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Handmade Quilt Designed by Fifth Graders



Every year in October, the Southwest Missouri Museum Associates sponsor an educational program in which every 5th grade student from Springfield Public Schools is provided transportation to the Springfield Art Museum to explore the art, and experience a docent led tour. Approximately 2500 Springfield Students participate in this program every year.

This year, the students will participate in a hands-on activity and will create a community quilt that will remain at the Museum and put on display and shared with the community. This year, the exhibit featured is John Cavanaugh: Hammered Lead. After the docent led tour through the Museum, each student is given a metal tooling foil square and the tools necessary to design and color their square. They then, leave their square with the Museum, to be assembled by SAM docents and will be displayed upon completion.

At the end of the 5th grade busing program, the docents will have assembled over 2500 squares - this is no easy task, but the docents are determined to help create a work of art that will last and can be enjoyed for years. The Museum will be displaying this work in the foyer gallery upon completion and will display the quilt periodically in celebration of our schools and community. It will proudly be displayed during our All School Exhibit in March, so please don't miss out on viewing this great handmade project, designed by our 5th graders.

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