

Friends and Needles Quilt Trail

The Schoolhouse quilt pattern is the second barn block on our quilt trail in Northern Maine. Staff of the Houlton Higher Education Center, 18 Military Street in Houlton participated in choosing this four by four foot wooden block painted in the traditional colors of red and white. The project was begun during a workshop co-sponsored and hosted by RSU 29/70 Adult Education and the Friends and Needles Quilt Guild. This workshop was held at the Houlton Higher Education Center on October 12, 2013 and the block was completed and hung on November 20, 2013. The Schoolhouse block is a symbol of protest by the child labor movement. Efforts by social reformers during the early twentieth century saw the enactment of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 that included compulsory free education. The State of Maine Compulsory School Act was enacted in 1875. See the link on our website for a copy of the Bangor Daily News article.

