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### **Arts Council plans social to celebrate Avery Quilt Trail participants**

**Banner Elk --** Avery Arts Council Board of Directors and the Quilt Trail Committee are shining the spotlight on Quilt Trail owners throughout Avery County. They are inviting all owners and their families to a party celebrating the ongoing success of the Avery Quilt Trail.

With the help of residents just like you it's possible to take a journey of mountain heritage by driving through Western North Carolina's Quilt Trail. Along the Avery County Quilt Trail you will spot the beautiful, intricate designs of quilt patterns displayed on 32 barns and buildings with more in production. Neighboring Mitchell and Yancey counties also boast active Quilt Trails. The history of these exceptional art pieces stems from Adams County, Ohio with a promise from daughter Donna Sue Groves to her mother Maxine that she would one day paint a quilt square on their old tobacco barn. The Quilt Trail project has since taken flight across the United States, acting as a catalyst in some regions for increased tourism and fostering community pride. Avery Arts Council members want to show their appreciation to families around the area who have helped to make this project successful.

The Avery Quilt Trail continues to grow. People are still coming forward to put the spectacular, personalized designs on their property. Maps are available for tours of the squares. The social will take place on May 2, 2009 between 1:00-3:00 pm at the Cheese House Art Gallery, 630 Shawneehaw Avenue, Banner Elk. Light refreshments will be served. So come on down! We'd love to hear stories about your personal Quilt Square, the people you've met and the stories they've shared.

If you are interested in becoming a Quilt Square owner you will find information on our website: [www.averycountyartscouncil.org](http://www.averycountyartscouncil.org). Or you can reach us via phone at 828-898-4292.

*The Avery County Arts Council is a non-profit organization working to enrich the people of Avery County through meaningful arts and cultural experiences. For more than 30 years the council has helped to support school arts programs and served as a resource for artists and the community. Contact the Avery County Arts Council at 828-898-4292 or [info@averycountyartscouncil.org](mailto:info@averycountyartscouncil.org)*

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