Imagine & Connect WITH SENSES

Gilcrease in Your Neighborhood - Family Activity Guide - Oxley Nature Center


If you could step inside this painting by artist Miguel Covarrubias, what would you hear? See? Feel? Smell? Now take a moment to connect with your senses right where you are. Close your eyes. What do you smell, feel and hear in the park right now? Open your eyes. What do you see all around you? Look at the people dancing in the background of the *Tehuana Woman* painting.

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. How many dancers can you find? Count & Dance

Look at the people dancing in the background of the *Tehuana Woman* painting. How many dancers can you find? Now play “I Spy” with your family or group and find those same colors on plants and wildlife around you. How do you see all around you? Close your eyes. What do you smell, feel and hear in the park right now? Count & Dance

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SEEK & FIND COMMUNITIES

The Tehuana Woman painting shows a celebration within a community. Just like there are communities of people in different places, there are communities and relationships in nature all around us made up of plants, animals, fungus, and other living and non-living things.

Look for relationships in nature at Oxley!

What can you find from the prairie, forest and wetlands communities?

PRAIRIE
- Tall grasses
- Grasshoppers
- Butterflies
- Soil
- Deer
- Sun

FOREST
- Tall trees
- Fallen logs
- Fox
- Deer
- Mushrooms
- Grasses
- Insects
- Soil
- Bird feathers
- Fallen leaves
- Fallen logs
- Ferns
- Trees

WETLANDS
- Fish
- Turtle
- Snakes
- Beavers
- Algae
- Creeks
- Lakes
- Fallen branches
- Cattails

Which direction is south from here?

Hint: You may want to use tools like a compass or map on a phone, ask another person, or even note the sun’s location in the sky to help you.

CLIMATE CLUES

What clues do you see about the weather and climate in the Tehuana Woman painting?

What clues around you right now tell you about Tulsa’s climate and today’s weather at Oxley?

DRAW YOUR OWN CELEBRATION

Think of a community or family celebration that is important to you. Imagine that you could hold this celebration at Oxley.

What would you wear for this special day?

Draw yourself and loved ones at the celebration on the next page.

SHOW YOUR ART

Do you want to show your art to others?

My celebration: ____________________________

Place: ____________________________

My art: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________

Age: ____________________________

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Thank you for participating in Gilcrease in Your Neighborhood.

NAVIGATE our WORLD

Artists Miguel Covarrubias was from Mexico, and loved visiting Tehuantepec, the place shown in this painting (he even wrote and illustrated a book about it!). Mexico is south of Oklahoma and the United States.

Pick up your prize at the Oxley Nature Center to pick up your prize.

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The festival in the Tehuana Woman painting takes place outside in a village square. The trees in the painting are decorated with brightly colored paper banners called papel picado. Make your own papel picado.

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 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 design to reveal your design!
6. Fold the top side of the tissue paper over yarn and tape or glue closed. Tie a paper over top side of the top.
7. Cut out more sheets of papel picado and string together to create a banner. Hang it up in your home or community!
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

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

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

- **Costume Around the World: Mexico**
  by Jane Bingham

- **Forest Communities:**
  *Living in Harmony with Fire***
  by Gloria Lawson

- **Be A Tree**
  by Maria Gianferrari

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