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Steffen Thomas Museum of Art
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***Three Flowers in a pot. Mixed
Media by Steffen Thomas.
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STMA Family Workshop Features a Unique “Inside/Out” Form of Art

BUCKHEAD – *The Art of Reverse Painting*, the subject of the next Steffen Thomas Museum Arts Outreach Family Workshop, scheduled for Saturday, June 18th from 10 AM to noon, is an ancient technique used by artists for centuries.

The age-old art involves painting a subject onto one side of a sheet of acrylic, Plexiglas or glass; once finished, the image is viewed from the other side of the “canvas.” As a result, the painted side of the artwork and the viewing side are opposed to one another.

The workshop will be taught by Steffen Thomas’s daughters, Robin Burnett and Lisa Conner, and granddaughters, Susan Weibel and Michelle Donovan. “The challenge is in working backwards from the usual painting process,” said Lisa Conner, Acting Director of the museum. “The technique makes the artist dissect the subject. It can be a real brain teaser.”

Instead of first applying a background color, then a middle ground and finally a foreground with details, in reverse painting the artist first puts details, such as outlines and the signature on the back side of the glass, transparent acrylic panel or transparency sheet. Next, the surface colors are applied in the middle ground and finally the background colors are painted over everything.

“My father loved experimenting with all different forms of art,” Lisa explained. “Reverse painting eventually became one of his favorite techniques. During the workshop, we will use acrylic paints on clear acrylic sheets to create summer flower still lifes. Flowers were a favorite subject for my father. So both the technique and the subject were very special to him. The workshop will also give participants the opportunity to learn about the skills and creativity of other Steffen Thomas family members.”

Admission for the STMA workshop is \$10 adults, \$8 children; STMA members receive a \$2 discount. Those in financial need may attend free of charge. Registration is required. Please call 706-342-7557.

The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, located at 4200 Bethany Road, Buckhead, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 AM to 4 PM. For more information and directions, please visit www.steffenthomas.org or call 706-342-7557.