

I will be teaching Fabric Collage at the Spoke Gallery in South Boston, on Tuesday October 19 at 6 PM (class is filled) and Tuesday October 26 at 6PM. All supplies will be provided and your 16" x 16" square will become part of Medicine Wheels "A Day Without Art" honoring those who have died from Aids, Covid, Addiction and Racism. This installation will be installed at the Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts on World Aids Day December 1, 2021

https://mwponline.org/wordpress/touched-alive-with-hope-days-without-art-2021/?fbclid=IwAR1oXrXmSaTrOnVk2KbYbvxfY0nk_q82X1X-3qJVf0gyyQBO5xowQ6QG5Yc

'Touched' – 30th Installation of Days Without Art 2021

"The frailty of the human condition—and the cruelty of untimely loss of life—is one of art's oldest and most enduring themes."

Eric Bruehl – Getty Museum



Our work at SPOKE began 30 years ago to create a place where people **gather to reflect and remember those lost to the AIDS pandemic**. This mission remains just as urgent today as we face multiple pandemics of COVID-19, racism, and addiction, alongside the continuing scourge of HIV/AIDS, particularly among vulnerable populations.

This year for our *Days Without Art/World AIDS Day installation*, we invite people to [create a fabric sampler](#), 16" x 16" to remember, reconnect and honor how you have been touched in these concurrent pandemics; **someone who has Touched your life physically, spiritually, or emotionally.** Days Without Art will be a **series of cultural events and actions connecting World AIDS Day, Dec 1st with National Black HIV Awareness Day, Feb 7th.** The quilt will be installed on December 1st, at the Boston Center for the Arts along with 30 sections of the [historic AIDS/ Names Memorial Quilt](#). ***The installation will serve as an enduring testimony to those we have lost to pandemics and an invitation to see who can be for each other. As we sew the sections together, we imagine the thread as the beauty of the energy that connects us all to our shared humanity.***

There are a few ways to participate in this year's Days Without Art: *Touched – In Times of Pandemic*

1. **Create a panel for our Touched installation**, which will be installed at the BCA on World AIDS Day, December 1st. Submissions can be independently completed, or you are welcome to attend one of our “quilting bee” workshops. Find out more about creating your own quilt square [here](#), and sign up for a workshop with one of our talented fabric artists [here](#).
Finished samplers can be sent to:

SPOKE/MWProductions
840 Summer Street #103
Boston, MA 02127

2. **Sponsor a section of the historic Names AIDS Memorial Quilt.**

In June of 1987, a small group of strangers gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to create a memorial for those who had died of AIDS, and to thereby help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. SPOKE maintains 30 of the original 1,920 panels that represented the names of those lost, which will be proudly displayed alongside a quilt of our own creation. However, these panels are over 30 years old, and we need your financial help to preserve them.