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Wheeling Heritage Reveals New Art Installation on Diversity

WHEELING, W.Va. – Dec. 16, 2020 – Visitors to the Wheeling Artisan Center will now see a 6-foot-high diversity “quilt” installation featuring the artwork of over 200 community members as they enter the building.

The project began in August when Wheeling Heritage provided hundreds of blank 4”x4” canvases and asked the community to create a work of art that represented what diversity meant to them. The canvases were used to create a “quilt” installation that displays the collection that celebrates diversity.

Canvases were available at multiple pick-up and drop-off locations throughout the city, and people of all ages and skills were encouraged to participate. In addition to individual submissions, group submissions were also encouraged. One class at Wheeling Country Day School designed and submitted canvases for the project, using it as an opportunity engage in conversations about diversity through art.

“This project is special because it shows what diversity means to each individual contributor,” said Wheeling Heritage Program Manager Chris Villamagna. “Collectively, the canvases have become one beautiful piece that celebrates the differences that make our community unique.”

The diversity quilt installation will remain on display at the Wheeling Artisan Center through March. Individual canvases have been scanned can be viewed on Wheeling Heritage’s website [at wheelingheritage.org/diversity-square-community-project/](https://www.wheelingheritage.org/diversity-square-community-project/).

About Wheeling Heritage

[Wheeling Heritage](https://www.wheelingheritage.org/) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling’s story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.