The Arts Council of Calvert County launches Southern Maryland's first Barn Quilt Trail

The Calvert Barn Quilt Trail is a program of the Arts Council of Calvert County that connects our community and visitors by promoting our County's agricultural heritage, local history and artistic talent through hand painted wooden quilt squares. The trail is supported by volunteers, the generous donations of individuals and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium.

Each square tells two stories. One is the story of the square's artwork. Is it a beloved traditional quilt pattern that has meaning for the sponsor of the square or is it an original designed by a local artist? Another is the story of where the square hangs. Is it on a barn belonging to a multigenerational farming family, a small business, a museum or a private home? Each one is beautiful and tells a special story.

The new trail stretches from North Beach to Solomon's Island and from the Chesapeake Bay to the Patuxent River. A brochure was created by Calvert County Economic Development & Tourism and the Calvert Barn Quilt Trail Committee. To view a copy of the brochure, click here. Follow us on Facebook and visit http://www.calvertbarnquilttrail.org for images of each square and an interactive map.

We are only 35 miles South of Washington, DC, so come and enjoy our Barn Quilt Trail, learn about Maryland's history, find creative art and gifts, relax by the water, and bring home some great local produce. Discover local restaurants, attractions and more at www.ChooseCalvert.com. For more information about visiting Calvert County, MD, please contact Hilary Dailey, hilary.dailey@calvertcountymd.gov.

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The Arts Council of Calvert County is proud to be a member of the Maryland State Arts Council.