



Freedom Quilt

Always Remember 9/11 Exhibit

Brodsky Center Gallery
Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center
10 Livingston Ave

September, 16
through
November, 30
2010

The Always Remember 9/11 Exhibit featuring works commemorating the lives and stories of September 11, 2001, will open at the Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center, 10 Livingston Ave., Thursday, Sept. 16, with a free public reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibition will continue through Nov. 30.

The exhibition is co-sponsored by the [Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions](#), in the Visual Arts Department of Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts, VOICES (Voices of September 11th); New Brunswick Development Corporation (DEVCO); and The Heldrich Hotel & Conference Center.

Curated by the Brodsky Center for Innovative Editions, the exhibition features artwork created by people from across the United States to memorialize September 11, 2001. Works include quilts and flags made by adult quilters and school children; photographs of sculpture memorials commissioned by municipalities in New Jersey and elsewhere (in New Jersey alone, there are more than 100 memorial sculptures); collective books and paintings by children in school classrooms; handmade sympathy cards sent by school children to the families who lost loved ones in the New York, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania attacks; and photographs of personal commemorations such a firefighter's tattooed back and the spontaneous temporary memorials that sprang up on street corners and in fire houses.

Thomas H. Kean, chair of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States and former governor of New Jersey, will speak at the reception.

The Voices of September 11th was co-founded by 9/11 family members Mary Fetchet and Beverly Eckert following the attacks on September 11th, 2001. Led by Fetchet, a clinical social worker who lost her 24-year old-son Brad, VOICES provides support services that promote resiliency and address the long term needs of 9/11 families, rescue workers, and survivors. VOICES organizes the annual September 10th Day of Remembrance events in New York City.

The organization supported the creation of the 9/11 Commission and their reforms with a focus on promoting national preparedness. It has more than 11,000 members in the U.S. and abroad with offices in New Canaan, Conn., and New Brunswick. In 2006, VOICES launched the 9/11 Living Memorial Project which contains an extensive collection of more than 40,000 photographs, written materials and personal keepsakes donated by the families. It will be a core component of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum being created at Ground Zero.

The Brodsky Center makes it possible for students at Rutgers University to become immersed in printmaking and hand papermaking, through the Center's artist-in-residence program, which brings world-class artists to campus to create new work and interact with students. The printed image is increasingly important to contemporary artists in their art practice. Renowned artists such as Kiki Smith and William Kentridge have visited Rutgers multiple times to create new art and work with students.

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