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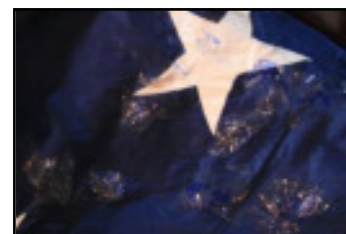
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Citizens Come Together to Create the 10th Annual 9/11 Remembrance Art Project, Full Circle: A Decade of Remembrance

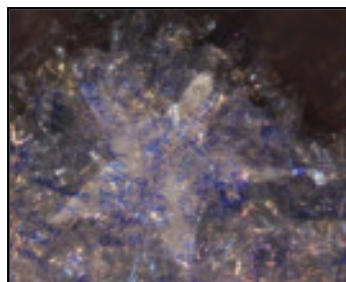
County of Summit Executive Russell M. Pry recognized the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks by sponsoring the creation of *Full Circle: A Decade of Remembrance*. The community art project was created on September 9th and 12th, 2011 at the Ohio Building, located at 175 S. Main Street in downtown Akron.

The project featured a retired 40' x 60' American flag that hung from the Ohio Building the morning after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. After being properly folded, the flag was placed into a wooden box made and donated by Paul Thomarios, owner of the Thomarios General Construction Group.



Citizens participated in the 10th Annual 9/11 Remembrance Art Project by writing on a square piece of Mylar the name of a loved one who had died during the last 10 years, crinkling it tightly in their hand and then placing it on top of the flag. As a result, the 696 Mylar squares submitted created a clear, sparkling layer over the American flag.

"This year, citizens were able to honor those who perished on that terrible Tuesday back in 2001, as well as their loved ones," stated Executive Pry.



Full Circle: A Decade of Remembrance will be on display inside The Room at Church & Main, located at 175 South Main Street in downtown Akron. In addition to featuring historical county government artifacts and awards, the room now houses the entire collection of County of Summit 9/11 Remembrance Art Projects, which include: *Thumbs Up, America!*; *Red, White & You*; *Let Freedom Sing!*; *Individual Peace*; *Red, Write & Blue*; *Cell-e-bration of Heroes*; *Red, Woven and Blue*; *darn, stitch & PEACE*; and *FREE Standing*.

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Throughout the past decade, it is estimated that over 4,500 individuals from across Summit County have participated in the 9/11 Remembrance Art Projects.

For more information visit,

<http://www.co.summit.oh.us/executive/SummitCounty9-11ProjectInfo.htm>.



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