

Gentling Bird Paintings Return to Museum

"The Gentling Paintings: Of Birds and Texas" returns to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History May 23. The collection comprises 50 watercolor paintings of Texas birds inhabiting this state for all or part of the year. The birds are depicted life-size and are set against landscape backgrounds that show most of Texas' major geographical regions.

These paintings are the result of an unusual collaboration by Fort Worth artists Scott and Stuart Gentling, twin brothers who spent more than eight years creating them for the book *Of "Birds and Texas"*. The Gentlings say that the reason they are artists today probably stems from their early interest in John James Audubon's life and work, an interest sparked when they were 13 years old by their discovery of a book on Audubon's paintings in the library of the Museum of Science and History.

The Gentling paintings will be on display through June 28. The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is located at 1501 Montgomery Street, one mile north of Interstate 30. Museum hours are Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.

General admission to exhibits is \$3.00.