



Mendocino County Quilt Trail

WHAT IS A QUILT TRAIL?

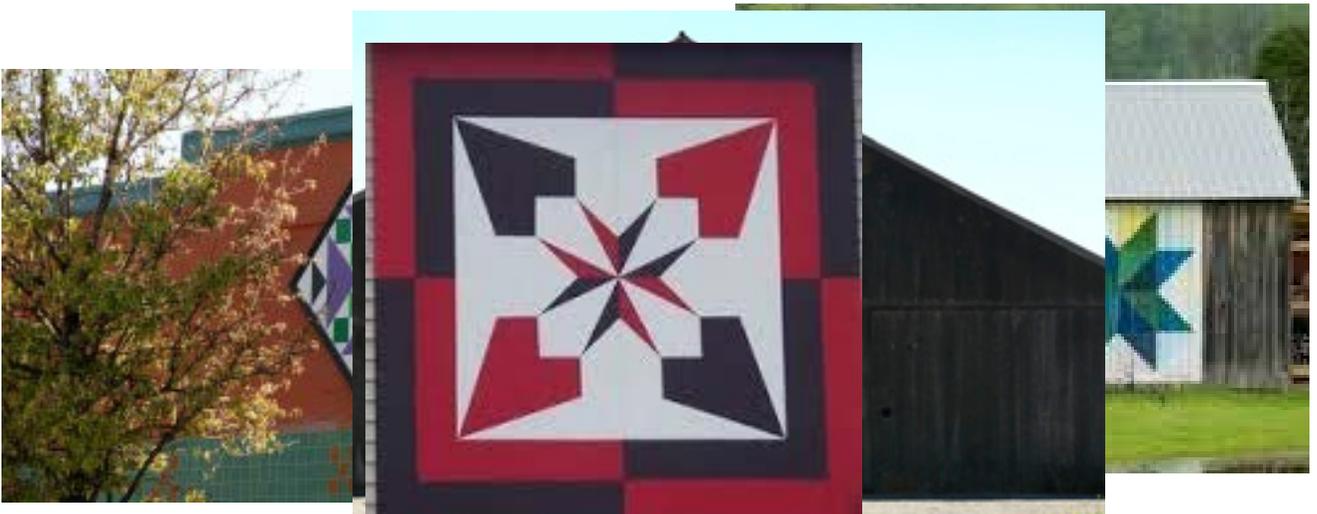
It's an imaginary clothesline of interconnecting barns and buildings decorated with quilt squares across the landscape. There are quilt trails in many places in the US, and it is our vision to include Mendocino County.

Our vision....

Locally our vision is They are basically painted quilt squares placed on highly visible barns and buildings throughout Mendocino County.

What does it look like?

We hang a vibrant quilt block sign of your design on a barn. The design features a pattern in bright colors in one of three sizes; 2x2, 4x4, and 8x8.





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WHO BENEFITS? Everyone!

A Quilt Trail provides opportunities for individuals, families, organizations, and businesses to work together in much the same way that traditional quilters worked through the generations. Each project site captures the spirit of place using 'art' for community celebration and economic development.



The Soroptimist Intl. of Noyo Sunrise in Fort Bragg, CA., recently adopted the Mendocino County Quilt Trail as an expression of the ...

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To improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



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WHERE ARE THESE QUILT TRAILS?

Barn Quilts are a growing phenomenon. The first Barn Quilt known was designed by Donna Sue Groves of Adams County, Ohio. Donna painted a quilt block and erected it on her barn as a way to honor her mother, who was an avid quilter. From this first Barn Quilt, the popularity quickly spread throughout the midwestern states and now ...

There are Quilt Trails in over 40 states and two Canadian provinces. Together they create a large network of organized trails of over 3000 barn quilts just waiting to be discovered.

The closest Quilt Trail to Mendocino County is the Lake County Quilt Trail, started in 2010.





WHO SHOULD BE A QUILT TRAIL MEMBER?

- PROPERTY OWNERS
- BUSINESS OWNERS
- GRANGES
- WINERIES
- RANCHES
- SCHOOLS
- MUNICIPAL GOVT.
- ASSOCIATIONS
- CLUBS
- FAMILIES



Mendocino Quilt Trail Members need no reason to participate. But many desire to do any or all of the following...

- Beautify the countryside and roadways
- Spread joy in the lives of passers-by
- Celebrate their family or cultural heritage
- Draw attention to their business or building
- Contribute to social and economic well-being in Mendocino County



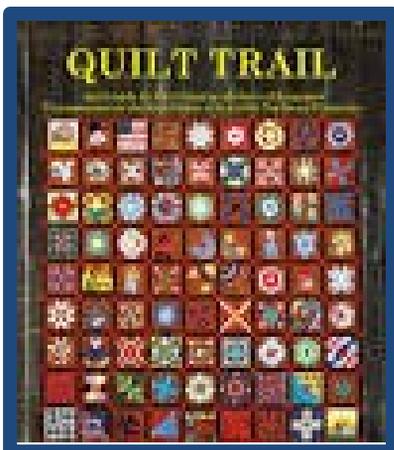


HOW DO I JOIN THE QUILT TRAIL?

1. Obtain a Quilt Block Application from the Soroptimists of Noyo Sunrise
2. Wait no more than 4 weeks for a response.
3. Work with the club reps to personalize your quilt block design, colors, name, and location.



WHY JOIN THE QUILT TRAIL?



Community Pride!
Attract low-impact tourism
Beautify old buildings
Support the Soroptimist
mission



FAQs Part I

Can I help install the sign?

- *We will deliver the sign and you will install it.*

How do I hang the quilt sign up high if I want to?

- *We will work out these details in the planning sessions.*

How long does it take to get a finished Quilt board?

- *The whole process takes no more than a month or two, depending on design and placement considerations.*

How are the colors and designs created?

- *We have stock colors to choose from. You make the quilt design with our help, as needed.*

How many colors can I pick?

- *Any or all of the colors on our palette, but no others.*

Can I have a custom cut sign?

- *No, sorry, you must purchase a square sign (small, med, or large). However you CAN pick a design that is any shape to go ON the sign.*

Can I advertise my business?

- *No, sorry this is not about business advertising, except a Quilt signboard will ROYALLY show off any business dwelling!*



FAQs Part II

Are there any Government Permits needed or Environmental Impact Reports required to participate in the MCQT project?

- *Generally no permits or environmental assessments apply unless government funding and/or land is a part of the MCQT. Caltrans requires a temporary easement permit if traffic or highway road access is blocked, such as using heavy equipment to hang a sign.*

How will people find my quilt square?

- *Your quilt will be added to the Mendocino County Quilt Trail (MCQT) brochure and available for your rack card supplies.*
- *The MCQT brochure will be posted on the Soroptimist of Noyo Sunrise Website indefinitely, along with the description/lo*
- *Ultimately we plan to produce a self-guided trail map, where one can drive around and learn about the buildings hosting a Quilt signboard, the history or meaning of the patterns chosen, and things one can see and do while following the MCQT.*
- *In the future the various Mendocino County visitor websites and Chambers of Commerce may include the quilt trail as a "must see" attraction!*



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WHO'S READY TO SEE

BARN QUILTS

IN MENDOCINO COUNTY ?!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SPREAD THE WORD!

Help Us Find...

- Owners of property that would be visibly improved or enhanced with a Quilt Sign; or
- Business Owners that would like to draw attention to their domain
- Clubs, civic groups, families that would like to enhance the landscape and/or display "Quilt" pride for events of historical significance.

Contact one of the club members of Soroptimist Intl. of Noyo Sunrise for a presentation, application, meeting, or supply of Quilt Trail brochures.

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