

STMA Receives Central Georgia EMC Foundation Grant

The Central Georgia EMC Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Steffen Thomas Museum's Arts Outreach Program© for its upcoming project with the Morgan County Boys & Girls Club.

Central Georgia EMC Foundation provides financial assistance to nonprofit institutions and charities in the 14 counties served by Central Georgia EMC. Contributions are made by Central Georgia EMC members, who agree to have their monthly utilities bill rounded up to the nearest dollar.

The STMA/Morgan County Boys & Girls Club project will offer a multi-faceted Junior Docent Program. During the 18 sessions, scheduled from August 2008 through May 2009 on a bi-weekly basis, the young participants will study art history and techniques while developing the complex social, organization and communications skills used by successful museum docents. Trained artists and experienced docents will serve as instructors, mentors and assistants during classes. Participants who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Achievement as a Junior Docent

The project will begin with an overview of art history. Students will then choose an artist to study, and create their own work inspired by the selected artists. Participants will exhibit their creations and deliver a presentation on their artist to their peers. Finally, the graduate Junior Docents will give guided tours of the Steffen Thomas Museum to their fellow club members, under the supervision of the STMA docents.

In addition, participants will be offered an arts career advisory workshop featuring working artists describing their jobs and professions in the visual arts. The program also hopes to feature a project with the local office of Habitat for Humanity during which club members will create artistic renderings of houses to be built in the community. The final paintings or drawings will be presented to the new homeowners when they move in.

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

Jeff Greeson, Vice President of Corporate Services Central Georgia EMC, presents STMA Museum Director, Elizabeth D'huart with a grant from the Central Georgia EMC Foundation.