

Friends and Needles Quilt Barn Trail

The Mariner's Compass block is the third block on our Quilt Barn Trail in Northern Maine. George "Mac" Moody gave of his time and talents by constructing the large barn blocks for the guild to paint on. His mother, Nancy Moody, is a founding member of Friends and Needles. This block was erected on the front of Mac's barn at 527 Bangor Road, Houlton facing the intersecting Walker Road that goes to Hodgdon. The Mariner's Compass is a name quilters use to name the pattern that radiates from a center circle. A Traditional Mariner's Compass has 16 to 32 points like the compass on a map. The first known quilt to use the compass design was made in England in 1726. There may have been earlier quilts than that, but the documentation is unavailable.

