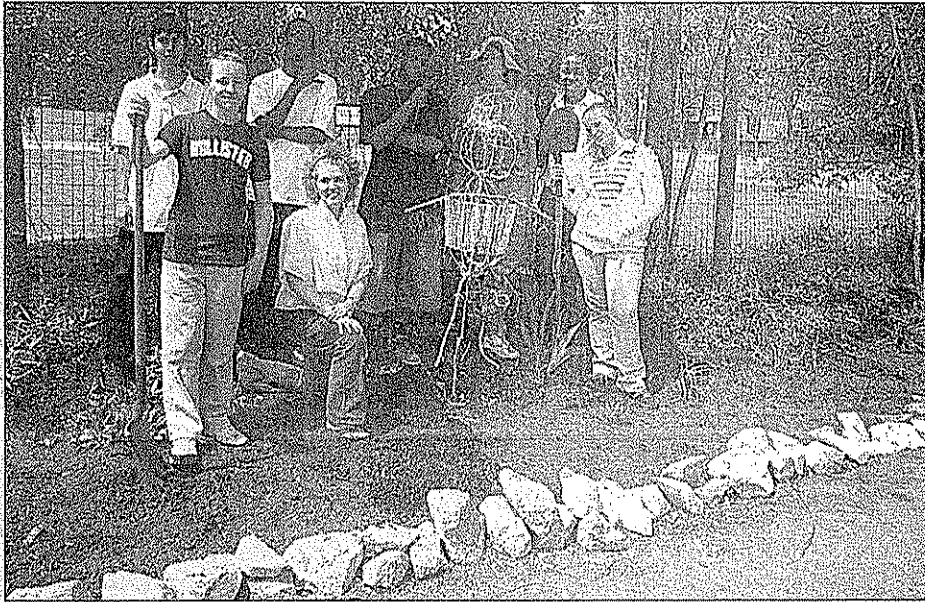


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“BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE”



ROCK GARDEN Pictured above in the school garden are students and staff from Morgan County CrossRoads School along with project leaders from Steffen Thomas Museum and Archives.

SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN

As one student attending Morgan County's CrossRoads school puts it, "The day that Steffen Thomas comes is the best day!" Since 2002, the Steffen Thomas Museum of Art has reached out to touch the lives of youth who test the limits of the "zero tolerance policy" at Morgan County's mainstream schools—and find themselves at CrossRoads.

This year's coordinated program between Steffen Thomas and CrossRoads was entitled "Op Art: Employment and Empowerment through the Visual Arts" — and featured visits from community residents

who are career-employed in the visual arts. Karen Strielecki, local artist and illustrator, directed the three-month program, featuring speakers on landscaping, print illustration, fashion attire, and textile design. The students themselves created a rock garden on the school grounds, and installed their wire sculpture of recycled materials, which they dubbed "Bob, the Scarecrow."

Lisa Conner serves as Arts Outreach Program Coordinator of the Steffen Thomas Museum — which is dedicated to her father's life as a renowned artist. Conner expressed appreciation for a grant from the Morgan Fund of the Community Founda-

tion of Greater Atlanta, which helped make the Rock Garden and Op Art project possible this year. This is the second year that the Morgan Fund has made a grant to Steffen Thomas specifically for the CrossRoads coordinated project. The Community Foundation connects donors, nonprofits and community leaders to strengthen the region through philanthropy. The Morgan Fund has been making local grants to Morgan-based nonprofit agencies since 2003. For further information on the Community Foundation, please visit www.cfgreateratlanta.org or call (770) 788-2250.