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Members of the MIAL Board of Governors attending a recent meeting at the MS Museum of Art in Jackson are: Pictured (1st row, L-R): Martha Hitch, Gwen Magee, Marion Barnwell, Leila Wynn, Dorothy Shawhan; (2nd row, L-R): Kim Rushing, JoAnne Morris, Nan Sanders, Marjorie Selvidge, Mary Thompson, Nancy Guice, Margaret Robbins, Ann Abadie, Bridget Pieschel; (3rd row, L-R): Mark Wiggs, Donzell Lee, David Beckley, Will Long, George Bassi, Aubrey Lucas, Jan Taylor.

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MIAL Call for Nominations

Nominations are due January 15, 2010, for this year’s awards. Members only are allowed to nominate individuals for awards. MIAL welcomes new members, and anyone may join. Please see the Membership and Nomination forms inside or visit our website at www.ms-arts-letters.org. For more information contact Margaret Anne Robbins, Executive Secretary, 662-523-0899.

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MIAL HONORS 2009 AWARD WINNERS

by Mary McKenzie Thompson, *Publicity Chair*

On June 13, 2009, the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters (MIAL) celebrated Mississippi artists, writers, photographers, and musicians at its Thirtieth Anniversary Awards Banquet. The elegant celebration was held at the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art in Laurel, Mississippi, and had as its Master of Ceremonies Dr. Aubrey Lucas, President Emeritus of the University of Southern Mississippi and formerly Interim Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Mississippi. Each winner received a cash award as well as a piece of raku pottery created by Byron Myrick of Moselle, Mississippi. Myrick is a member of the Craftsman’s Guild of Mississippi and is a Professor of Art at Jones County Junior College.



Harriet Porter, Lynn Gammill, H.C. Porter and Marshall Bouldin III visit at the reception prior to the awards banquet.

This year’s award recipients were Howard Bahr for *Pelican Road* (Fiction); Douglas A. Blackmon for *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II* (Non-fiction); Brooks Haxton for *They Lift Their Wings to Cry* (Poetry); Steve Rouse for *Between Stillness* (Classical Music Composition); 3 Doors Down (Brad Arnold, Matt Roberts, Todd Harrell, Chris Henderson, Greg Upchurch) for *3 Doors Down* (Contemporary/Popular Musical Composition); Jane Rule Burdine for *Delta Deep Down* (Photography); and H.C. (Chris) Porter for *Backyards and Beyond: Mississippians and Their Stories* (Visual Arts).

At the discretion of the Board of Governors of the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters, Lifetime Achievement Awards are occasionally bestowed. This year the Institute celebrated its thirtieth anniversary by bestowing two such awards to deserving Mississippians, Marshall Bouldin III and Elizabeth Spencer. Cited as “the South’s foremost portrait painter,” Mr. Bouldin has enjoyed a career of artistic achievement spanning four decades and has created more than 800 portraits. He was the first inductee into the National Portrait Artist Hall of Fame. Elizabeth Spencer is the author of nine novels, including *Light in the Piazza*; four short story collections; and her memoir of growing up in Carrollton, Mississippi, entitled *Landscapes of the Heart*.



Elizabeth Spencer accepts the MIAL Lifetime Achievement Award.

MIAL was founded in 1978 by former Governor William Winter of Jackson, Dr. Aubrey Lucas of Hattiesburg, Dr. Noel Polk of Starkville, the late Keith McLean of Dockery, and other arts supporters and visionaries in the state. Judges for the awards are chosen from outside the state in each of the categories. MIAL is the only organization in the state that chooses its winners in a juried competition.

1980	LiteratureEllen Douglas MusicLuigi Zaninelli ArtEd McGowin
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1982	LiteratureEllen Gilchrist MusicWilliam Grant Still <i>(posthumously)</i> ArtValerie Jaudon
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1984	LiteratureRebecca Hill MusicPatrick Houlihan ArtJames L. Seawright, Jr.
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1987	LiteratureRichard Ford MusicDavid Caudill Visual Art.....Ke Francis Photography.....Birney Imes, III
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MISSISSIPPI INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND LETTERS AWARD NOMINATION

MIAL members are encouraged to make nominations to honor the artistic achievements of living Mississippians (current residents or former ones with continuing, significant ties to the state). Judges will consider only work shown, published, or performed in **2009**. Members may nominate more than one individual in any category. One page of comments may be included in support of nomination. Nominations should include place and date of birth. Please make additional copies of this form if needed.

Only MIAL members may nominate.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

VISUAL ARTS (painting, sculpture, drawing, print, graphic arts, etc.) Eligible are up to 15 pieces first publicly shown or published in 2009. Submit CD, slides, prints, or published work.

PHOTOGRAPHY (color, black and white, combination) Eligible are up to 15 photographs first publicly shown or published in 2009. Submit CD, slides, prints, or published work.

FICTION (novel, short story, etc.) Eligible is work first published in 2009. Submit author’s name, publisher, title of publication, and date of publication.

NONFICTION (any literature that is not fictional) Eligible is work first published in 2009. Submit author’s name, publisher, title of publication, and date of publication.

POETRY Eligible are up to 15 poems published individually for the first time in 2009, or a collection of at least 15 poems published in book form for the first time in 2009 (poems in the collection may have been first published earlier than 2009). Submit complete tear sheets or publication.

MUSIC COMPOSITION-Concert (song, opera, composition, instrumental music etc.) This award is for works first published or performed publicly in 2009. Submit evidence of initial performance or publication (book, CD, tape) in 2009.

MUSIC COMPOSITION-Popular (blues, country music, jazz, rock, etc.) Submit published scores or the commercial recording first released in 2009.

DEADLINE: Nominations must be postmarked on or before **January 15, 2010**. Attach the artist’s representative work (slides, photographs, CD’s, books, etc.). Please mail the nomination to the appropriate address according to the awards category entered.

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FIRST SHOWN/PUBLISHED/PERFORMED: _____

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