Imagine & Connect

WITH SENSES

Gilcrease in Your Neighborhood - Family Activity Guide - Keystone Ancient Forest

Miguel Covarrubias (1904-1957), Tehuana Woman, c. 1940-1950. Gouache on paper, 20 x 14 (original), 38 x 22.5 (framed). Gilcrease Museum, 02.1475

If you could step inside this painting by artist Miguel Covarrubias, what would you hear? See? Feel? Smell?

Now find a quiet spot under the trees and connect with your senses.

Close your eyes for a moment.

What do you smell? Feel? Hear?

Open your eyes.

What do you see all around you at Keystone Ancient Forest?

Look for colors

Miguel loved the bright colors he saw in Tehuantepec, Mexico, especially at festivals like the one shown in the painting. What colors do you see in his Tehuana Woman painting?

Write or color them in the bubbles below.

Now play "I Spy" with your family or group, and find those same colors on plants and wildlife around you on the Keystone trails!

Count & Dance

Look at the people dancing in the background of the Tehuana Woman painting.

How many dancers can you find?

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Did you know that a famous author from the 1800s wrote about the place we now call the Keystone Ancient Forest? Washington Irving came through this area almost 200 years ago and recorded observations about the people he met and the places he saw. What observations can you make about the Tehuana Woman painting? What have you discovered along the Keystone trails? Capture what you've found in the journal entry below.

Field Notes

Date and time:
Weather and season:
Description of something interesting I found:
Questions I have:
Things I noticed from the painting:
Sketches of things to remember:
What do you know about the Tehuana Woman painting?
SEEK & FIND: CROSS TIMBERS

The community celebration in the Tehuana Woman painting takes place outside, under tall trees. Did you know that some of the trees in the Keystone Ancient Forest are hundreds of years old? They are an important part of a unique area called Cross Timbers. Cross Timbers are made up of a combination of forest, woodland and prairie areas.

As you walk the trails at Keystone Ancient Forest, look for elements of the Cross Timbers. Try to identify three in a row, or fill up your bingo card.

Prescribed burning information sign

- Post Oak trees
- Big Bluestem Grass
- Deer Tracks
- Red Cedar trees
- Black Jack trees
- Bobcat Tracks
- Eagle
- Moss or lichen on rocks

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Fun Fact: Did you know that birds such as Mourning Doves fly back and forth (migrate) between Oklahoma and Mexico?

Draw your own celebration:
The girl in the painting is dressed up for a party. What do you notice about her clothing, jewelry, and hairstyle?

Think of a community or family celebration that is important to you. Imagine that you could hold this celebration at the Keystone Ancient Forest. What area of the forest would you use? What would you wear for this special day?

Draw yourself and loved ones at a celebration on the back of this page.

Name: ___________________________  Age: _______

My celebration: ____________________________

Place: _________________________________

Show your art:
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We'll exhibit your drawing and host a special party for artists and your families!

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Curations (Gilcrease store)

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1. Cut tissue paper into square sheets.
2. Fold one sheet down in half, and then in half again in the same direction.
3. Cut triangles along the bottom and/or other shapes along the edges.
4. Unfold once and fold the top down. Cut out more simple shapes along all of the edges. Be sure to leave some uncut areas so your design doesn’t come apart.
5. Unfold your paper to reveal your design!
6. Fold the top side of the tissue paper over yarn and tape or glue closed.

Try This at Home!
The trees in the Tehuana Woman painting are decorated with punched paper banners called papel picado. Make your own papel picado!
Check out this book list inspired by Miguel Covarrubias’ painting, Tehuana Woman. Titles are available for check out at Tulsa City-County Library branches.

Vámonos a Oaxaca
by Patty Rodriguez

ABeCedarios: Mexican Folk Art ABCs
(in English and Spanish)
by Cynthia Weill and K.B. Basseches, illustrated by Moisés and Armando Jiménez

Colors!/Colores!
by Jorge Luján

Where Do the Birds Go?: A Migration Mystery
by Rebecca Olien

Celebrations: Holidays of the United States of America and Mexico/
Celebraciones: Días Feriados De Los Estados Unidos y Mexico
by Nancy Tabor

Making Magic Windows: Creating Papel Picado/Cut-Paper Art With Carmen Lomas Garza
by Carmen Lomas Garza

Costume Around the World: Mexico
by Jane Bingham

Biodiversity of Woodlands
by Greg Pyers

A Walk in the Forest
by Maria Dek

A Tallgrass Prairie Alphabet
by Claudia McGehee

Who Needs a Prairie?
A Grassland Ecosystem
by Karen Patkau

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