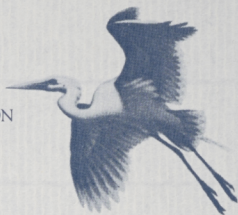


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August 16, 1985

Mr. Eliot Porter
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Dear Mr. Porter:

The final report from Christie's on the Audubon Auction was received on August 6, and it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I now report that the National Audubon Society raised \$713,900 from the sale of the 100 works by Randall Davey.

I very much regret that you were unable to attend the Champagne Brunch, but would like you to know how much we feel that your support, and that of your friends, contributed to the goodwill that was generated at this event, which set the stage for what was to become the grand success of the auction on July 2.

The net proceeds from the auction will go towards the creation of a fund that will partially support the National Audubon Society's state office in New Mexico, environmental education activities, and the maintenance of the historic Davey home, gardens, and remaining art collection. Our work is just beginning though, as we make plans to go to foundations, corporations, and the many individuals who have expressed a sincere interest in helping us put all the necessary funding in place, to assure the ongoing support of the programs and the continued excellence of this facility.

After a careful search, and to help us achieve our goals, David Henderson, Director, and Janie Cox, Education Specialist, have been selected to staff the Randall Davey Audubon Center. It is important for all of us at Audubon to know that you will continue to be a visitor at the Center, and that you will want to become involved and participate in the events there, as they are scheduled. Please let Dave and Janie hear from you.

I sincerely hope this is just the beginning of a mutually rewarding relationship between you and the National Audubon Society, and that we may continue to count on your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Brian J. Bedell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B".

Brian J. Bedell
Senior Vice President
Finance and Planning