

# Remember September Mail Art



***“As with art throughout history, this mail art reflects the heart and soul of each artist. It serves to express their feelings far beyond words.”*** ~ Gail Ellspermann

Artist Gail Ellspermann was looking for a meaningful way to remember those lost on 9/11 and to give other artists the opportunity to share their talents in a thoughtful remembrance. With this in mind, she created “Remember September Mail Art, an annual call for Mail Art to honor the victims and heroes of the 9/11/01 attacks on the United States.” Gail invited artists to “create an envelope as your personal way to remember the events of the day, those who lost their lives, and those who fearlessly stepped forward to help those in need.”

Artists were asked to decorate any size envelope with 9/11 relevant art. They could use any media - paint, collage, fabric, crayon, colored pencil, calligraphy, stamping, stickers, etc.

After adding sufficient postage, they would take the envelope to the post office to have it postmarked on September 11th.

This project was embraced by thousands of artists from around the world who year after year contributed their expressions of caring and support. Teachers and students participated in this unique way to teach the story of 9/11 while also providing an outlet for the expression of students’ thoughts and feelings.

For the Tenth Anniversary, Gail chose a “new home” for the project, Voices of September 11th. The artwork has been scanned and will be available to be viewed online.

*“I feel so good about your organization being the new home for the mail art project! I have known from the start that the project needed a voice beyond what I could give it and I have found that in Voices of September 11th. And, you are such a warm and wonderful group of people! It just all feels like a great fit.”*

~ Gail Ellspermann

It is easy for anyone to participate in this unique memorial project. On September 11th, decorated envelopes can be sent to a new postal address:

**Remember September  
c/o Voices of September 11th  
Post Office Box 911  
New Canaan, Connecticut 06840**

