



THE MUSEUM OF
PRINTING HISTORY

September 23, 2004

Stuart & Scott Gentling
4801 Harley Street
Ft. Worth, Texas 76107

Dear Stuart,

To follow up on our telephone conversation, the Museum of Printing History would like to have an exhibition, "Of Birds and Texas," that will open on November 12.

The MPH is a small, gem-like museum with rare printing presses (including the first printing press in Texas), documents, and fine prints. We are housed in a reconditioned building that was once home to the major printing company in Houston, in the heart of the Montrose-Museum District.

Though we are a small non-profit organization, this exhibit would give your work a chance to be shown and appreciated by a growing group of collectors and museum-goers. Many of our members and trustees are Texana collectors and are excited at the prospect of having this show.

On reflection, I think what we need to do is purchase a set of exhibition prints of the Birds, and then promote to our board the possibility they buy the elephant folio as well. Our main goal is to have this as an exhibit first.

I would like to come up to Ft. Worth mid-October to pick up the prints. I realize you are also preparing an exhibit for the Ft. Worth Science Museum, and if you are printing a set of prints for them, perhaps you can double the run?

I will call you early next week to get the price, make arrangements, and schedule my trip to Ft. Worth. My driver will be my significant other, Herman Detering, who is a rare book collector and owner of Detering Book Gallery, a rare book store in Houston. I think you and Scott would like him. By the way, the Museum of Printing History will be showing some Pre-Columbian roller stamps!

Talk to you soon.

My best,

Mimi Crossley
Curator