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Release: Santa Barbara Fires Mosaic Mural

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Santa Barbara County Arts Commission's *Community Arts Grant Program* has awarded artist Betsy Gallery grant funding to create a community participation mosaic mural commemorating survivors and first responders of the many fires that have affected our county. Art from Scrap is Betsy's working partner for this project.

The artist invites community members who wish to participate in creating this mural to contribute artifacts that have been transformed by any of these fires. Appropriate artifacts are molten glass, ceramic, metal, stone objects or any other hard material that may be incorporated into thinset mortar. Fire equipment, such as hose nozzles, axes, helmets etc. may also be incorporated into this mosaic mural, which will be installed in the lobby at the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Headquarters at 4410 Cathedral Oaks Road.

Persons wanting to help with the fabrication of the mosaic mural can attend upcoming workshops at *Art from Scrap* or *La Casa de la Raza* to learn basic mosaic materials and techniques.

For workshop information and to contribute an artifact for the mosaic mural please contact Betsy Gallery bgallery@cox.net 963-2878.