

Southern Quilt Trail



The Southern Quilt Trail
P.O. Box 573
Powder Springs, GA 30127
www.southernquilttrail.org

Our mission is to promote and preserve the history of traditional Folk Art quilt patterns that have been handed down for generations, by displaying this unique art form on historical barns and buildings in our communities and the rural countryside.

Quilts are such a big part of everyone's life. Many of us can remember our mothers or grandmothers sitting around quilting. Most people have at least one quilt that was made by a family member...they may not have heirlooms or antiques in their homes, but they do love the old quilts!

The Seed is Planted

Joe Sutton, owner of Powder Springs Flowers and Gifts, went online to read his hometown daily paper and found on the front page a picture of three quilts on the side of a building. The article in the paper told about the Appalachian Quilt Trail. After researching the quilt trail, he went across the street to the local antique shop. He and the shop owners decided that Powder Springs needed to start a quilt trail of its own. As members of the Seven Springs Historical Society, we presented the idea to the Society as a project. The Southern Quilt Trail was conceived and has expanded since! Today the Southern Quilt Trail has expanded into many counties in northwest Georgia and continues to grow.

Our overall goal is to attract people to our rural areas and small forgotten towns in the wonderful countryside we are all privileged to inhabit. We can all benefit from these people coming into the small "mom and pop" stores, restaurants, and businesses rather than the busy byways and malls.

Community Involvement

You don't have to be an artist! The majority of these quilts are painted on 4x4 or 8x8 plywood and attached to buildings. The pattern is projected on the board and then traced and numbered for color codes. Best of all, the painting is fun, easy, and something that everyone can participate in. We would like to involve the area schools, art departments, senior citizens groups, youth organizations, and volunteers to paint these patterns!

The First Quilt Trail

The original quilt trail began in 2001 in Adams County, Ohio. Donna Sue Groves painted a quilt on her barn in honor of her mother, Maxine, who is a Master Quilter, and also to honor the heritage of quilting. Other counties in Ohio as well as counties in East Tennessee are part of the Appalachian Quilt Trail. Many other quilt trails have begun across the United States as a way to promote local history, support local business, and (of course) proudly display our quilt patterns!

Other Quilt Trails and information!

www.greenfieldhistoricalsociety.org

www.harrisoncountyohio.org/community/quiltbarn.htm

www.monroecountyohio.net

www.appalachianDiscovery.com

www.adamscountytravel.org

www.appalachianrcd.org

www.clinchpowell.net/quilts.html

<http://americanquilttrail.blogspot.com/>

www.kentuckyquilttrail.org

www.abcquiltalley.com

www.quilttrail.org

www.barnquilts.com

www.offenburger.com/barnquilts.asp

www.grundycountyia.com

www.clotheslinequiltproject.com



Participation Application Information

Criteria- Location

1. Building or barn should be old enough to be considered historic (generally at least 50 years old). In addition, the property must
 - a. Be associated with events, activities, or developments that were historically important; or
 - b. Be associated with the lives of people who were historically important; or
 - c. Be significant in the areas of architectural history, landscape history; or
 - d. Have the potential to yield information through archaeological investigation that would answer questions about our past.
2. Must be on a hard surface road.
3. Must be clearly visible from the road.
4. Must be on sites that are well kept.

Criteria- Quilt Pattern

1. Quilt squares must be designed from an old quilt that was hand pieced or hand appliquéd, or
2. Old quilts that a favorite relative hand quilted for the owner of the structure being used (mother, grandmother, aunt, etc.), or
3. Patterns should be the same era or earlier than the structure being used (if possible), or
4. Patterns that have some significance to that particular business (bridal shop- double wedding ring, ladies apparel- fan, bookstore- tree of life, etc.).
5. Patterns should not be duplicated within the same community

Criteria- Construction

1. Quilt squares should be either 8'x 8' square or 4'x 4' square.
2. Quilt squares should be painted on 3/4" exterior plywood or composite board (not to be confused with pressed wood) using exterior paint. We do not recommend that the quilt squares be painted directly onto building or barns.
3. The Southern Quilt Trail assumes no responsibility for the improper installation of quilt squares. Qualified contractors are recommended for safe installation.
4. Quilt squares must be maintained for a minimum of 5 years (repainting, mounting, etc. –if needed).
5. It is recommended that the quilt squares be framed and mounted on the building for easier construction and maintenance.

Note: the estimated cost to prepare and install an 8'x 8' quilt square may range from \$250-\$400.
6. Each quilt square must also be accompanied by a "site description sign" which identifies the quilt trail number (which will be cross referenced to the website and other printed materials) as well as a description of the background of the quilt pattern chosen and any sponsors. This sign will utilize the design developed by the Southern Quilt Trail.
7. If you prefer for the Southern Quilt Trail to build, paint, and install your quilt square, the fee will be \$350 (which will include materials, development, and mounting of a 8'x8' quilt square as well as descriptive sign).

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

To participate in the Southern Quilt Trail, please fill out the following information and forward to the Southern Quilt Trail at the address below. Applications will be reviewed for consistency with the Quilt Trail's mission and approval provided to applicant within 14 days.

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Powder Springs, GA 30127

CONTACT NAME _____ E-mail _____

CONTACT ADDRESS _____

PHONE (home) _____ Other _____

PATTERN NAME OF QUILT (if known) _____

PROPOSED PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF QUILT SQUARE (please include GPS Coordinates if known)

IS THIS LOCATION (1) ACCESSIBLE BY THE PUBLIC or (2) VIEWABLE ONLY BY THE ROAD (CIRCLE ONE)

ORIGINAL QUILTER (if known) _____

COLORS DESIRED FOR QUILT SQUARE _____

SIZE OF QUILT SQUARE DESIRED (circle one) 4'x 4' or 8'x 8'

WILL YOU NEED HELP IN SELECTING, SKETCHING, OR PAINTING YOUR QUILT PATTERN? Please indicate in detail

Please enclose the following:

- A \$55 application fee made payable the Southern Quilt Trail to be utilized by the Southern Quilt Trail for advertising and marketing of the trail. (Application fees will be refunded if quilt square is not approved.)
Picture of the quilt (if available) or of the quilt square proposed.
Picture of the barn/building where the quilt square will be displayed.
A short description explaining the historical or personal interest of the quilt square.
A short description of the historical significance of the building or location.

I am interested in making a donation of time, money, or resources to the Southern Quilt Trail. All donations are tax deductible. Please specify below!

By signing below, I understand that the Southern Quilt trail will be advertising the quilt squares and visitors may be coming to take pictures of this block. I agree to maintain the approved quilt square for a minimum of 5 years. I understand that if the quilt square is not maintained satisfactorily, I will remove it and notify the Southern Quilt Trail immediately.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Date Received by Southern Quilt Trail: _____ Date Approved: _____

Please feel free to contact your respective local contact for more information. The local contact will also be responsible for advising you on your application and providing assistance with the descriptive signage.

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