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*Block print illustration for "My Early Walk," from  
Twenty Poems by Steffen Thomas. 1952.  
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## STMA Arts Outreach Family Workshop Promotes Arbor Day

BUCKHEAD – A nationally celebrated event, Arbor Day, which takes place in Georgia on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, honors one of nature's greatest masterpieces – the tree.

To make this year's event truly special, please join us at the next Steffen Thomas Museum Arts Outreach Family Workshop – *A Tree Grows in the Lake Country* – scheduled for Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to noon. Taught by local artist and educator, Nan Demsky, and assisted by STMA docent, Joyce Thomas, participants will create their own unique block print tree portraits.

"We'll study the importance of line and perspective in art," Nan explained. "The 'naked' trees of winter, bare of leaves and blossoms, are a perfect subject for this project. Their stark beauty reproduces wonderfully on block prints and clearly illustrates how line and placement can create a great variety of moods."

Nan earned a BSED Degree (Bachelor's of Science in Education with a major in Art) from the University of Georgia. She has been teaching art since 1987, and currently conducts classes at The Master's Academy of Fine Art in Athens.

The museum's workshop fees are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children; members receive a \$2 discount. Those in financial need may attend free of charge. Reservations are required. Please call 706-342-7557.

The STMA Arts Outreach Program provides family workshops for art enthusiasts of all ages one Saturday a month at the museum. All sessions are scheduled for 10 AM to noon.

Future STMA workshops include:

**March 20<sup>th</sup>:** *The Whirligig as Art* – Discover the importance of texture by making whirligigs with a floral design. Taught by Larry Gilleland; assisted by STMA docent Anne Gilleland.

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](http://www.steffenthomas.org) or call 706-342-7557.