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Stark Museum of Art Hosts Spring Family Day on April 18, 2009

ORANGE, Texas, April 2, 2009 – Fun, games, and enrichment with a Texas theme are in store for families who attend Spring Family Day at the Stark Museum of Art on Saturday, April 18, between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. Admission is free.

The event includes family tours of the exhibition *Bluebonnets and Beyond: Julian Onderdonk, American Impressionist*, the opportunity for children to create their own landscape art, a scavenger hunt with prizes, refreshments, and more. Guests should meet at the Stark Museum Education Center, located at 812 Green Avenue in Orange, Texas, across 7th Street from the museum.

Amelia Wiggins, Educator, Public Programs, invites the public to Spring Family Day, saying, “We hope families will visit the museum on April 18 to create art together and to view the beautiful landscape paintings created by artist Julian Onderdonk.” The Stark Museum of Art welcomes visitors of all ages, but Wiggins reminds guests that children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Family Day is planned in conjunction with the museum’s special exhibition *Bluebonnets and Beyond: Julian Onderdonk, American Impressionist*, which celebrates the work of a great landscape artist and native Texas son, Julian Onderdonk. *Bluebonnets and Beyond: Julian Onderdonk, American Impressionist* is organized by the Dallas Museum of Art and is on view at the Stark Museum of Art until May 24, 2009.

Located at 712 Green Avenue in Orange, Texas, the Stark Museum of Art is open to the public at no charge Tuesday through Saturday. Hours are from 10 AM – 5 PM. Group tours are available by appointment. For more information call 409.886.ARTS (2787) or visit www.starkmuseum.org.

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Julian Onderdonk (1882-1922), *Bluebonnet Scene with a Girl*, 1920. Oil on canvas, 20 x 30 inches. The Odgen Museum of Southern Art, University of New Orleans.

About the Stark Museum of Art

The Stark Museum of Art focuses on the stunning land, the dramatic people and the diverse wildlife of the American West. Paintings, sculpture and prints interpret the West from nineteenth century frontier artists to the twentieth century artistic colonies in New Mexico. Artists include John James Audubon, Frederic Remington, Charles Marion Russell and Georgia O'Keeffe.

The Museum also features a significant collection of American Indian objects, including baskets, pottery, clothing and weavings. Other permanent collections in the Museum include the complete porcelain American Bird Series by Dorothy Doughty and the only complete series of *The United States in Crystal*, a collection of crystal urns produced by Steuben Glass to depict the 50 states and the Union.

The Stark Museum of Art is a program of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation, a non-profit organization whose other programs include the Frances Ann Lutcher Theater for the Performing Arts, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, and The W.H. Stark House.