



LEE COUNTY, FL - The death of the mastermind of 9-11, Osama Bin Laden, is creating new inspiration for one Southwest Florida artist. Sculptor San Priest is creating a piece to be placed near ground zero in New York City.

In 2005 she was inspired to create something to commemorate the lives lost on 9-11, but it wasn't until years later, when out of the blue, she was contacted by a company looking for someone to create a sculpture out of concrete extracted from the hallowed ground under the World Trade Center Towers.

The huge, flag draped concrete block was delivered under Marine guard, and since then San has been cutting, smoothing and creating a piece of art she hopes will touch lives.

It's a one of a kind sculpture she calls Project Eleven Up. Eleven representing both 9-11 and the eleven pieces she hopes to complete and place around the United States as a way for the U.S. to heal.

The first sculpture will be ready later this year on the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks. It will include etched binary code identifying Shanksville, PA, Washington DC and New York City. The center of the sculpture is shaped into the form of a "V". Some say the "V" represents the twin towers, others say it is a symbol of victory. For San, it's the result of her vision, and her attempt to turn one of the darkest days in American history into a positive moment of healing.

To learn more about San and Project Eleven Up:

To see more of San's sculptures and murals:

<http://www.artbysan.com>

To see a video of the story on WINK:

<http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2011-05-02/SWFL-artist-creates-sculpture-from-ground-zero-concrete>