"Preserving 9/11" Forum Schedule

Creating the 9/11 Living Memorial Digital Archive

Bring your Mementos and Create your 9/11 Living Memorial Page

September 10th, 10:00am to 5:00pm, September 11th, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Family Liaison Debbie Westfal and the VOICES staff will be available to help you add your loved one's story to the 9/11 Living Memorial. Contact our office at (203) 966-3911 or (866) 505-3911 to make an appointment for your half-hour session. VOICES encourages first responders, recovery workers and survivors to preserve their stories. Bring your mementos with you to your appointment. Items currently being collected include photographs, videos, phone messages, awards and trophies, tributes and eulogies.

Meet the Archivists

September 10th, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Staff from the National Archives and New York State archivists will be on hand to demonstrate techniques to help you care for mementos, including letters, documents and photographs. Bring your treasured items along with you and get advice on how to preserve them. Gwen Spicer, of Spicer Art Conservation, LLC will discuss the care of textiles and organic materials. VOICES will distribute archiving supplies generously provided by Gaylord.

9/11 Living Memorial Exhibit Hall

September 10th, 12:00pm to 5:00pm, September 11th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

The Exhibit Hall will showcase the many exciting facets of the 9/11 Living Memorial digital archive. Visitors will be able to see how families and organizations have created Living Memorial pages, digitizing mementos and using multiple media to tell their story. Exhibits will include slide shows and kiosks where visitors can explore the 9/11 Living Memorial website.

Ongoing Activities

Medical Examiner ID's

September 10th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Staff from the New York City Medical Examiner's Office will be on hand to make ID cards for family members. Offical Medical Examiner's IDs allow bona fide family members to easily access events and locations only open to the 9/11 community, such as the city's official commemorative events on September 11th.

Smile Retreivers

September 10th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Jake, Jesse, Mattie and Macie, the 9/11 Community's four-legged best friends, return to VOICES Forum. Relax and share a smile with these wonderful therapy dogs. Thanks Mario and Karen Canzoneri for your support.

Reflection and Remember

September 10th, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

A quiet room to relax and renew with Reiki and acupuncture courtesy of St. Vincent's Hospital.

Preserving 9/11 Through Scrapbooking

September 10th, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Experienced volunteers will help you begin creating lasting memories of your loved ones. Archival quality paper, scissors, adhesives and scrapbooks will be available.

Monday, September 10, 2007

Panels

10:00 am - Coffee, bagels snacks

10:30 am to 11:30 am - Update on Identification Process, Medical Examiners Office

Charles S. Hirsch, MD, Chief Medical Examiner Mark Desire, Senior Manager, DNA Laboratory

12:00 to 12:30 pm - Registration

12:30 to 1:00 pm - Opening Remarks and Dedication of "9/11 Cross-stitch Quilt"

Mary Fetchet, Founding Director Voices of September 11th Mary Henderson, Quilter, Richmond, Kentucky

1:00 to 2:00 pm - 9/11 Living Memorial Panel Discussion

Carol Ashley, Mother of Janice Ashley
Mickey Cross, FDNY, Survivor
Lindsay Campbell, Research Urban Planner, US Forest Service Living Memorials Project
Janny Scott, New York Times Portraits of Grief contributing reporter

2:00 to 2:30 pm - Break (coffee and snacks)

2:30 to 3:30 pm - "Preserving 9/11" Panel Discussion

Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler, National Archives
Marie Culver, New York State Archives
Gwen Spicer, Spicer Art Conservation
Representatives from American Folklife Center and the Library of Congress

3:30 to 3:45 pm - Break

3:45 to 4:45 pm - Update on the WTC Memorial Museum and 9/11 Living Memorial Project

Distinguished members of the WTC Memorial Museum's staff will give a dynamic presentation on the planning process for the memorial and take your questions. Panelists include:

Alice M.Greenwald, WTC Memorial Museum Director
Jan Seidler Ramirez, WTC Memorial Museum Curator
Madeleine Blot, WTC Memorial Foundation Director of Special Initiatives
Mary Fetchet, Voices of September 11th

4:45 to 5:00 pm - Closing Remarks by Mary Fetchet

5:15 to 6:00 pm - WTC United Family Group/Okahoma City Family Group Meeting