

EDUCATION

Art Teachers Gather at MMA



The Mississippi Museum of Art hosted the MAEA's (Mississippi Art Educators Association) three-day fall conference in November. In coordination with the exhibition *John James Audubon, American Artist and Naturalist*, the theme of the conference was entitled "For the Birds"!

Left: Betsy Bradley addresses MAEA conference participants.

REGISTRATION FOR KALEIDOSCOPE SUMMER ART CAMP 2009

- Look for information about Kaleidoscope Summer Art Camp 2009 online at www.msmuseumart.org.
- General registration will begin on March 4.
- Classes are available for students in grades K5 - 2nd, 3rd - 5th, and 6th - 8th.

PLEASE NOTE: Rising 3rd - or 6th - grade students may remain in the younger grade level sessions and/or move up to an older grade level.

Volunteer Training/Enrichment Sessions

Volunteers are always needed at the Museum. Greeting visitors, supplying general information about the Museum and its programs, or leading a tour group through an exhibition are just some of the ways volunteers contribute their time and talents. The Museum staff will gladly tailor your interests and time to best accommodate you. Please don't be shy; our exhibition-based volunteer training and enrichment sessions will prepare you to assist our visitors in numerous capacities. For more information about the Museum's volunteer program, please contact Ivy Alley at 601.960.1515 or ialley@msmuseumart.org.

TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 1 - 2 PM, YATES COMMUNITY ROOM

March 11 • April 8 • May 13 • June 10 • July 8 • August 12
September 9 • October 14 • November 11 • December 9



Author Clyde Ford is pictured with Cleta Ellington prior to the October 2008 gathering of Museum Reads. Ford discussed his book *Precious Cargo* and signed copies for The Museum Store.

MUSEUM READS

The official Museum's book club, "Museum Reads," is for individuals who are interested in delving deeper into the subjects explored in the MMA's exhibitions and programs. "Museum Reads" is organized by the MMA with the expertise of educator, author, and artist Cleta Ellington. There is no fee to participate but membership in the Museum is a requirement. Featured books may be purchased in The Museum Store to prepare for each month's discussion.

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NEW COLLECTORS CLUB

New Collectors Club Enjoys Spring and Summer Gatherings



David Lambert (born 1961), *Crop Duster*, 2007 mixed mediums with found objects. Collection of the artist.

The Mississippi Museum of Art's New Collectors Club supports new and experienced collectors by providing fun, educational opportunities such as visits to artists' studios and collectors' homes, exclusive tours of Museum exhibitions, and out-of-state art excursions. The group enjoyed an active late summer and fall 2008. In August, the New Collectors Club visited the studio of artist David Lambert at his and Vidal Blankenstein's home in Belhaven. There, club members had a sneak preview of Lambert's sixty-three airplanes which were exhibited in September at Belhaven College. The artist has lent one of his airplanes, *Crop Duster*, 2007, to the Museum where it is on display in the "Land" galleries of *The Mississippi Story* exhibition. The club hosted a dinner at the Museum in honor of Marshall Bouldin III on October 3, prior to the opening reception of the exhibition, *A Painter's Odyssey: The Art of Marshall Bouldin III*. Bouldin is Mississippi's most prominent portrait artist. He, his wife, sister and four sons were among the dinner guests.

Gloria Walker, a trustee and a longtime patron of the Museum, hosted the New Collectors Club on October 9 in her home, which is also home to a wonderful collection of nineteenth-century American art. Gloria explained how she and her late husband Bill began their collection and their criteria for selecting paintings to purchase. She also shared that among her most prized artworks are drawings and paintings by her grandchildren!

Late winter and spring 2009 brings a variety of New Collectors Club programs, some in conjunction with *Raoul Dufy: A Celebration of Beauty*, including an art trip to the Mississippi Delta. The New Collectors Club welcomes anyone and everyone interested in participating! The annual dues are \$45 for an individual and \$80 for a couple in addition to a Museum membership. To join, please contact Beth Batton at 601-960-1515 or bbatton@msmuseumart.org.

YES!

I want to become a member of the New Collectors Club*.

New Collectors Club Individual Member [\$45]

New Collectors Club Dual Member [\$80]

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Check _____ Credit Card _____ Amount \$ _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Please return form along with payment to Mississippi Museum of Art, 380 South Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

Please make checks payable to Mississippi Museum of Art.

*Museum membership is required in order to join the New Collectors Club.

New Collectors Club Schedule

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 5 PM

Wine & Cheese, 5:30 pm, Rendez-vous with the Curator A private walkthrough of Raoul Dufy: A Celebration of Beauty on opening night with exhibition curator Shirley Howarth

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 6 PM

A visit to the studio of painter Miriam Weems

APRIL 24 - 26

A weekend art trip to the Mississippi Delta

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 6 PM

A visit to the home of art collectors Maggie and Seymour Pooley

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 6 PM

A visit to the studio of textile artist Gwendolyn A. Magee in conjunction with Raoul Dufy: A Celebration of Beauty

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 6 PM

A reception honoring exhibiting artist Ed McGowin in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilkins