

Southbridge Garden Club Well Represented at Inaugural TELFAIR IN BLOOM

by Mary S. Williams, President

During April, the Jepson Center and Telfair Academy were transformed by floral interpretations of thirty pieces of museum artwork – paintings, sculptures, and decorative arts - by thirty different local design groups including our own Mary Tritch, Bonnie Powers, and Ann Weiss representing the Southbridge Garden Club. This vibrant festival of glorious, fresh flowers used to interpret Telfair's artwork opened up a new way of seeing the museum for many in our community!

The floral interpretation of our assigned painting, *Le dÃ©jeuner sous les bois* (Luncheon under the Trees) by Alfred Smith, was described by Mary Tritch as follows, "Imagine 1903 outdoors, savoring a cup of coffee after lunch and loving the company of a fair feathered friend while joyous rays of sunlight depict the natural beauty with shades of green and white at your fingertips. White tulips, snapdragons, stock, Queen Anne's Lace, and peonies represent light, while ruscus, moss, and branches depict the setting in nature chosen for lunch." Fantastic creation!



