Leads you to men and women recognized as linked to a 200-year tradition of crafting pottery once essential for household use and now valued and collected as distinctive folk art.

The Folk Potters Trail of Northeast Georgia takes you through rural landscapes, along creeks and rivers and includes homesteads that have been handed down for many generations.

Meeting these potters, viewing and collecting their work will connect you to a unique heritage of American and Southern folk art.
Because of its rugged terrain, much of northeast Georgia remained relatively isolated and in a frontier-like situation into the early 20th century. Farming was essential to provide food and shelter. Nearly all residents had to engage in some farming activities to provide for their own families.

Until electricity was available for refrigeration, and glass containers and other modern conveniences came along, folk pottery was as essential for daily living as shelter. It was necessary in and around the home for preparing, preserving and storing food and drink. Most pottery shops employed several potters to keep up with this demand that came primarily in the fall during the harvest season.

Pottery making became a family business—needing to call on all available hands at busy times, even bringing in part-time help as apprentices. To attract loyal customers, potters developed special shapes, glazes, and decoration to distinguish their work. These traditions have been handed down through generations to the present day and are characteristic of the potters featured in this brochure.
Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia

A Clint Alderman – Clint Alderman Pottery
2281 Beacon Light Road (northwest of Hartwell), 706-377-2858
Please call first
Face jugs, roosters, utilitarian ware
From Interstate 85, take exit 177, turn right on GA Hwy. 77; follow 8.2 miles to Kelly Road, turn left; follow 1.3 miles to Stop sign and dead end at Beacon Light Road; turn left; .1 miles to #2281

B Steve Turpin – Turpin Pottery
2500 U. S. Highway 441, 706-677-1528
Roosters, animal figures, face jugs
Open Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm; Fri-Sun, please call first
From Interstate 85 exit at U.S. 441 near Commerce, drive 9 miles north on U.S. 441; 2.2 miles north of GA Hwy. 51, cross divided highway at Berlin Road, turn south, 2nd house on right; pottery at bottom of driveway
A. Lin Craven  
1249 Jennys Cove Road, Cleveland  
706-219-4278  
Please call first  
Ring jugs, animal figures, face jugs

B. Ruby Meaders Irvin  
919 Leatherford Road, Cleveland  
706-219-3645  
Please call first  
Roosters, hens, baby chicks, doves

C. Jessie Meaders  
1563 Post Road, Cleveland  
706-865-2887  
Please call first  
Roosters, face jugs, snowpeople

D. Mildred Meaders  
2425 Highway 75 South, Cleveland  
706-865-3960  
Please call first  
Small face jugs, chicken and animal pieces; grape glaze designs

E. Whelchel Meaders  
1132 Westmoreland Road, Cleveland  
706-865-3802  
Please call first  
Face jugs, utilitarian ware

F. Reggie Meaders, Flossie Meaders  
9405 Skitts Mountain Drive, Cleveland  
770-983-3260  
Please call first  
Churns, pitchers, vases, bowls, owls, roosters, hogs

G. David Meaders, Anita Meaders  
9401 Skitts Mountain Drive, Cleveland  
706-892-9784  
Please call first  
Pitchers, jugheads, roosters, utilitarian ware
1. Michael Crocker, Melvin Crocker, Pauline Crocker
   Crocker Pottery – Georgia Folk Pottery Center
   6345 W. County Line Road, Lula
   770-869-3160
   Face jugs, snake jugs, grape pots, flower vases, utilitarian ware
   Open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; call first on Sat; closed Sunday

2. Jeff Standridge
   669 Sims Harris Road, Gillsville
   706-677-2219
   Please call first
   Face jugs, utilitarian ware

3. Wayne Hewell
   Wayne Hewell Pottery
   415 Bell Road (off Sims Harris Road), Lula
   706-677-3996, 770-530-5677
   Please call first
   Swirl pottery, pitchers, utilitarian ware

4. Mike Perdue
   529 Bell Road (off Sims Harris Road), Lula
   706-677-5287
   Please call first
   Face jugs, utilitarian ware

5. Roger Corn
   County Line Jug Shop
   7703 W. County Line Road, Lula
   706-677-4328, 706-677-1385 – Please call first
   Tea pots, coffee pots, face jugs

   Hewells Pottery
   6035 Georgia Highway 52, Gillsville
   770-869-3469
   Face jugs, rooster bowls, grape pots, utilitarian ware
   Open Mon-Thu, 7:30am-5pm; Fri-Sat, 7:30am-4pm; closed Sunday

7. Mary Ferguson; Stanley Ferguson
   7468 Old Gillsville Road, Gillsville
   770-869-3262
   Face jugs, roosters, pigs, jugs with snakes and spiders
   Open Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm; Sun 1-5pm

8. Dwayne Crocker
   Dwayne Crocker Folk Pottery
   6717 Diamond Hill Road, Gillsville
   770-869-0088
   Roosters, face jugs, decorated ware
   Open Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, noon to 4pm; closed Sunday
More than a Welcome . . .

This trail follows rural and scenic routes. Begin at the **Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia**, 283 Georgia Highway 255 North, with the full story and display of northeast Georgia folk pottery and where staff will assist with directions and information. (706-878-3300, www.folkpotterymuseum.com)

Visit local welcome centers in **Alpine Helen** (800-858-8027, www.helenga.org) or **Cleveland** (706-865-5356, www.whitecountychamber.org) for information on lodging, food options, services and other area attractions.

Southern gateway to Trail at **Northeast Georgia History Center**, 322 Academy Street, NE, just off business U.S. 129 in downtown Gainesville, with extensive display of northeast Georgia folk pottery (770-297-5900, www.negahc.org).

Visit nearby **Gainesville-Hall County Convention and Visitors Bureau** (888-536-0005, www.GainesvilleHallCVB.org) for information on lodging, food options, services and other area attractions.