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The Apple Valley Needle Threaders is a 501c3 non-profit organization.
We meet at the Berryville VFW on the second Thursday of each month.
Meetings are held from 9:30 AM-12 Noon. Quilting Bees and
workshops are held on the fourth Thursday and start at 9:30AM.
The VFW is located at 425 S. Buckmarsh St, Berryville, VA 22611.

AVNT Board Members 2025-2026

President - Barbara Corey
Treasurer/Budget - Kate Carey
Secretary - Melissa Mattice
Care and Comfort Coordinator - Peggy Ronan
Programs - Linda Bogart
VFW Liaison for Meetings and Speakers - Brenda Goodwin
Newsletter/Members Roster/Photographer - Pamela Lakin
Director at Large - Kathleen Hintz

Other AVNT Committees 2025-2026

.Care and Comfort - Diana Anglero, Arden Eden, Pam Jones,
Lauren Sowers and Kate Carey
Kennel Quilts - Barbara Lake
Membership Kits/AV Set-up - Mary Libby
Programs - Linda Bogart (Chair), Melissa Mattice, Lauren Sowers
Sunshine - Rebecca Harriett



AVNT President's Message - Barbara Corey

April 2026

Happy Spring! If you will excuse the expression, things have been hopping around the guild and the quilt show. Preparation for the show is rapidly coming to an end. Lots of last-minute details to attend to. We thank each of you who have been able to volunteer to help. The show is going to be terrific. Do continue to talk about the show wherever you go. We have attached the flyer to the newsletter. If you need a copy to post anywhere just print it out.

We have had some transitions in the board position of program coordinator. Linda Suter has stepped down after 10 years of service on the board as president and program coordinator. She is not leaving the guild just taking time to recover and as she says in her phone message she's "out living her life". I am happy to report here that she is home from the hip surgery and feeling better than she has for quite a while. We may even see her at the show.

We have put in place a new entity for the guild. A program committee has been formed consisting of Linda Bogart (Chairperson and new board member), Melissa Mattice (current board secretary), and Lauren Sowers. The group has met with me, and we have begun to put some structure to the new positions. One of the first things they will do is to send out a new survey to our membership to assist in planning programs for 2027. This will come to you in the form of an email from Linda Bogart and there will be a link to the survey. They want to hear from you! If you have any difficulty with the link contact Linda Bogart or Lauren.

Because of the show there is no regular meeting in April. There will be a bee on April 23rd. Do check out the calendar that is attached to this newsletter and posted on the AVNT website. We have some great programs planned for the rest of 2026.

See you at the show!!



Show and Tell

Our March meeting was held on 12th, with 36 members in attendance. Bridget Chapman won the door prize. The following shared Show and Tell: Kathy Cookson, Kathy Pietri, Barbara Corey, Kate Carey, Diana Anglero, Linda Suter, Melissa Mattice, Nancy Thomsen, Kathleen Hintz, Barbara Lake, and Mary Bright, Arden Eden, Sue Adams, Mary Brookfield, Lynne Buxby, Lisa Rainey, Pamela Lakin, Kathy Kennedy, and Helen Kardos.

The March 26th Bee members came to SIT, SEW, SEW-CIALIZE.



Mary DeMott

Rebecca Harriett

Gene Oliver



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

March Sunshine Cards

were sent to:

Nancy Sybert -

Thinking of You

Linda Suter - Get Well

Peggy Ronan - Get Well

Welcome

Please Welcome
Our New Member

Christina Douglas





Kennel Quilts - Barbara Lake

We are running low on finished pet pads to donate. Please help by taking packets of pet pads to complete.

We will soon be needing a group of people to help cut fabric and batting to create new packets of pet pads to be sewn.

Thank you

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.



Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show News



The AVNT Boutique will be in style with our new colorful flag banner.



Linda Bogart, Melissa Mattice and Lauren Sowers

AVNT Programming Committee Introduction

AVNT's long tenured Program Director Linda Suter has recently resigned. She did A LOT! To replace her, AVNT now has a Programming Committee!

Linda Bogart - An Air Force retiree, wife, mom and GRAMMY, Linda has been quilting since she was 16 years old and enjoys all things quilting, especially something she hasn't tried before!

Melissa Mattice - I am a wife of nearly 54 years, mother to three incredible sons and grandmother to 10! I've been quilting since about 1995. Quilting is my primary hobby but I enjoy making greeting cards and reading. I'm usually working on several projects at the same time. Some of them actually get completed!

Lauren Sowers - Caffeine dependent wife and mother of two, Lauren has been quilting since 2005. She tries to squeeze in sewing sessions in between running the kids to school and soccer, and managing the books, IT, and HR for her husband's business. UFO's are my quilt of choice these days!

We look forward to bringing you an exciting schedule of learning, sharing and growing together as quilters!

AVNT Program Survey

To help us plan programming for 2027, please fill out the AVNT Programming Survey by **May 15th**. Tell us what you want to see, hear and do at AVNT.

One survey per person, please.

SURVEY LINK: <https://form.jotform.com/260735147612051>

AVNT Program - April 12, 2026 - NO MEETING! Quilt Show Weekend

AVNT Bee - April 23, 2026

- Led by our very own Linda Suter.
- Bring your scraps and help us resupply AVNT's stash of Sunshine and Shadow quilted cards.
- Training provided.
- Material list will be provided Monday before the Bee.

AVNT Program - May 14, 2026

- **SPRING LUNCHEON!** Bring your favorite spring time dish for our traditional spring pot-luck!

- Round Robin Introduction

Spring is here and the robins have returned. Let's do a Round Robin!

Melissa Mattice and Kathy Cookson will be presenting their ideas for a Round Robin challenge. There will be a sign-up sheet and, if there is enough interest, the Round Robin will begin in June and probably finish in November. We want to spark creativity but also make it comfortable for quilters at any skill level.

The quilts will start with a center block that is between 10-14". Each round will be made up of pieced or appliquéd borders between 3-4". There won't be any set design per round but prompts such as "add a new color" or "repeat an element."

Join us for all the details! If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to participate or have any questions, please e-mail Melissa Mattice, mattice99@gmail.com before June 1.



Calendar - We are diligently working on filling up our calendar for 2026. Take a careful look - new programs and bees have been added.

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 - by Linda Suter Make one for yourself and make some for our Sunshine and Shadows project
5/14/26	Kick Off of Round Robin - Melissa Mattice and Kathryn Cookson - Learn the guidelines and see some examples Spring Pot Luck Luncheon	5/28/26	Charity Sewing Bee focusing on smaller sized quilts for babies, toddlers, young kids, teens.
6/11/26	Janet Marney - artistic award winning quilter with Appalachian quilting roots - Janet will delight us with a talk about her quilting journey and a trunk show of her award winning quilts	6/25/26	Sit, Sew, Sew-cialize - This is an open sewing bee. - Bring your project to work on. - Or just bring yourself to socialize.
7/9/26	Special Surprise Trunk Show Melissa Mattice and Kathy Cookson	7/23/26	Intro to Free Motion Quilting with Kate Carey using a standard machine with a quilting foot. NOTE - Charity quilts and kenneled quilts provide a great chance to try FMQ.
8/13/26	Happy Scrappy - led by Kathy Pietri - A special show and tell program by all - Challenge is to make anything except a quilt out of scraps and only scraps - Prizes for the most unusual item and the item with the most scraps used	8/27/26	Thread Painting with Joyce Carrier - This is an introductory class on how to thread paint using your domestic machine. - Sign up required. - FEE required.
9/10/26	Cynthia Warhurst - Quilt as You Go - How to put all those little QAYG squares into a quilt!	9/24/26	TBD
10/8/26	Schoolhouse - Labels - Stacy Hetzel - Flange Binding - ??? - AVNT Web Site Tutorial	10/22/26	Charity Sewing Bee focusing on smaller sized quilts for babies, toddlers, young kids, teens.
11/12/26	AVNT Members Holiday Special Show and Tell	HAPPY THANKSGIVING - NO BEE IN NOVEMBER!	
12/10/26	AVNT welcomes the Laurel Center - Intervention for Domestic and Sexual Violence and Christmas Pot Luck	MERRY CHRISTMAS - NO BEE IN DECEMBER!	

