

## 200 YEARS AND 19 QUILT GARDENS AND 21 QUILT MURALS CULTIVATE A TRIP IN TIME

**ELKHART COUNTY, IN** – The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail is joining Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial celebration with 19 Quilt Gardens that replicate historic quilt patterns.

"The 2016 Quilt Gardens event has been honored as an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project, and all official gardens represent quilt patterns based on Indiana's historical timeline," says Sonya Nash, the project manager for the Quilt Gardens. She went on to say that the Quilt Gardens represent eras from early settlement and development to the 1980s. Nash added, "Each garden has its own place in time and story of what was happening in Indiana and Elkhart County during that period." 21 quilt art murals, a continuing feature of the event, will be on display and also share Indiana history.

The 2016 Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail takes place May 30 through October 1 in the communities of Bristol, Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Nappanee, Shipshewana and Wakarusa along the nationally recognized Heritage Trail. Viewing is free at all locations and complimentary maps show the way to garden and mural sites.

The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail is produced by the Elkhart County (IN) Convention & Visitors Bureau (ECCVB) to foster resident pride, contribute to vibrant communities and generate interest from a wide range of audiences that drives increased visitation and visitor spending in Elkhart County.

For more information contact the ECCVB at 574-262-8161or visit QuiltGardens.com.

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