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A MEADOW BY THE GREEN WOODS



WHEN

Saturday, April 18, 11AM – 3PM (in conjunction with the 2009 Energy Festival)
On display through June

WHERE

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

DESCRIPTION

A Meadow by the Green Woods is a collaboration by The Green Woods Charter School and The Schuylkill Center's artist in residence Gary Miller. Participating in this project were 197 students, grades K – 8; their work will be premiered at The Schuylkill Center's 2009 Energy Festival.

With *A Meadow by the Green Woods*, artist Gary Miller worked with students to recreate earlier installations of Poppies, created first for the Morris Arboretum, and expanded for the Burning Man Festival in Nevada.

Each large scale flower (each stem is approximately 10' in height) is recycled from flowers created for those earlier exhibits. According to Miller, recycling his earlier work

allowed this project to make a major visual impact, with little negative impact on the environment, an important lesson for the students. Everyday construction materials such as aluminum flashing, pvc piping and solar lights were also utilized.

The students prepared for the project by drawing a series of flowers, both real and imagined. Ultimately, their designs were based on wildflowers of Eastern Pennsylvania, but with their own, unique interpretations.

Upon viewing the completed work, Miller said, “I was really moved. These are really great –some are knock-down amazing. Art brings to children a different way of looking at things,” continued Miller, “there’s not just once solution to a problem. By doing these numerous projects, they learned that art can be immediate or planned. It helped them to be more open in their world.”

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