

Arkansas Champion Trees: An Artist's Journey

Activity Cards for Grades 3-5

Print, Cut, and Distribute: Participants may write notes and ideas on the backs of the cards.

Meet My Favorite

- Look at the art work in the exhibit and choose a favorite tree drawing.
- Introduce the tree to a friend or the group.
- Begin the introduction with the phrase, "Let me introduce you to my favorite tree, name of tree."
- The introduction includes:
 - where it grows,
 - why it is your favorite,
 - one interesting fact from the exhibit label, and
 - choose another tree drawing in the exhibit that your favorite tree would like to meet

Tree Talk

- Get in groups of two or three people.
- Each person chooses a favorite tree drawing and imagines what that tree would say if it could "talk."
- Choose from the places listed below for the trees to meet & visit together.
- Each person becomes his or her tree for this conversation.
- Use visual clues in the art work (color, size, shadows) to determine the voice quality, attitude, and interests of each tree.

Locations:

a birthday party, at McDonald's, church, a parade, the county fair, recess at school, this gallery exhibit

Art for Sale!

One person stands facing a tree drawing: this is an art gallery owner who wants to sell the drawing to a customer on the telephone.

One person stands looking away from the drawing. This person is the customer on the telephone who cannot see the art.

The gallery owner must persuade the customer to buy the art work "sight unseen." The curator

- describes the subject,
- tells what makes it a good drawing, and
- explains why it is a wise purchase.

The customer wants to know

- the size, color, the position of the tree,
- and the importance of the subject.

The customer turns to face the art work. Is there any "selling point" that the gallery owner missed? What will the customer decide?

Wait a Minute!

Look at the exhibit, read the labels for the art work, and read the wall panels about the "Artist's Process" and "Champion Trees."

Write one or two questions that are not answered in the exhibit materials.

One

Two

Give the questions to a friend, a family member, a teacher, or the gallery director and see if the answers can be found before you leave the exhibit! If not, look on the website:

www.ChampionTreesExhibit.com .