

# Somerset: Ohio's Craft Retreat Destination!



"All it needs is a coat of paint and I think we can open!" Six months and countless contractors later, Ken and Christi Eyerman opened Ohio's Premier Scrapbook and Craft Retreat facility in a gorgeous 19<sup>th</sup> century home in historic Somerset, Ohio. Located in the scenic rolling foothills of southeastern Ohio, Somerset was founded in 1807, and was home to famed Civil War General Phillip Sheridan. Mounted on his trusty steed, the General's statue sits in the middle of the town square at the intersection of State Route 13 and State Route 22, Zane's Trace, the inn's namesake.



Zane Trace Inn's all-inclusive weekend retreat facilities are all about relaxation, great food, pampering, and making memories. With names like Diva Delight, Diva Deluxe, Diva Decadence and The Zaney Girl Whole House Special, the Eyerman's have put together several packages to choose from that will fit every crafter's needs. Several guests

compare it to being on a cruise—the pampering, the food, and the atmosphere.

Guests arrive at 5:00 pm on



Friday and depart at 2:00 Sunday afternoon.

During their stay, they receive 5 gourmet meals featuring the finest in local products. State of the art "no shadow" lighting, 12 individual workstations, and ergonomic chairs make the spacious workroom comfortable and very user-friendly. Guests also have access to high-speed Internet, exercise equipment and an indoor hot tub. The Inn can accommodate up to 12 guests at one time, with 4 bathrooms, 12 twin sized beds and 2 hot water heaters!



Zane Trace Inn also welcomes bed and breakfast guests. Each bedroom can be arranged with a king size bed but the Eyerman's will not book both types of clientele at the same time. "They both have very different needs and we want them to enjoy their stay," the Eyerman's explain. Since the Inn opened, there have been bed and breakfast guests from as far away as Mississippi and New Hampshire and scrapbookers from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.



Whatever the reason for your visit, Zane Trace Inn has the amenities to make your stay truly special, but the Eyerman's feel it is the town, the people, and the atmosphere that really make Somerset THE Ohio destination for craft retreats. Located only one hour southeast of Columbus, Somerset offers a peaceful respite from the hustle and bustle of every day life. Rolling hills, fresh farm fields and scenic views will calm your soul as you approach the area from any direction.



Guests can enjoy a short walk up town to visit The Village Coffee Stop, owned by Laura Johnson, where they can purchase special coffee drinks and pastries. From there, visitors can stroll around the

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square and see the federal style architecture of the Somerset Court House and the other historic buildings.

Local artists are showcased in two shops—

Crafty Grannies and Hometown Crafts and Scrapbooking,



which is located conveniently next to the Zane Trace Inn.



Donna Mickey, the owner, is an avid scrapbooker and carries several



lines of scrapbook supplies in the store in addition to the local crafts such as silver jewelry,

pottery, baskets and candles.

The famous Clay Haus Restaurant, owned by Scott Snider, features home made German-American style food and is just two doors down from Zane Trace Inn.



Somerset Herbs, located north of

town specializes in herbs, pesto, dried flowers, wreaths, and perennials, according to owner Margaret Wince.



Kim Christman, owner of Olde Yarn Loft, on State Route 668, offers a plethora of specialty, home dyed and spun yarns.



Perry County is also home to many craft events. The Backwoods Fest, held in mid-September in Thornville, brings more than 30,000 people to the county and showcases great food, entertainment and home made crafts from over 200 vendors.



The Thornville Lions Club sponsors the Country Fair craft show in October. The Ohio Appalachian Fiber Guild sponsors a one-day spinning event in September. In Southern Perry County, the Little Cities of the Black Diamond art showcase happens in May and the Crooksville Art Walk is held in June.

The Crooksville and Roseville area is also home to the Pottery Festival as well as the Pottery Museum.



**“In the end, it is the people that make the difference,” explain the Eyerman’s. “You will enjoy the hospitality just as much as you enjoy the scenic views of Perry County.” That is why Somerset is Ohio’s Craft Retreat Destination.**

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