

Gentling Publications

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Ms. Claire Berry
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Dear Claire:

Scott and Stuart Gentling have been in the news recently for their universally acclaimed paintings for the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall in downtown Fort Worth. The theater will be opening in May, 1998. The public will get a chance to preview these fascinating drawings, models and painted studios, two weeks before the hall opens, when the Kimbell Art Museum presents an exhibition of Gentling works related to the theatre project. It will be a large exhibition and an unprecedented honor for these living artists.

As the Gentlings' Fort Worth art dealer for many years, I have been receiving calls from collectors, asking if the book and portfolio of art prints, *Of Birds And Texas*, or any of its colored plates are still available. There are a few signed and numbered copies that are now offered for sale at \$4,500 each. Signed prints of the colored bird plates are for sale at \$350. Some of these individual prints have sold at auctions for as much as \$1,000 or more. There were only 225 copies of each plate printed for sale. Many of the Gentling books have been divided and sold because the value of the prints far exceeds the purchase price of the book. A great many copies have been bequeathed to university and public libraries. All of these factors enhance the rarity and value of the intact books that remain in private hands.

Of Birds And Texas has been hailed as the most magnificent book in Texas history. Now, more than ten years after its publishing debut, this unique and marvelous folio has stood the test of time and remains unchallenged in the world of Texas arts and letters. If you are interested in owning one of these superb folios or any of the remaining colored prints, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (817) 735-9333.

Sincerely,

Ralph Carr

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