

Embedding Your Wishes

Family Program at the TMA on June 5th, 2016

Interpretive Tour

15 minutes
Pre-Columbian Agriculture/Culture



10 minutes
Performance Experience



15 minutes
Pre-Columbian Agriculture/Culture



Seed Paper Making 60 minutes



Spiritual Planting

10 minutes
Spiritual performance
(Imitating as snakes & finding your families)



15 minutes
Planting wishes!!
(Making connections with the land and embedding your wishes!!)



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The Seeds in This Project

In this project, we specifically chose CORN, SQUASH, and BEANS as our seeds to create seed paper. The reason is that the three plants in pre-Columbian life are so-called "THREE SISTERS." They are the three main crops that pre-Columbian ate. Pre-Columbians would plant corns and then spread squash and bean seeds in the corn fields so that squashes' and beans' stalks could climb along the corn stalks to grow.

In this project, we want our participants to experience pre-Columbians' hope of wanting the growth of the three sisters by creating and planting seed paper with the seeds of the three sisters. The process of planting the seed paper (wishes) becomes a symbolized action—

Making Seed Paper

Materials:

Color Paper, Formation Aid, Water, A Blender, Sticks, Wax Paper, Animal Molds, Spoons, Toothpicks, Seeds, Sponges

Procedure:

Preparation: Soak color-paper pieces in water with a little formation aid overnight

1. Use a blender to create paper pulps from soaked color-paper pieces.
2. Place a piece of wax paper on the table. Pick an animal mold.
3. Pour paper pulp into an animal mold.
4. Use a stick to make the pulp layer averagely in the mold.
Keep poking the pulp few times to condense the pulp.
5. Use a sponge pressing the pulp in mold lightly to suck up water.
6. Use a toothpick to trace the edge of the pulp so that the mold can be easily separated from the pulp later.
7. Remove the mold. Use a sponge to press the formed seed paper to suck up extra water few time. *Be careful that do not ruin the seed paper's shape.*
8. Add a seed to the wet seed paper and embed with a little additional pulp.
9. Choose one of the methods to dry your seed paper:
 - * Iron the wet seed paper.
 - * Leave the wet seed paper under the sun.



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1. Write down your wishes on the dry seed paper.
2. Plant the seed paper in a pot (or a cup) with garden soil.
3. Then your wish will grow along with your seed!!