FAMILY ART ACTIVITY – Andy Goldsworthy

British sculptor, photographer, and environmentalist Andy Goldsworthy is known for his site-specific land art made from natural, found materials. He crafts his installations out of rocks, ice, leaves, or branches, then carefully documents how the ephemeral installations change and wither over time. “It’s not about art,” he explains. “It’s just about life and the need to understand that a lot of things in life do not last.”

Find more examples of Andy’s work online and watch the documentary Rivers and Tides on YouTube!

Activity: Explore your yard or a nearby natural area and see what “materials” you can find. These could be leaves, sticks, rocks, flowers, etc. Decide what materials you want to use, gather them, and then create your own site specific land art. Photograph your finished work and share it with friends, family and neighbors. Make your art in your front yard and invite neighbors to do the same, then everyone in the neighborhood can enjoy a gallery walk.

Examples created by 3-5th graders at Club Boulevard Elementary in February 2017.