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Steffen Thomas Museum of Art
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Still Life. Water Color by Steffen Thomas.
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STMA Arts Outreach Family Workshop Makes Mother's Day a Truly Personal Event

BUCKHEAD – Do you dread shopping for the **PERFECT** Mother's Day card? This one is too saccharine; that one says too much; this, too little. And that one is neither me nor my mother!

This year you needn't face that ordeal because you can create your very own unique greeting at the next Steffen Thomas Museum Arts Outreach Family Workshop – **A Traditional/Original Mother's Day**, scheduled for Saturday, April 10th from 10 AM to noon at the museum.

The session will be taught by Greensboro multi-media artist, Joanna Ralston, assisted by STMA docent and retired educator, Nancy Vaughan. Painting with watercolor, participants will create custom-made Mother's Day cards for their one-of-a-kind mothers using Steffen Thomas's floral designs for inspiration.

Joanna describes herself as “a third generation artist, who has been painting since I was old enough to hold a brush. This project is truly special to me,” she added, “because my mother, Barbara Kimbrough, was my greatest inspiration. My mother was a totally dedicated art teacher who instilled a love of artistic expression in both her students and her family.”

The project has special meaning for Nancy Vaughan as well. “I taught at Morgan County CrossRoads School for several years,” she said. “Mother’s Day was one of my student’s favorite holidays – an important day to remember someone who is there for us,” she explained. “I also realized what a wonderful opportunity for creativity and a sense of accomplishment the Steffen Thomas Museum’s programs offer youngsters, especially those ‘at risk.’ I’m delighted to be part of the effort.”

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:

May 15th: *In Praise of the Animal Kingdom* – Working with white clay, create ceramic tiles with an animal theme. Taught by local ceramic artist, Elizabeth Collins; assisted by STMA docent, Lisa Conner.

June 5th: *Petrageous Placemats* – Have your pets eat in style on their very own special placemat made by you with canvas and acrylic paints. The mats can also be used as sturdy table protectors. Taught by noted decorative painter, Molly Lesnikowski; assisted by STMA docent, Linda Thoman.

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.

