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Stuart Gentling
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Dear Stuart:

I met with Shannon today and we discussed *Of Birds and Texas*. I like Shannon's recommendations and am inclined to have the book published by Audubon.

I have asked her if should could produce a mock-up for display at the Bass Hall gala and this may be possible. This mock-up will also provide us with a "version" to show to potential funders.

If we decide to pursue this direction, we would need to develop a fundraising plan and a contract of understanding. While the initial costs for creating the book are very reasonable, marketing is also key. I would like to have a cost estimate for this to give me a sense of all funds needed to make this project succeed.

Let me know what your thoughts are.

Also, regarding the 100th reception at Bass Hall, everything is falling into place. John Flicker and Donal O'Brien will be there as well as Andy Sansom and other dignitaries. Perry Bass supplied us with a list of invitees in the Fort Worth area and our local chapter has also been involved.

If you have any one that you would like us to invite please let us know within the next week.

The private showing of the Traveling exhibit will be at Bass Hall and will take place from 5-6 pm. We look forward to you leading the showing and speaking about the 22 paintings that will be exhibited. The reception then starts at 6 pm and ends at 10:00 pm.

In our program I would also like for you to say a few words about the work that you and Scott have done on Bass Hall as

well as introduce *Of Birds and Texas*. Please plan on speaking for 15-20 minutes.

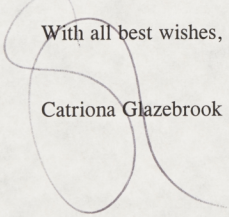
Laura Bush will be writing a letter of support of your paintings that can travel with the exhibit throughout the state. (I believe we now have 6 confirmed sites and 3 more in the works) I will be preparing a letter for her signature – let me know if you would like her to cover anything of importance to you and Scott. I will prepare the letter within the next two weeks.

I also wanted to let you know that one of our local chapters (Waco) was so encouraged by your art that they have started an art competition for children. They have asked if you would send a letter to the winning child acknowledging their work.

Last but not least, we are also in the process of confirming the silent auction items. You had stated that an Elephant Folio will be donated and we plan on giving the book a premier spot in our silent auction area.

Well, this seems to be all for now. Invitations are in the mail this week. We are all looking forward to the event.

With all best wishes,



Catriona Glazebrook