

"Mourning Dove" 20" x 26"
Watercolor
Stuart Gentling Scott Gentling



The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is proud to announce the first public exhibition of the complete collection of original bird paintings created by Scott and Stuart Gentling for their book entitled *OF BIRDS AND TEXAS*. This book, eight years in the making and a landmark in the history of Texas publishing, contains forty color plates of Texas birds with all but one of the birds depicted life-size. Beautifully painted landscapes provide poetic settings for the bird portraits, showing the different regions of the state and portraying the changing moods of the seasons, weather, and the different times of day. The book

also contains a major new work of literature by author John Graves.

This is the first time that all forty Gentling watercolors have been displayed together, and many of the paintings have never been exhibited before. The Museum's Board of Trustees is particularly pleased to begin Texas' official Sesquicentennial year with this special exhibition of a unique collection of two of Fort Worth's most respected artists. The Museum hopes to acquire these paintings so that both it and the city of Fort Worth will become the collection's permanent home.

The Board of Trustees
of the
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
cordially invites you
to attend
the opening reception
in honor of donors for

**THE GENTLING PAINTINGS:
OF BIRDS AND TEXAS**

Friday evening
the tenth of January, 1986
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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