

Steffen Thomas Museum's Arts Outreach Program©, "From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate," Reception Features Art and Herbs Produced by CrossRoads Students

On Tuesday, May 20th, students from **Morgan County CrossRoads School** were honored at an unveiling luncheon and reception held at **Lafarge Aggregates and Concrete** picnic pavilion.

During From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate, a four-month, hands-on project offered by STMA's Arts Outreach Program©, participants studied a variety of life cycles in nature through art. Under the direction of master gardeners Linda Thoman and Dick Whelan, the students first designed and planted a garden of perennials, flowers and herbs at the school.

STMA Lead Artist Lindy Burnett then instructed them in the creation of watercolor paintings of plants and flowers chosen by the students. They also learned how to prepare food using the herbs they grew themselves. In addition, the young artists made illustrated plant markers for the **Lafarge Quarry Nature Trail** in Buckhead. Artists from the **Morgan County Senior Center** assisted with this part of the program.

The markers, along with accompanying nature study drawings, were unveiled and exhibited during the reception. The menu for the luncheon was devised by the students to incorporate sauces prepared using herbs from the school garden.

The event, free and open to the public, took place at the picnic pavilion located at 1716 Seven Islands Road in Buckhead.

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One of the illustrated plant markers created by CrossRoads students to be unveiled at the "From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate" reception.