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### Gallery One Features 'COVID-19 Hope Quilt: Together We Will Heal' Exhibit

The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee has opened a new exhibit at Gallery One, the art gallery located in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg.

The exhibit features the COVID-19 Hope Quilt, a community-based art project that used 10-by-10-inch quilt panels to honor those affected by COVID-19. The individual panels are expressions of gratitude for front line workers and acts of remembrance for those lost to the disease.



The genesis of the quilt was a conversation between Loudoun County artist Diane Canney and her mother, Phyllis Liedtke. "For my birthday," said Liedtke, "I want you to do something about the pandemic." Liedtke made the first panel and invited others to join her. Many people worked on the panels, including children as young as five years old, high school students and senior citizens. Once the panels were finished, the stitching was completed by Loudoun County residents Priscilla Godfrey, Jeanne Niccolls, Kim Fry and Karen Frye.

This exhibition will be on display in Gallery One through August 31, 2021. Following the conclusion of the exhibition at the Government Center, the quilt is scheduled to be on display at the Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg.

The Art Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1978 to collect and display works of art that reflect the diverse Loudoun community. The committee manages a large and growing permanent and loaned art collection, as well as produces art exhibits throughout the year in Gallery One. For more information, visit the [committee's webpage](#) or [email](#) the committee's liaison, Elizabeth Bracey.

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