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JANUARY PROGRAM

WHAT: The Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, followed by lunch

**WHERE: Bayou Bend
1 Westcott St at Memorial**

**WHEN: Wednesday, January 14, 2009
10:00 – 1:30 PM**

**RSVP: to Vicki Rosenstein by January 9, 2009
at (949) 842-9100 or at
DreamViewVicki@comcast.net.**

Our group will enjoy a private tour of The Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, followed by a no host lunch at Mak Chen's Bistro. The Bayou Bend Collection & Gardens is one of the nation's foremost assemblages of American decorative arts dating from 1620 through 1870. The collection is housed in the magnificent former home of Ima Hogg, a Texas philanthropist, who began acquiring furniture & art in the 1920s and donated her home for use as a museum. She was largely responsible for Bayou Bend's innovative architecture and breathtaking 1920s garden.

We will meet at Bayou Bend, 10:00 A.M. at 1 Westcott Street at Memorial, Houston 77007, (Phone: 713-639-7750). Our lunch will be at noon at Mak Chin's Bistro (Asian fusion cuisine), at 1511 Shepherd Dr., Houston, 77007, (Phone: 713 861-9888).

Tour Cost: \$10.00/person, \$2.00 discount per person with a MFAH membership card.

Upcoming Program Events

February 7, 2009: Evening of Art, Wine, and Chocolate. This promises to be a lovely evening with wine tasting and presentation by our most famous local oenologist paired with delectable chocolates. View the hosts' impressive collection of contemporary art. Location: Home of Alton and Emily Steiner. Watch your email for an "evite"!

March 12, 2009, 10:30 to 1:00 PM Ladies' Day Off in Chinatown; shopping, visiting a Buddhist Temple (if possible and available) and enjoying a dim sum lunch.

April 7, 2009: Federal Reserve Bank tour and no-host lunch at locale to be announced. (RSVP required by March 31, 2009).

May, 2009: May luncheon finale with lovely fare and compelling speakers

If you have questions, comments, concerns, feedback, or ideas, Contact: Vicki Rosenstein, Program Chair, and Cell: (949) 842-9100, Home: (281) 888-3950

REPORT on the Art Wall Auction and the Robo-Surgery event

Our December program combining art and science and lunch--Art Wall Auction and tour of Robo-Surgery facilities--had great attendance and was very enjoyable. There was much interest in the auction offerings, and the Art Wall Committee thanks our group for the turnout and for bidding on the pieces. The final accounting of money collected is not yet available, but it will be a welcome addition to the Art Wall Endowment Fund. Then our group got a chance to play doctor with the tour of Memorial Hermann's Robotic facility. Our guide, Armando Garcia, provided an overview of this center, which is used to train physicians from all over the country and beyond, and he showed us how the equipment

is used to perform minimally invasive surgery. (All the while real patients were safely upstairs in the OR!) Turns out several of our group members are quite adept at manipulating the robot arms to pick up and move tiny objects not to mention exhibiting great skill at suturing. A sewing background surely helps. We thank Armando for taking the time to explain this unique center. Our box lunches, provided courtesy of Dean Colasurdo, were delicious. For those interested, they were catered by Mandy Bennett's appropriately-named company D'Lish (website is www.dlish.net.) We are grateful to Dr. Colasurdo and also to Mandy who bid on and won two auction photos.

See photos of the event later in the newsletter!

BOOK CLUB – JANUARY 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 PM

WHERE: At Julie Knobil's house
2610 Glen Haven
Houston 77025

RSVP: 713-666-4926 or jhknobil@cs.com

BOOK: *Evidence of Things Unseen*,
By Marianne Wiggins

A twentieth-century story of an interesting Tennessean and his acquired family. You will recognize many of the events!

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BOOK CLUB – FEBRUARY 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 7 pm

WHERE: at the home of Sally O'Malley
6602 Brompton, Houston 77005

RSVP: 713-661-9987 or
saomalley@comcast.net

BOOK: *The Journey of Ibn Fattouma*, by
Naguib Mahfouz

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BOOK CLUB – MARCH 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, March 10, 2009:

WHERE: at the home of Carol Murad
3324 Nottingham, Houston 77005

RSVP: 713-664-3509

BOOK: *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, by Michael Pollan

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BOOK CLUB – APRIL 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7 pm

WHERE: to be announced

BOOK: *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick

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BOOK CLUB – MAY 2009

WHEN: Tuesday, May 12, 2009

WHERE: to be announced

BOOK: *Year of Wonders*, by Geraldine Brooks

For you Geraldine Brooks fans, please note that The Inprint Margaret Root Brown Reading Series will feature Geraldine Brooks, *Author of Year of Wonders*, at the Jewish Community Center (5601 S. Braeswood, 77096) on January 12, 2009. Call 713-729-3200 for the time.

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Lynne Arnett and new Art Wall Committee member Marcia Snyder



Carol Murad, Susan Byrne and Becky Hunter with the Art Wall poster



The group at lunch, kindly supplied by the Dean's Office



This is our guide to robo-surgery, Armando Garcia, with the most incredible machine ever! We all had a chance to try manipulating the little arms (the slender pointy things) from a nearby console (not shown) where we could practice stitching or moving tiny objects in the practice field shown above. A magnified view of the field is shown on the television monitors to the right of Armando's head, so we could watch how clever (or not) our members were at "robo-surgery 101".