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Description: "The Gift," composed in a staggered pattern typical of beadwork but rendered in colored brick on a massive scale, depicts traditional southeastern Native American life symbols such as turtles, eagle feathers, ears of corn, mountains, and water. The artwork is roughly 240 feet long and 40 feet wide.

Dedication date: 4/20/2004

Creator: Senora Lynch, Artist, Unspecified

Materials & Techniques: Brick

Unveiling & Dedication: The monument and its creator were honored at 12:15 pm on April 20, 2004. Greg Richardson, executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, spoke. Derek Oxendine, a UNC junior who was president of the student group Carolina Indian Circle, also spoke and burned sacred herbs.

Subject notes: The monument contains images of turtles, eagle feathers, ears of corn, mountains, and water. A plaque near the monument explains the symbolism behind each image.

Location: "The Gift" is in the Student Union Walkway, between the Student Union and Davis Library.

Landscape: The artwork makes up the walkway along side the Frank Porter Graham Student Union

City: Chapel Hill

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Latitude: 35.91005

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