

Conservation Pillars

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INITIAL OBJECTIVE

- Environmental posters
- Similar to “Invasive Species Control” cards Maung Htoo saw at the Charles Darwin Research Center during his visit to the Galapagos Islands in November, 2006
- Second, third and fourth grade students in Town of LaGrange
- To enhance knowledge of environmental issues in the Town of Lagrange on Earth Day 2007



Las especies introducidas son una amenaza para Galápagos. ¡En nuestras manos está prevenir!
Invasive species are a threat to Galápagos. We can stop them if we want.

Earth Day

- Day to spend with kids and remind them to take care of the environment and how important it is to celebrate Earth Day every day
- Always observed on April 22
- First Earth Day was April 22, 1970
- Former US Senator Gaylord Nelson was the co-founder
- International Earth Day Celebrated on the March Equinox
- John McConnell was founder of International Earth Day and was supported by UN Secretary General U Thant
- First International Earth Day was March 21, 2001

Conservation Pillars

- Art teacher at Overlook elementary school proposed use of conservation pillars instead of posters
- Pillars are recycled Sonnotubes(seven food cardboard cylinders used as concrete forms in construction), eighteen inch in diameter
- Students learn about recycling in addition to environment
- More students can work together on pillars than posters
- Free standing- can be displayed at any location
- Inexpensive- 14 recycled Sonnotubes cost \$50
- Collaborative project of three major organizations
- New and unique concept



Collaboration

Conservation Advisory Council



Hudson Valley Materials Exchange

Stuff Central

non-profit community warehouse for **Arts-Education-Building** materials
rescued from the business wastestream

Role of LaGrange CAC

- Sponsor Conservation Pillar project
- Procure, pick up and deliver 14 recycled Sonnotubes to Overlook Elementary
- Suggest environment themes such as clean air, clean water and biodiversity in the community to be discussed with students
- Prepare and prime the tubes
- Make arrangements with local businesses and organizations for display on Earthday (grocery stores, doctor's offices, school and government offices, etc.)
- Make arrangements to display at other community events

Procuring and Transporting Recycled Sonnotubes

- 14 Recycled Sonnotubes
- Purchased at HVME in Newburgh, NY
- Transported to LaGrange, NY



Cleaning and Priming

- CAC member and friend cleaned and primed 14 tubes
- Prepared for student artwork



Priming



Role of Overlook Elementary School

- Art teacher supervised the project
- Discussed recycling and environment themes with students
- Six 1st and 2nd grade classes (144 students) participated in 2007
- Display at school events
- Provide pillars for permanent display at District Superintendent's office and LaGrange Town Hall
- Store the finished Conservation Pillars

Student Conservation Ideas

- Art Teacher, Mrs. Carol DiPalo worked with students
- Students gave ideas on conservation



Students working on Ideas



Students Ideas

- Clean Air
- Clean Water
- Beautiful Trees
- Places to Play
- Animals
 - Birds in our Back Yard
 - Fish of New York
- Plants
- Our Beautiful Area



Working on the Pillars



Pillars in Progress

- Over a several week period classes completed pillars



Pillars in Progress



Completed Pillars



Art Teacher, Mrs. Carol DiPalo and Principal, Dr. Brady Fister

Completed Pillars

- Working with businesses, conservation pillars in the community
 - grocery stores
 - paint store
 - eye doctor
 - Fish market
 - Town hall
 - Superintendent's offices
 - Community Day
 - Art Shows



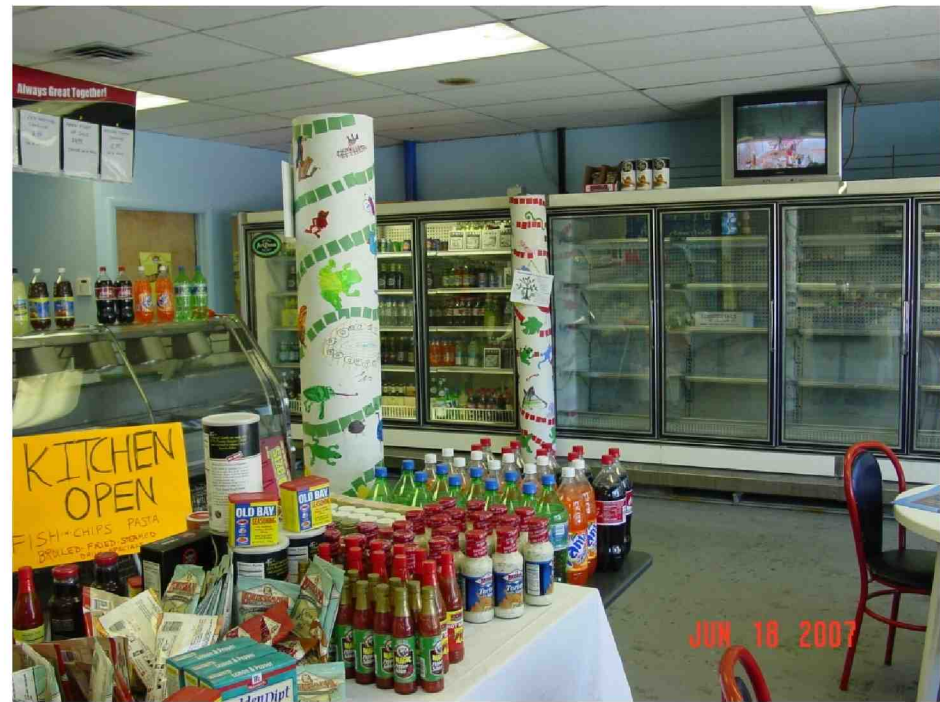
Transporting Pillars



Community Displays



LaGrange Eye Care



Ocean's Best Seafood

Community Displays

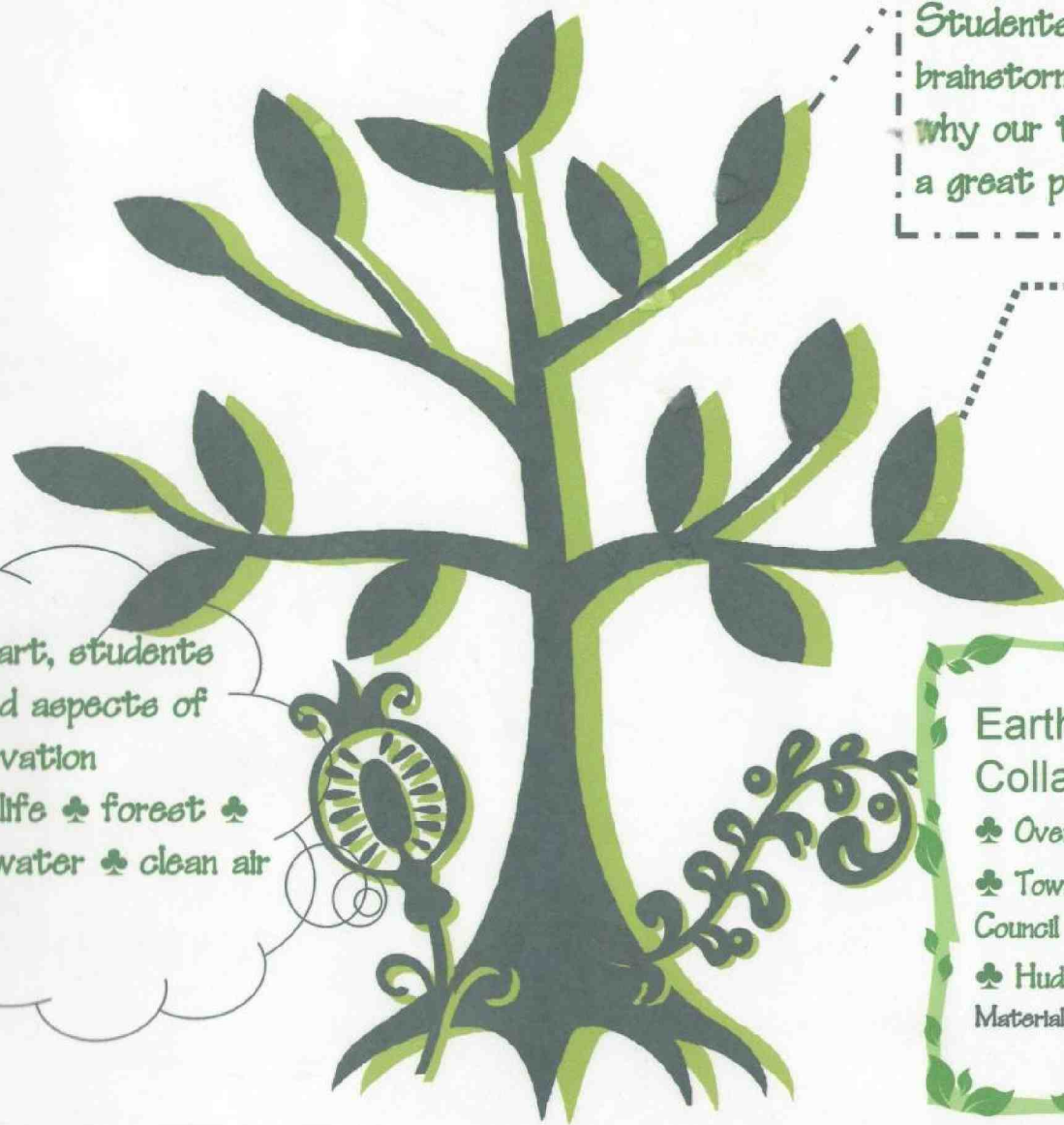


LaGrange Community Day



Hudson Valley Paint

CONSERVATION: To PRESERVE AND PROTECT



Students
brainstormed about
why our town is such
a great place to live.

We discussed the
impact of people on
the environment and
why
CONSERVATION
is necessary.

Using art, students
realized aspects of
conservation

♣ wildlife ♣ forest ♣
clean water ♣ clean air

Earth Day Project Collaborators:

- ♣ Overlook School Grades 1&2
- ♣ Town of LaGrange Conservation Advisory Council <http://www.lagrangenyc.org/index.cfm>
- ♣ Hudson Valley Materials Exchange (Recycled Materials) <http://www.hvmaterialsexchange.com/>

Community Displays



Hannaford's Grocery Store



LaGrange Art Show

CONCLUSION

- Conservation pillar project was a big hit in the community
- Continued in 2008- by 4th and 5th grade students
- 198 students participated
- More than 10, 000 people learned about the environment and conservation