

MMA Members Celebrate New Exhibitions

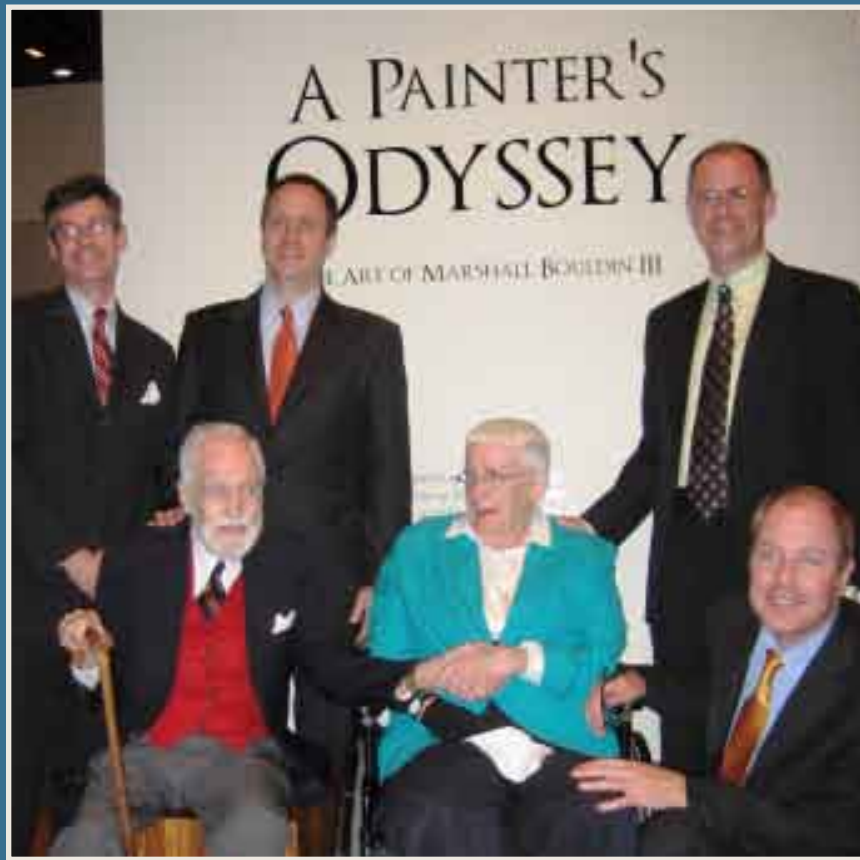
Museum members gathered in October to celebrate the opening of two new exhibitions: *John James Audubon: American Artist and Naturalist* and *A Painter's Odyssey: The Art of Marshall Bouldin III*.



Norma Owen, Betsy Bradley, Penn Owen



Peder Johnson, Sherry Stribling Greener, Betsy Greener, Jamie Bouldin, Betsy Bradley



Marshall and Mel Bouldin with their sons Jason, Jamie, Marshall, and Mahlon



Mel Bouldin and Sherry Stribling Greener



Linda Lambeth's floral interpretation of Robert Rector's painting, *Untitled* from the *Axis* series.

Floral Interpretations

The Garden Club of Jackson hosted a juried flower show at the Museum in October. "The Mississippi Story – Beyond Magnolias!" featured floral interpretations of specially-selected paintings by participating garden club members. Linda Lambeth won Best in Show for her interpretation of Robert Rector's painting, *Untitled*, from the *Axis* series.

Bethlehem Tree Lights up Holiday Season

In 2008, the Museum became the new home for the Younger Foundation Crèche Collection and Bethlehem Tree. Most recently housed and displayed annually at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens in Memphis, Tennessee, the installation features a sixteen-foot-tall tree and more than 100 authentic eighteenth-century Neapolitan angel and Nativity figurines in an opulent Italian crèche setting. The collection was inspired by a 1985 trip to New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art by Mrs. Jewell Younger Graeber of Marks, Mississippi. After first viewing the world-renowned Angel Tree, Mrs. Graeber was so moved that she began her own collection to share with the children of Mississippi. The installation premiered in Jackson on November 11 during a lighting ceremony reminiscent of the one held each year at the Met.



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Peder Johnson, Gay Graeber Stubbs and Jack Stubbs, Ann Brock, and Betsy Bradley with Jewell Younger Graeber (seated center)



22nd Annual Rembrandt Society Dinner

The Museum honored its highest level of donors at the annual Rembrandt Society Dinner on November 21. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a seated dinner prepared by Chef Emily Burgess. Marshall Ramsey, editorial cartoonist for *The Clarion-Ledger*, entertained the crowd with on-the-spot drawings lampooning the 2008 political campaign. The dinner was sponsored by BKD LLP CPAs and Advisors, with additional support provided by Home-Land Title Real Estate Services.



Thomas and Michele Harris and Ron Yarbrough



Dea Dea Baker and Laurie Smith



Bo and Shannon Smith



Eason and Ellen Leake