

Memorandum

To: Anne Crews, VP Corporate Affairs – (972) 687-1613
CC: Joanna Hitchcock, Ex. Dir. UT Press
From: Catriona Glazebrook, Ex. Dir. Texas Audubon Society
Date: 12/21/98
Re: 100 Anniversary Celebration of Audubon in Texas and Invitation to John Graves

Dear Anne:

Thank you for your assistance in inviting John Graves to be a speaker at Audubon's 100th anniversary celebration of Audubon in Texas. On March 5th, 1899 two young Galveston Residents started the first Audubon Society in Texas. On March 5th 1999, 100 years later, Texas Audubon Society is celebrating this event across Texas. We will be hosting a gala reception (Friday Evening) (underwritten by the Bass Family) at Bass Hall in Fort Worth.

Donal O'Brien, Chair of the Audubon Board of Directors and John Flicker, the President of National Audubon Society will host the event along with Perry Bass.

Stuart Gentling, the celebrated Fort Worth artist, will speak about the creation of *Of Birds and Texas* and the work that he and his brother Scott have done on Bass Hall itself.

John Graves wrote the introduction to *Of Birds and Texas*. We would like to have John Graves read from his Introduction – highlighting his experiences with the Audubon Society and celebrating the wonderful birds that can be found in Texas.

At this event we will also be distributing conservation awards, and honoring Audubon volunteers and staff.

There will also be a private showing of some of the Gentling paintings before the reception begins.

Audubon will cover John's transportation and accommodation costs to be a speaker at the event.

I look forward to hearing from you to discover whether John will entertain our offer. We would like to know by the second week in January, which is when we intend on mailing our invitations.

Thank you again and have a Happy Holiday.

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