

Artist Makes Sculpture Out of Keys From Destroyed Homes

Last year, the town of Paradise, California was devastated by an wildfire. The fire wiped out over 8,000 of the town's homes. Since then, art therapist Jessie Mercer has been the keys to these destroyed buildings to create a sculpture that would be meaningful to former residents of Paradise. Mercer received in the mail containing keys to homes, schools, churches, shops, and businesses that burned down in 2018. The sculpture is an 800-pound phoenix, made of over 14,000 of these keys. The phoenix was to a community support centre for of the fire. In recognition of her work for the community, Mercer was awarded a key to the town.