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News Release

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Greenville, SC-- This year the Greenville County Museum of Art marks the 28th anniversary of its signature fund-raiser, now called Antiques, Fine Art and Design Weekend, or AFAD for short. Sponsored by TD Bank, the annual show opens to the public on Saturday, October 19 and ends Sunday afternoon, October 20. Proceeds from this year's event will support the purchase of 10 American artworks selected to honor the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Twenty-five dealers from across the country will exhibit the best antiques, fine art, and design in the Southeast in the Museum's iconic modern setting. Silver, linens, fine art, folk art, jewelry, primitives, porcelain, and outstanding antique furniture, both American and European, are for sale.

Renowned decorator and author, Thomas Jayne, is the keynote speaker for the event. By blending the best that history has to offer with modern convenience and comfort, Thomas Jayne creates elegant and relaxed spaces perfectly suited to 21st-century living. A resident of both New York and New Orleans, Jayne brings a touch of the South to his interiors as well. He has been recently profiled in *The Magazine Antiques* and *Flower*, and he was named to *Architectural Digest's* Top 100 List of Designers and Architects.

Thomas Jayne's lecture on Saturday, October 19, is sponsored by *Garden & Gun* magazine. Tickets, which are \$30, include coffee and light breakfast treats, a 20% discount on any Thomas Jayne book, and a general admission AFAD Weekend ticket. Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, call 864.546.4061.

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In 1986, the very first antiques show impressed Greenville with its elegant black-tie preview party and its beautiful show floor in the museum's galleries. At that first show, 20 dealers showcased the best in American and English furniture, silver, rugs, and porcelains. Of those original 20, three exhibitors have been part of the show for 27 years, and this year the GCMA welcomes seven dealers who are new to AFAD Weekend, raising the total number of exhibitors to 25.

In addition to shopping from an array of stunning antiques, fine art, and folk art, guests can savor delicious Southern hospitality with a tasty boxed lunch, an elegant dessert, or relaxing glass of wine in the afternoon.

Since its inception, the GCMA Antiques Show, now known as Antiques, Fine Art & Design Weekend has raised more than \$7 million for the acquisition of more than 85 works of art for Greenville. Today the Greenville County Museum of Art is recognized as one of the country's finest American art museums. Visitors come from around the world and around the corner to see the outstanding collections of works by Andrew Wyeth and Jasper Johns along with the renowned Southern Collection, all made possible by the tireless efforts of volunteers and the incredible generosity of the community.

The 2013 Antiques, Fine Art & Design Weekend show hours are from 10 am until 6 pm on Saturday, October 19, and from 11 am until 5 pm on Sunday, October 20. GCMA Benefactors are among the first to see the beautiful antiques, fine art, and design must-haves at the private gala black-tie Preview Party, where AFAD patrons enjoy browsing the best of the best before the show opens to the public. For more information, call 864.546.4061.