of them to AVNT members. The rest are still available to our members, and we also plan to sell them in the boutique at the Quilt Show in April. With the number of books sold to members we have broken even on our investment so future sales will go into our treasury.

I hope by the time you read this you have registered your quilts for the show. This year the number of quilts per person is 4. The reason for this new limit is that we have expanded our number of vendors. You will be excited to see our vendors in every nook and cranny. We sure would like to see more AVNT challenge quilts in the mix this time. I look forward to seeing your creativity.

The last message is a personal one. I have enjoyed being your president for six years. I have decided that 2026 will be the year for me to step aside for a new president. We would love to hear from you if you would consider stepping up to this job. We have a terrific board in place who are ready and willing to work with you. Additionally, I will be in place to mentor you through the process for as long as you wish. Hopefully this will provide a smooth transition. Questions? Interested? Give me a call or email and we can talk. The board will be the final decision makers, and the members will verify our selection. I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Show and Tell

Our December meeting was held on 11th, with 28 members in attendance. Diana Anglero won the door prize. Project Linus was our celebrated charity this year. Agnes Ratcliff, the Chapter Coordinator of Eastern Panhandle WV, was our guest speaker. There was no Bee in December.



Rebecca Harriett is our club contact for Sunshine or Sorrow cards.

Let her know of any events in our members lives to acknowledge with a card.

EMAIL: rlharriett@gmail.com

Kathleen Hintz - Get Well

Linda Bogart - Sympathy

Kim Hofsiss - Thinking of You



River House Cafe

24 Rickie Davy Lane, Capon Bridge, WV
United States, West Virginia 26711

ANNUAL QUILT SHOW 
DECEMBER 9 - JANUARY 31 | ARTIST TALK : DEC 12TH, 5:30



LAURA GAUGH • CLORINDA FRESQUEZ-TRIA • LINDA VANCE • BARBARA ZUBLER • REBECCA ALLEN • BARBARA WALDRON

THE RIVER HOUSE GALLERY IS SPONSORED BY THE RIVER HOUSE GALLERY



Katherine Genung

Pam Jones

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MANCUSO Show Management Proudly Presents *The Thirty-Seventh Annual*
MID-ATLANTIC QUILT FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1, 2026
 Hampton Roads Convention Center Hampton, VA



Quilt Credit: Veggies! by Holly Santangelo



Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show

Registration runs from January 1,
2026 through February 10, 2026.

Just go to the quilt show registration
and enter your quilt(s). Each individual
may have up to 4 quilts entered. Below
is the link to the registration page.

[https://www.nsvquiltshow.com/registr
ation](https://www.nsvquiltshow.com/registration)

And don't forget to put a 4 inch
hanging sleeve on the back of your
quilt. Need help? Just go to the link
below and you will find helpful
instructions on how to make a hanging
sleeve.

[https://www.nsvquiltshow.com/hangin
g-sleeve-directions](https://www.nsvquiltshow.com/hanging-sleeve-directions)

GOOD RULES FOR SEWING

Unless we sew we shall not reap...
You can always find faults if you look for them...

Do not play with edged tools.

All things are easy that are done willingly...

Make quilts while the sun shines...

If at first you don't succeed
try reading the directions.

If that doesn't work, do it
like your mother told you.

Written by Liberty Rose

ARTISAN Boutique

A Car Visor Organizer

The quilt show is in 3 months and WE NEED
YOU to create product to sell at the Artisan
Boutique!

This car visor organizer could be a great seller.
It keeps sunglasses, car registration, and other
necessities in an out of the way location. Make
one for yourself, and make a few extra for the
Artisan Boutique!

[https://sewcanshe.com/diy-car-visor-
organizer-free-sewing-pattern/](https://sewcanshe.com/diy-car-visor-organizer-free-sewing-pattern/)

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
Please contact your trusty
Artisan Boutique co-chairs:

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Katherine@twogenungs.com

*Stay tuned for new
patterns in every newsletter!*



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visor-organizer-free-sewing-
pattern/](https://sewcanshe.com/diy-car-visor-organizer-free-sewing-pattern/)



Care and Comfort - Peggy Ronan

Happy 2026 to each of you! This group is awesome, especially when it comes to donating items throughout the year, and also to our December guests. Thank you!

First of all, if you are turning in your name for the raffle quilt in May, there will be registration papers for you near the back of the room. If you need AVNT bookmarks and care instructions, those will also be available at that table.

I will be compiling the donations totals for this past year soon. I did not try to include all that was donated at the December luncheon in that report.

On the third Wednesday of most months, my front door is open those who would like to sit and socialize and work on handwork. If you would like to come, please let me know. Ten o'clock to noon. And of course there is "Show and Tell."

Cheers!

My 2026 New Year Resolutions
is to finish all my craft projects from 2025
That I should have done in 2024,
after I started them in 2023
after buying the supplies for them in 2022
with the patterns I found in 2021.



Kennel Quilts - Stephany Wisecarver

Happy New Year to all! Here's hoping we all are able to find lots of time to see this year!! I was not able to attend last month's meeting unfortunately, so I did not receive any donations for the shelter pet program. I'll have lots of kits for the next meeting! See you then.

Just a reminder - Finished kennel quilts are 12"x18", no binding, sewn and quilted with small (2 mm stitches), made from any washable fabric with **no loosely woven threads** for animals to catch their paws on. Fleecies are fringed approximately 20 inch squares. Flannels are enveloped, same finished dimensions and also stitched about 2" from each side.





Museum Minute - Nyra White and Heidi Haynes

The museum will re-open on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 with these wonderful exhibits and events:

Fantastic Stories: Quilts that Abound in Meaning

At first glance, the work of Lena Meszaros and Kathy Nida appears to be very different, but once you understand their inspiration, you can begin to identify the common threads in their work. Both artists use their quilts to explore their feelings, thoughts, and dreams. Their quilts interpret the stories that history and society tell. Both artists view their quilts as a way to offer hope and inspiration to the viewers. On display through March 28, 2026.

Vanishing by Holly Cole

An exhibition of art quilts and sculpture, dedicated to endangered species and the individuals working to save them. Through her use of layered textures, intricate stitching, and mixed-media techniques, Cole explores the emotional lives of animals and their deep connections to humans. On display through March 28, 2026.

From Storage to Spotlight: New Additions to the Collection

These recently acquired quilts and textile pieces, many on display to the public for the first time, represent the continued growth and evolution of the museum's holdings. Each piece offers a unique glimpse into the personal and communal stories stitched into fabric, deepening our understanding of American textile heritage and the museum's ongoing mission to preserve it. On display through 28 March, 2026.

Spotlight on Virginia Quilters - Kathleen Decker

A retired psychiatrist and scientist, she has made traditional quilts since the 1990s and began creating art quilts in 2018. Her work has traveled across the country and abroad, appeared in books, and become part of both private collections and public installations. Decker often pairs her quilts with her own poems. On display through March 14, 2026. Kathleen will be at the museum on Saturday, February 7 for a Meet the Artist Afternoon.

Silver Lake Quilt Along hosted weekly on Wednesdays, January 28 through April 8, 2026

on Pat Sloan's YouTube Channel, featuring the pattern designed by Wendy Sheppard. You can buy either paper or digital patterns online or at the museum.

Looking Ahead...The mini quilt challenges have been very popular at the museum. Here are the themes for 2026:

Stripes: Quilts due by March 14, on display March 17 - June 13.

Blues: Quilts due by July 18, on display July 21 - September 26.

Reds Quilts due by September 26, on display September 29 - December 22

Registration details are online under Events.

Visit our new location at
The Silver Lake Mill,
2328 Silver Lake Rd. Dayton, VA

Hours: 10:00-4:00 Tuesdays through Saturdays
Admission, \$8.00; Age 65 plus, \$7.00, VQM Members: Free.



Linda Suter

AVNT Program - January 8, 2026

Happy New Year! School is in Session.

Learning new techniques helps keep our brains sharp. So, let's start 2026 off with introductions to a few new, and a few oldy but goody, techniques.

First - Let's learn about Round Robins from Lisa Rainey. Lisa has volunteered to talk to us about her experience in doing a Round Robin and show us her RR Quilt. We will try to get a feel for interest so that we can start a Round Robin the second half of 2026 (after the quilt show).

Next - Let's have a good old fashioned School House. We have 3 classrooms.

1 - Make a Manx Quilt Block with Eileen Wall

2 - Make a scrappy strippy basket with Kathy Pietri

3 - Learn about old fashioned embroidery techniques with Peggy Ronan and Hildegard Strydom et al.



AVNT Bee - January 22, 2026

Eileen Wall will teach us to make a Manx Block. Make a bunch and you will have a Manx quilt! Sign up and get your materials list at the January 8th meeting.

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Payment for January 8, 2026 - MAKE A MANX QUILT BLOCK</p> <p>Taught by Eileen Wall</p> <p>Class fee is \$5</p> <p>Total Enclosed _____ Check Number _____</p> <p><i>Complete and mail this form and your check to the AVNT Treasurer: Kate Carey, 401 Hancock Court, Berryville, VA22611</i></p>	
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Calendar -We are diligently working on filling up our calendar for 2025 and 2026. Take a careful look - new programs and bees have been added.

1/8/26	Intro to Round Robin Project - and - Schoolhouse - Make a MANX - Eileen Wall - Make an easy peasy strip basket - Kathy Pietri - Embroidery as it used to be	1/22/26	Make a MANX block with Eileen Wall
2/12/26	Marisela Rumberg https://www.facebook.com/mariselarumberg/ https://mariselarumberg.com/	2/26/26	Shelter Pet - Kennel Quilt SewingBee
3/12/26	AVNTQuilt Show Challenge Quilts on Display	3/26/26	Bee - BOUTIQUE Come and help the AVNTBoutique team get ready for the quilt show!
4/9/26	NO MEETING - NSV QUILT SHOW APRIL 9TH IS SETUP DAY QUILT SHOW IS APRIL 10-11-12	4/23/26	AVNT Greeting Card Making Bee - Make one for yourself and make some for our Sunshine and Shadows project
5/14/26	Kick Off of Round Robin (examples to be shown by TBD) SpringPot Luck Luncheon	5/28/26	Bee
6/11/26	Janet Mamey - artistic award winning quilter, Secy of QU	6/25/26	Bee
7/9/26	Happy Scrappy - A special show and tell program by all	7/23/26	Bee
8/13/26	Schoolhouse - Labels - Stacy Hetzel - Flange Binding- ???	8/27/26	Bee
9/10/26	Cynthia Warhurst - Quilt as You Go - How to put it all together!	9/24/26	Bee





Project Linus

Agnes Ratcliff, Chapter Coordinator

Agnes, Barbara, Peggy
and the donations.



Project  Linus



"Providing Security Through Blankets"





A Special Thank you to **Rick Jenkins** for setting up the tables and chairs for our meetings.



Joyce Carrier won the prize for our fun game of Bingo!



Carol Oliver

Gene Oliver

Super excited to report that in addition to Daytona Beach, my quilt "Inflection Point" has also been accepted into the AQS show in Hartford CT this April!



TOVA Memeber **Gene Oliver Jr.** won a blue ribbon for new quilter this weekend at The Schoolhouse Quilt Show in Cumberland MD! So happy for him!



AVNT CHALLENGE FOR THE 2026 NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY QUILT SHOW -

The AVNT club challenge is a combination of AVNT members ideas. Put on your thinking cap, toss your fabrics around, and participate in the club challenge. We really want to see a lot of participation in this one - it is our AVNT members' challenge to each other!

We have scheduled a special program for November 2025 so we can all see the talented challenge pieces. So you have 11 plus months to get your creative juices flowing and come up with a small quilt for our AVNT Challenge.

AVNT'S 2026 QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE


THE CHALLENGE TITLE
BLACK & WHITE with a POP of COLOR, FEATURING SIMPLE SHAPES

SQUARE


THE CHALLENGE POEM

A SQUARE was sitting quietly
Outside his RECTANGULAR shack
When a TRIANGLE came down - *KEERPLUNK!*
And struck him in the back.
"I must go to the hospital!" cried the wounded SQUARE!
So, a passing CIRCLE rolling by,
Picked him up and took him there.

RECTANGLE



TRIANGLE



CIRCLE

THE CHALLENGE INSTRUCTIONS

You may interpret the little poem anyway you want, or use your own inspiration... The quilt should be:

- **Finished size:** 24" x 24" As a quilt, it is to be 3 layered with batting and backing and have a hanging sleeve. Border and binding are not required.
- **Main colors:** BLACK and WHITE,
- **Must include:**
 - **ONE pop of color** (not the main color in the quilt), it can be **anywhere** in your quilt, and can be varied in value (light to dark)
 - **At least one of each of these FOUR simple shapes:** SQUARE, RECTANGLE, CIRCLE and TRIANGLE

AVNT Procedure for Charity Quilt Maker Raffle

The AVNT Board has decided to put a little spice into assembling and creating our quilts for charity.

- Each charity quilt completed and turned in between December and April will be entered into a May drawing for \$100 cash card. Likewise, charity quilts completed and turned in between May and November will be entered into a drawing for \$100 card in December..
- For each completed quilt given to the charity committee you will complete a ticket which will be placed into the drawing. The ticket must be received on the day the quilt is turned in.
- At each meeting and bee, someone will be designated to collect the quilts and tickets.
- The drawings will be held during the biannual luncheons.
- The more quilts you complete, the more the chances to win the prize.
- If more than one person worked to complete the quilt, each person's name is added to one ticket, and if drawn, the prize will be divided amount the sewers.

Help AVNT keep our records complete and accurate by completing this form and pinning it to your donated quilt.

ONE FORM FOR EACH DONATED QUILT.

Your form will be entered into the biannual AVNT Charity Quilty Drawing for an opportunity to win a cash card.

I made the quilt top (enter name & email below)

I did the quilting and binding from a kit (enter name & email below)

I made the entire quilt – start to finish (enter name & email below)

Date Donated to AVNT -----

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