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Steffen Thomas Museum of Art
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STMA Family Workshop Explores the Art of Handmade Pottery

BUCKHEAD – Would you like to discover your creativity and make something useful at the same time? Then be sure to sign up for the next Steffen Thomas Museum Arts Outreach Family Workshop, *A Bowl for All Reasons – Create Unique, Useful Bowls out of Raw Clay* – scheduled for **Saturday, September 12th from 10 AM to noon**.

Participants will use the “Coil Pot” method. Part of the clay is first made into a flat “pancake” to serve as the bottom of the bowl. The remaining clay is then molded into long coils. The coils are rolled around the pancake of clay to build the bowl. The outside of the bowl will retain the pattern of the coils, while the inside will be smoothed into a flat surface. Elizabeth Collins, local creative artist and the workshop teacher, will glaze and fire the bowls at her studio. Participants may pick up their creations at the museum after the glazing process is completed.

According to Elizabeth, “The bowls are wonderfully versatile. They can be used as containers for coins, shells, sachet, just about anything. And since they’re glazed, you can even serve food in them.” Breakfast will never be the same!

A third generation crafter, Elizabeth works out of her home studio in Newborn, Georgia, where she also offers classes. She uses a wide variety of elements – glass and stone beads, clay, wire and metal – to make truly one of a kind decorative as well as functional creations. Her work is displayed in art galleries and exhibitions located in Augusta, Rutledge, Covington, Athens and Madison.

Elizabeth also teaches pottery every summer to children with serious illnesses and special needs at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge. For more information on Elizabeth and her art, please visit www.sparkleplentyart.com.

The museum’s workshop fees are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children; members receive a \$2 discount. Those in financial need may attend free of charge. Reservations are required. Please call 706-342-7557.

Additional upcoming STMA family workshops are:

October 10: *Heads Up* – Create paper hats inspired by Tyrolean doll paintings by Steffen Thomas. Taught by practicing Georgia artists, Barbara Kimbrough and Joanna Ralston.

November 14: *Turn, Turn, Turn* - Use the fine art of woodturning with a lathe to create your own unique hand-crafted and painted wooden Christmas ornament. Pre-crafted, unpainted wood ornaments will be available for children and those who chose not to use the lathe. Taught by well-known wood turner and artist, Dan Thoman and local artist, Linda Thoman.