

Quilters' S.O.S. – Save Our Stories
A Project of The Alliance for American Quilts

Ethics Statement

In keeping with The Alliance for American Quilts and Quilters' S.O.S. - Save Our Stories project's (Q.S.O.S.) concern for the rights of human subjects in research, all persons working on research projects associated with, or using the name Quilters' S.O.S-Save Our Stories will abide by the following principals (drawn from the American Folklore Society "Statement of Ethics" and the Michigan Traditional Arts Program "Professional Ethics in Folklife Research").

- (1) The interviewers' primary responsibility is to those they interview. When there is a conflict of interest, these individuals must come first. Researchers must strive to protect the physical, social and psychological welfare of their informants and to honor the dignity and privacy of those interviewed.
- (2) The aims of the Q.S.O.S. project should be communicated as well as possible to the informant.
- (3) Participation in Q.S.O.S. projects must be voluntary. Informants must be told in advance of any interviewing or information collection that their participation is voluntary and that they may choose not to participate or not to provide certain information.
- (4) Q.S.O.S. release forms should be used for all photo documentation and tape recording. Tape recording and photographs will only be made with the express written permission of the participants.
- (5) There shall be no exploitation of individual informants for personal gain.
- (6) The anticipated consequences of the research should be communicated as fully as possible to the individuals and groups likely to be affected.

To be signed by the researcher (interviewer): I have read the above statement and agreed to abide by it to the best of my ability.

Signature

Date
