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## Trenton's 13th Annual Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival draws people to downtown



**Vivian Driscoll, Michael Downing, Sheryl Brown and Denise Hudson of the Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce stand at the ready to greet all the visitors to the annual Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival held in Trenton. They handed out bags and a list of all of the vendors to the public.**

### Story and Photos

**By Sharon Hardison © March 17, 2019 at 10:09 a.m.**

**TRENTON** -- Trenton's 13th Annual Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival attracted a crowd of people to the downtown area of this municipal seat of Gilchrist County government on Saturday (March 16 from).

The 13th Annual Trenton's Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival, Florida's only outdoor quilt show and sale, was complete with crafts, antiques, and quilting displays.

The annual event is sponsored by the City of Trenton, the Gilchrist County's Tourist Development Council, the Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe, Trenton ACE Hardware, plus other businesses and individuals from the Tri-County Area.

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**Trenton Department of Public Safety Officer David Reeves keeps traffic flowing and pedestrians safe at the beginning of festival row.**

**Two rows of booths lined up back-to-back stretch down Main Street in Trenton on Saturday. There were more than 80 vendors participating in the event.**



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Members of the For Vets organization had a beautiful Statue of Liberty quilt they were raffling off. Mary Ann Mulvey and Karen Richardson were on hand to explain the Camp Valor Project at Otter Springs Park and Campground. Their fifth-year celebration is April 13. Please see the ad to the right on any of the pages of [HardisonInk.com](http://HardisonInk.com) for more information.



Antique tractors line up at the front of the Crystal Ice House located near the Trenton Train Depot.

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**The GCSO Mobile Command Center is seen (above), and (below) Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz speaks with two other leaders in public safety for Trenton and Gilchrist County -- Chief of Trenton Public Safety Matthew Rexroat and Gilchrist County Emergency Operations Chief James Campbell of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Management. These leaders are all part of the bigger team, which protects life and property throughout Gilchrist County.**

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From Cuffs and Collars to flamboyant felines, the Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival had something for everyone on Saturday March 16. Hand-made furniture, crafts, needlework, paintings, chimes – it was a wonderful celebration of artists and their craft. Local service organizations were on hand also to spread the good news about their successes.



Many quilts adorned the railings and were hung within the Trenton Train Depot on Saturday.

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Barn Quilts are a wonderful phenomenon happening all over the United States. While its roots go back to Colonial America, it was revived in Ohio in 2001. If you like seeing these works of art, there are websites describing Trails of Squares in many states including Ohio, Minnesota, Iowa, New York and New Jersey. Here is the link for the Florida Barn Quilt Trail <https://floridaquilttrail.com>.



Sandy Lindfors is an amazing artist. One whole room in the Florida Quilt Museum highlighted her quilting works during the Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival. The displays are whimsical, colorful and there is beauty in each one.

