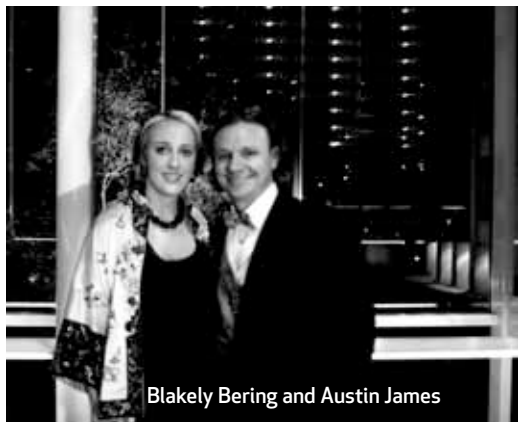


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FLOWER POWER

# 2007 RDA GALA

## Green Matters, Green Works!

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RDA members and supporters gathered on November 3 for the 21st annual RDA gala to celebrate sustainable architecture. Houston landscape historian and environmental activist Sadie Gwin Blackburn was honored for raising environmental awareness in Houston and leading efforts to conserve the city's parks, bayous, and gardens. Mrs. Blackburn was presented with a green crystal bowl donated by Lalique Houston.

Over 1,000 guests gathered at One and Two Allen Center, where Brookfield Properties was the host for the evening. Gala chairs Andrea and Bob Crawmer joined RDA President Nonya Grenader and husband Jonathan to greet guests as they made their way to the auction that featured over 140 unique design items and 80 works of art curated by auction chair Austin James and his committee.

One Allen Center was transformed by the installation of a field of flowers floating ten feet above the dining tables, specified by environment chairs Eric Ragni and Scott Strasser and installed by Rebekah Johnson.

Acute Events & Catering prepared a meal of locally grown foods and Texas wines. Guests recycled the Gerbera daisy centerpiece flowers by taking them home and gave back their favor, a solar-powered flashlight, to benefit orphaned children in Nairobi, Kenya. ([fwminternational.com/mogra\\_star\\_academy](http://fwminternational.com/mogra_star_academy)).

Underwriting chair Kimberly Hickson and her committee set records for the number of tables sold at the highest giving levels and Austin band Third Language got everyone out on the dance floor at evening's end.



Alice Craig and Sadie Gwin Blackburn



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