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Steffen Thomas Museum of Art  
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*This year's Artoberfest raffle  
prize: a one-ounce fine gold  
Krugerrand in a 12-karat gold*

### STMA's Artoberfest 2009 Features Beer, Brats and Bavarian Culture

BUCKHEAD - Get set to "roll out the barrel" at **Artoberfest 2009**, the Steffen Thomas Museum's annual Fall Fundraiser. This year's event, scheduled for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 9:30 PM, features a German Beer Garden theme.

The evening promises to be great fun with plenty of hearty German food, including a whole roast pig, juicy *bratwursts* and rich potato salad with lots of beer and wine to wash it all down. But don't worry about the calories - you'll dance the night away with live music provided by eclectic music wizards, Ed Douglas and Friend.

Other highlights include a raffle, a door prize and a silent auction offering hand-crafted items, jewelry, works of art, plus many other exciting items and services provided by local businesses. This year's raffle prize is a magnificent 1978 *Krugerrand*, a one-ounce fine gold South African coin in a 14-karat gold pendant setting valued at approximately \$1,250. Raffle tickets are priced at \$10 each; \$25 for three. **You need not be present to win!**

So, if you're ready for an evening filled with lots of *gemütlichkeit* set in a venue showcasing the astonishing, prolific art of the German-American artist, Steffen Thomas, just mark your calendar and come join us. Recommended attire is casual with a German flair.

Admission to **Artoberfest 2009** is \$35 per person. For reservations/admission, please call the museum at 706-342-7557. A guest list will be at the door; tickets will not be issued. All proceeds benefit STMA's **Arts Outreach Program** offering year-round art education to families, students and individuals in our tri-county, Lake Oconee community.

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The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art is located at 4200 Bethany Road in Buckhead. It is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 11 AM to 4 PM. For more details and directions, please call 706-342-7557 or visit [www.steffenthomas.org](http://www.steffenthomas.org).