



Chattahoochee Hills Barn Quilt Trail

Proposal for Barn Quilt Sculpture at Serenbe Art Farm

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To: City of Chattahoochee Hills*

I was recently contacted by Deborah Griffin and Jennifer Bauer-Lyons who said that the Serenbe Institute would love to help with the Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail. They asked if I would visit the Serenbe Art Farm to see if there was a suitable location for a barn quilt.

Upon visiting the Art Farm, I couldn't see any structure that would be suitable location for a barn quilt. But what caught my eye was several raised garden spaces near the Art Farm sign (pictured left). This seemed to be a perfect place for a barn quilt sculpture, like the one I recently saw on the Schohaire County Quilt Barn Trail (pictured right.)

Deborah and Jennifer loved the idea of a Barn Quilt Sculpture and would like to propose it to their Board. They said it fits in with the nature of their art organization. They also liked the idea of making it a community project, inviting Serenbe residents to participate in painting the six panels needed for the sculpture. They offered to pay for all the materials and they asked if I would teach a class or guide the process. I said I would be glad to help in any way, free of charge. But I first needed to run the idea of a barn quilt sculpture by our Barn Quilt Committee, and then by the City for approval since our policy states, "If a stand-alone quilt block is requested, the request be reviewed and authorized by the City's Community Development Department."

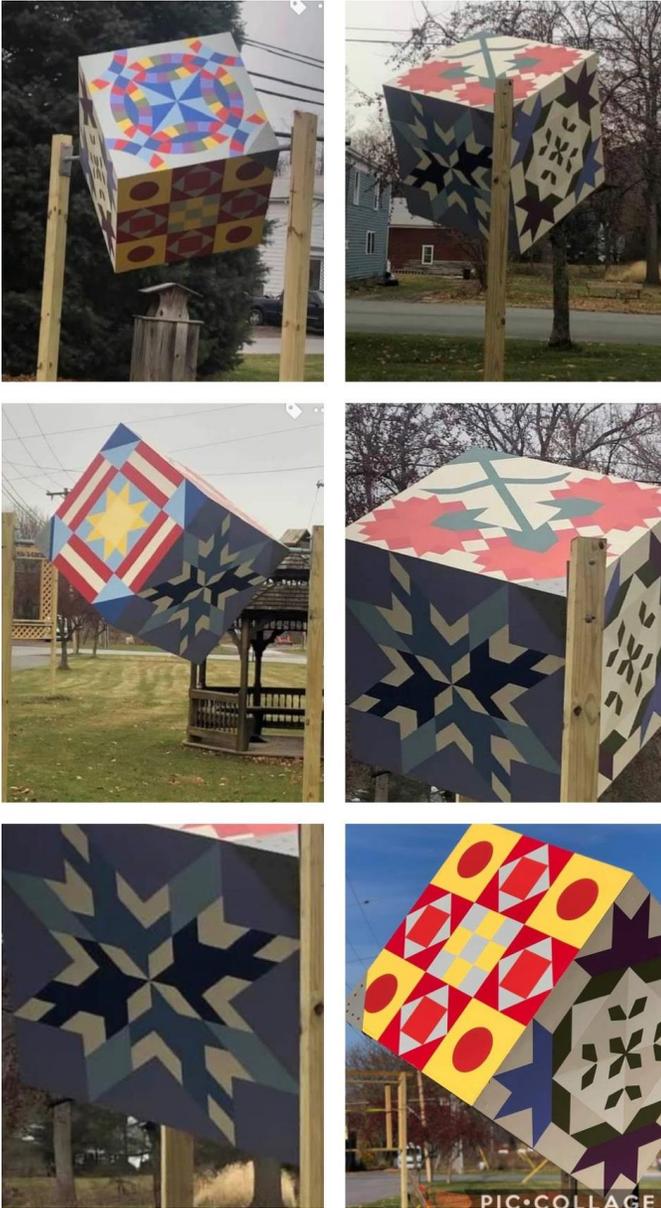
The Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Committee enthusiastically supports creating a barn quilt sculpture at the Serenbe Art Farm as part of the Chatt Hills Barn Quilt Trail. We think this space is entirely appropriate for an art sculpture and will demonstrate how our Barn Quilt Trail is beginning to "organically" grow as more and more residents participate in the making of their own barn quilts. We ask the City of Chattahoochee Hills for its support and approval of a barn quilt sculpture for the Serenbe Art Farm. More photos are on shown on the following page.



A six-sided barn quilt sculpture is part of a new installation of the Middleburg Art Walk /Schohaire County Quilt Barn Trail.

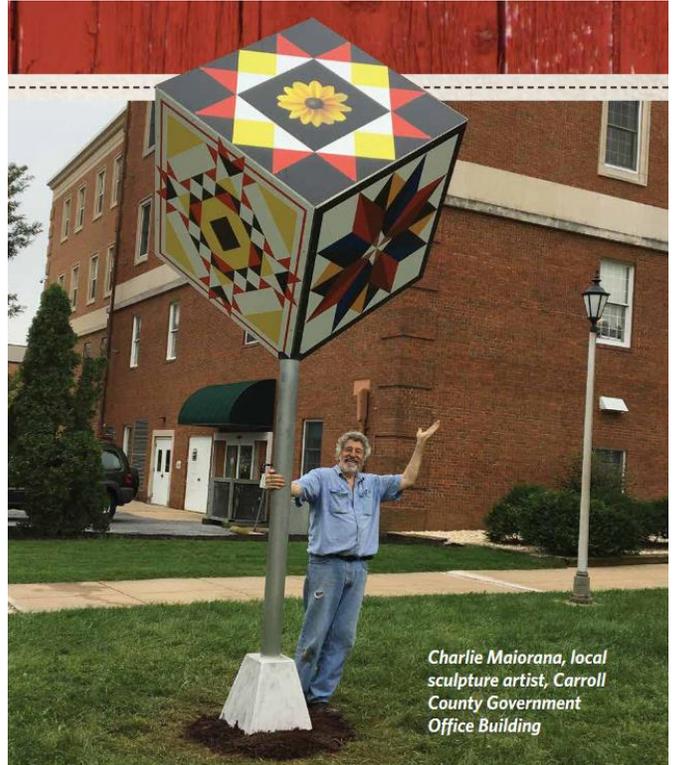
Barn Quilt Sculpture Examples

The Middleburg Art Walk features a six-sided Barn Quilt Sculpture, suspended between two posts so that the cube can be manually rotated.



See: <https://www.facebook.com/Schoharie-County-Quilt-Barn-Trail-2341006365966835/>

Carroll County Maryland features a Barn Quilt Sculpture of a slightly different design, suspended on a single pole.



Charlie Maiorana, local sculpture artist, Carroll County Government Office Building



See: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/carroll/news/cc-barn-quilt-sculpture-installation-20180822-story.html>

Serenbe Art Farm

The Serenbe Art Farm would use their artist resources to craft a Barn Quilt Sculpture that would be uniquely theirs. To give you an idea of what their Art Farm sign might look like with one of the two sculptures featured on the previous page, the following mock-ups are offered.



Optional Free-Standing Examples

Many quilt trails have free-standing barn quilts. A few designs are provided for your consideration, followed by some mock-ups of the Art Farm.

Option 1 – Add a barn or decorative shape to the stand.

Constructing a “barn-shaped” stand such as the one below, would support a two-sided barn quilt, so you could have two different designs, one facing each way. Such a design would also reinforce your “Art Farm” theme.



Option 2 – Create a large free-standing barn quilt for a big impact.

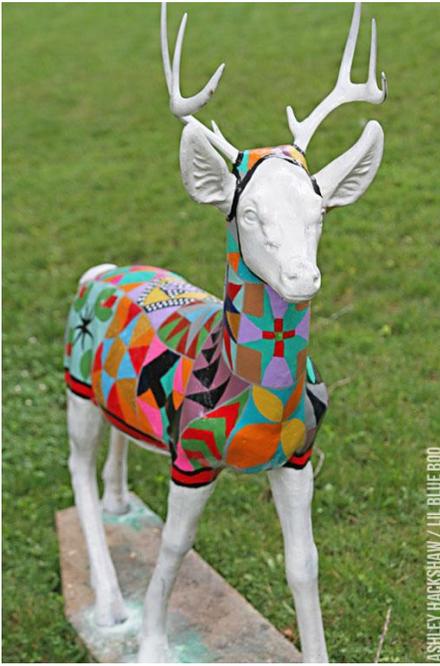


Option 3 – Create a smaller, 4x4 barn quilt display closer to your buildings.



Option 4 – Create painted farm animals to reinforce the Art Farm theme.

The Art Farm could paint quilt designs on a set of animals to be placed in one raised bed, and a larger barn quilt with the barn top as shown on page 4 in the other bed. Serenbe Residents could work together on an art project like this. See mock-up on next page.



Why not paint the story of Serenbe on a Cow?



Mock-Up Examples.



Place a free-standing framed barn quilt in the center background of the walkway garden seats.



Place a free-standing framed barn quilt on one (or both) of the raised beds near the Art Farm Sign. The barn quilt could be double-sided with a different design on the back.



Create a farm-style art exhibit, with a barn quilt framed with a barn top on one raised bed, and a painted farm animal on the other raised bed