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For Immediate Release

Collaborate on a Diverse Community Fabric Sculpture at Hudson Valley MOCA

Community Sewing Days:

Saturday, February 29, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Student sewing at Hudson Valley MOCA, 2020

Hudson Valley MOCA invites individuals in Peekskill, NY and beyond to take part in creating the **Unity Quilt**, a community-centered fabric sculpture with collaboration from Peekskill public schools and the vibrant public of the Hudson Valley. Project participation is free for all, and the final product will display in Hudson Valley MOCA's

galleries alongside an annual exhibition of student artwork before it is circulated between the participating schools.

By making art activities available to a diverse local public, Hudson Valley MOCA reinforces its commitment to upholding education through exposure and engagement with contemporary art. Through multiple afternoon workshops from February through March, volunteers will create individual, personalized mixed-media blocks that will combine to form a reflection of the local community. The resulting artwork will celebrate the myriad people, cultures, and perspectives that belong to Peekskill and its surrounding communities.

In addition to community participants, classes from various local schools in the Peekskill School District will complete sections of the quilt, including Woodside Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Peekskill Middle School, and Peekskill High School.

The Unity Quilt project joins other outreach efforts by Hudson Valley MOCA to interact with the surrounding city through creative learning. Other current programs include the appointment of in-school artist teaching residencies, developing a Young Docent program that trains high school students to analyze and discuss artwork on view in current exhibitions with visitors, and commissioning interactive public artwork for Peekskill Project, a series of city-wide arts festivals.

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Hudson Valley MOCA, located in Peekskill, NY, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts and education center dedicated to the enrichment of communities in the Hudson Valley and Peekskill, New York, through contemporary art exhibitions, arts education programs, artist residencies, and lectures.

Public Information: Hudson Valley MOCA, 1701 Main Street, PO Box 209, Peekskill, NY 10566, (914) 788-0100, hudsonvalleymoca.org. Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 12:00-6:00 p.m. Museum Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 Peekskill residents, seniors, students, children over 8; free for members and children 8 and under.

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