



### **PRESS RELEASE / Photo Opportunity**

**TITLE:** Triangle Shirtwaist Fire Art Exhibition at NYC Fire Museum

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**WHO:** Susan Harris, artist

**WHAT:** Triangle Shirtwaist art exhibit, "Remembering Their Prayers"

**WHERE:** New York City Fire Museum, 278 Spring Street, New York, NY 10013

212-691-1303, [www.nycfiremuseum.org](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org)

**WHEN:** Opening reception, March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Exhibit closes April 23, 2011

**PHOTO ATTACHED:** harris-shirtwaist.jpg

On Saturday, March 26 from 6 to 9 pm, the New York City Fire Museum is hosting a reception for "Remembering Their Prayers," created by artist Susan Harris. This special exhibition, in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist fire, is free and the public is invited to attend. The museum will be open for viewing and refreshments will be served.

Susan Harris resides in Los Angeles, California and is a descendant of Max Blanck, one of the co-owners of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company, and will appear in the upcoming HBO film, "Triangle, Remembering the Fire." As the Blanck family also had several relatives die in the tragic Triangle fire, Harris created "Remembering Their Prayers" with cloth and thread as a way of connection to remember and honor all of the victims.

Her featured piece, "Remembering Their Prayers," consists of delicate pieces of Edwardian shirtwaists and handkerchief fabrics, each hand-embroidered with the name of a victim. Many names are sewn by the victims' descendants. Hung on a line in a manner similar to Tibetan prayer flags, the piece is now 152 feet long.

Interested in Eastern religions since her teenage years, Tibetan prayer flags and prayer wheels have always held a powerful and transcendental energy for the artist. "I knew that there was something I had to do... I felt a deep calling to make something that would bridge the gap of pain and time and connect my family to the other victims' families," she says.

Harris will also be presenting a number of smaller, similarly intimate pieces relating to the Triangle Fire in the Museum's first floor gallery.

The exhibit "Remembering Their Prayers" will be on display through April 23, 2011.

The New York City Fire Museum, located in a 1904 firehouse at 278 Spring Street, is the official museum of the FDNY and houses over 10,000 artifacts from New York City's rich heritage of firefighting. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday 10-5 and Sundays, 10-4. Suggested admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, students and seniors.

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