



*Quilters love to travel. Make it easy for them to find you along the way!*

## Quilting Gallery

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### Quilt Shop Locator debuts at Spring Quilt Market, Pittsburgh, PA Unique web site showcases quilting industry, helps users find retailers

OTTAWA, JUNE 4/09 – The Quilt Shop Locator is expected to reach 50 states and 8 countries this summer, after opening its virtual doors May 15th at the International Spring Quilt Market tradeshow in Pittsburgh, PA.

“The feedback from quilters and retailers is unbelievable. I’m so excited,” says Michele Foster, creator of the Quilt Shop Locator.

[QuiltShopLocator.com](http://QuiltShopLocator.com) is a growing database of quilt shops, online retailers, pattern and fabric designers, authors, teachers and other quilting professionals from around the world.

The powerful web site makes it easy for quilting enthusiasts to find retailers and plan trips, while giving quilting professionals web presence in an established quilting portal: [Quilting Gallery](http://QuiltingGallery.com).

Highlights and stats:

- Shops are searchable geographically and by specific category, using Google Maps to see locations by country, state and more
- Retailer profiles include contact info, map, hours, unlimited photos and a detailed description
- Members can update listings at any time
- Currently there are 85 shops from 29 states and four countries, with more added daily

“Visitors can pull up Texas and visually see on a Google Map where the shops are located in that state,” says Foster. “They can then choose their driving route accordingly. Visitors can also use the advanced search to find, for example, teachers in their state, which is especially useful for guilds and shop owners to find new local talent. Product distributors can also use the Locator to find new fabric, pattern or notion designers.”

“I created the Quilt Shop Locator because I love to travel, and wanted a way to see where shops are located along my route,” Foster adds. “I strongly believe shoppers are more likely to purchase from online retailers when they know where the shops are located. It’s the trust factor.”

The Quilt Shop Locator is part of [Quilting Gallery](http://QuiltingGallery.com). It includes the [Quilting Bloggers](http://QuiltingBloggers.com) Directory – with almost 3,000 members from 61 countries – and the Quilting Gallery [Blog](http://Blog.QuiltingGallery.com), which has free patterns and project, tutorials, videos, swaps, contests and quilting events. Coming soon: Product reviews and weekly give-aways.

Quilting Gallery creator Michele Foster is a [web developer](#) based in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She is passionate about quilting and web development, pairing the two to create an excellent resource for quilters around the globe.

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