

## The Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival Celebrates 23 Years

### *The Center of It All for Quilt, Wearable & Textile Arts*

You are invited to celebrate the world of quilt, wearable and textile arts as the [Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII](http://www.quiltfest.com) returns to the **Greater Chesapeake Bay/Williamsburg, VA area, February 23 – 26, 2012** with a spectacular collection of over 500 quilts and works of wearable and textile art. This highly anticipated quilt show, the largest on the eastern seaboard, is held at the **Hampton Roads Convention Center**. Take part in sharing with fellow enthusiasts a love for creating, learning and shopping. The Merchants Mall of more than 250 vendor booths features quilting supplies, textiles, books, sewing related craft items, kits, sewing machines, clothing, accessories and so much more! The Festival includes entries to the quilt and wearable art competitions as well as special exhibitions. In addition, workshops and lectures presented by well-known, talented instructors will also be available with conference registration ([www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com) for more info).

This year's national quilt competition themed “**What If?**” gives entrants an opportunity to relate what their quilt would say ... if it could talk! Also, while attending the event, make sure you explore the **Wearable Art Competition** where you will find on display unique full ensembles, vest, jacket & coat entries. The Quilt and Wearable Art Competitions will feature magnificent works by some of the nation's finest quilt and textile artists. In addition, you can take part in judging by casting your vote for the **Quilt and Wearable Art Viewer's Choice Awards**. The winners will be announced on [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com) following the close of the Festival.



**Best of Show Quilt Competition 2011**  
*Rhapsody in Rose* by Barbara Clem



**Best of Show Wearable Art Competition 2011**  
*Les fleurs du printemps (Spring Flowers)* by Rami Kim

Regardless if you are a beginner just starting out, or a seasoned veteran seeking new ideas, the **Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII** features workshops & lectures that will satisfy all of your quilting needs! Workshops are available all days of the Festival. In addition, featured again this year is **Quilt-O** at 8:00 pm on **Friday, February 24 at 8:00 pm**. This “most fun you will have at a quilt show” event is always an early sell-out!

**The Williamsburg Spinners & Weavers, the Golden Thimble Needlework Guild and the Bead Society of Southeastern Virginia** return in 2012 joined by new-comers the **James River Rug Hookers & the Shockoe Slip Rug Hookers** – all presenting free fiber and needle arts demonstrations throughout the four-day event.

David Mancuso, a partner in Mancuso Show Management says, “It’s the quilt and textile event that artists and show-goers wait for all year; this time of year in our offices, you can always hear and feel the *Mid-Atlantic Buzz!*”

There is so much to see and do at M-AQF, it will take a long weekend to experience it all! Many who travel in quilting circles will tell you this is an event not to be missed! Experience the magical combination of beautiful fabric and amazing quilting talent ... all under one roof at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival!

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View and/or print a complete brochure from our website, [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com), or to receive a brochure in the mail send \$3 (payable to Mancuso Show Management, please) to Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Dept. P, PO Box 667, New Hope, PA 18938.

<b>When You Go...</b>	
<b>What</b>	<a href="#"><u>Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII</u></a>
<b>Where</b>	Hampton Roads Convention Center Just off I-64, Exit 263 – Hampton Virginia
<b>When</b>	<b>February 23 – 26, 2012</b> Thursday – Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm Sunday: 10 am – 4 pm
<b>How Much</b>	<b>\$14*</b> admission ( <b>includes re-admit</b> ). <b>\$12*</b> , Sunday Only. Under 16 free. *Includes City of Hampton admission tax.