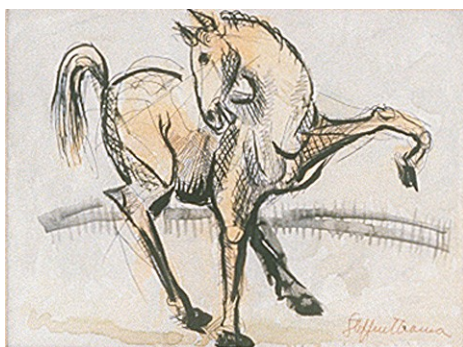


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Prancing Horse. Watercolor by Steffen Thomas. 1975 ca. ©S.T.A.R., L.P. of GA

STMA Arts Outreach Family Workshop Celebrates the Horse in Art

BUCKHEAD – Since prehistoric times, horses have been the source of inspiration for artistic expression. If you'd like to pay homage to this wonder of nature, sign up for the next Steffen Thomas Museum of Art's family workshop, **Hold Your Horses**, scheduled for Saturday, May 21st from 10 AM to noon at the museum. Taught by renowned Native American artist, Linda Windell, the workshop features a special group painting experience using the "Synergy with Art" technique.

The Synergy method facilitates a fun team building activity through the unique creative experience of team painting. "Everyone has such a good time, especially the children," Linda said.

Linda will enlarge a print of a Steffen Thomas horse painting. The copy will be cut up into 4 by 4 inch squares, each with a Velcro backing and a number indicating its place in the original work.

Each participant will be given a pre-drawn, "paint by number" canvas, which they will paint using the color palettes provided. "Participants are encouraged to do their own thing," Linda explained. "The subject matter is a secret to the group throughout the entire painting

process, and when the final painting is put back together, there is such an energetic buzz from the group. It's always quite astonishing!"

During the second part of the workshop, participants will learn how to draw horses using the Monart Method taught during the April 16th workshop.

Linda, who describes herself as a self-taught artist, works from her Morning Star Studio in Greensboro. She founded Morning Star in 1991 and began full-time operations in February 1993. For examples of Linda's art, please visit www.mstarstudio.com.

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.

Future STMA workshops include:

June 18th: *The Art of Reverse Painting* – Create spring flower still lifes with this unique "inside/out" form of art. Taught by the daughters and granddaughters of Steffen Thomas.

