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**The Patchwork Healing Blanket:
Piece-by-Piece and Country-by-Country**
A Global Art Movement and Virtual Gallery Exhibition
Against Gender-Based Violence

Los Angeles, CA, July 21, 2020 - *The Patchwork Healing Blanket: Piece-by-Piece and Country-by-Country* is an international textile art project that unites generations of women in a global movement against gender-based violence and the destruction of Mother Earth. In 2019 a group of women artists from Oaxaca and Mexico City, led by Founder/Director Marietta Bernstorff, started working together to develop the *Patchwork Healing Blanket/La Manta de Curación* in response to an outrageous increase in the murder of women in Mexico that year. The artists began to invite women from all over Mexico and the world to participate in making a patchwork cloth piece that speaks out against the violent crimes we are all witnessing through news outlets and social media. The result was tremendous - 600 patchworks were sent to Mexico City from San Miguel Allende, Tijuana, Oaxaca, Chile, Argentina, Guatemala, Brasil, Germany, Greece, England, Spain, Canada, and the United States. Join us in the virtual gallery for an installation of patchworks by feminist artists, survivors, and advocates from ten countries as women, children, and allies across borders call for an end to the global pandemic of gender-based violence.

We are proud to invite you to a virtual gallery opening for *The Patchwork Healing Blanket* on **August 8 at 4:00 PM PST**. Join curator Marietta Bernstorff, and artists Lourdes Almeida, Jimena Cancino, Marianne Sadowski, and Dorothy Thursby for a panel on gender-based violence and textile art as a form of resistance. The panel will be followed by a virtual gallery tour led by the curator. This is a free public event open to all. Email events@SPARCinLA.org to RSVP.

The Patchwork Healing Blanket is curated by Marietta Bernstorff and will be on view for the public through a virtual art gallery by SPARC from August 8 to September 19.

Virtual Exhibition Opening:
Saturday, August 8th | 4:00 PM PST | Free Event
Learn more at www.SPARCinLA.org/patchwork
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