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Ingersoll given NatureWorks award ease

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NatureWorks celebrates our wildlife and those who love it.

It is the organization that places those great heroic-sized wildlife monuments around the city, recognizes people and companies dedicated to promoting conservation, and presents an annual wildlife art show that raises money to fund wildlife conservation projects in northeastern Oklahoma.

As a prelude to this year's NatureWorks Art Show and Sale - March 5 and 6 at the Renaissance Hotel - rancher Win Ingersoll received the organization's Wildlife Stewardship Award at a recent dinner held at Southern Hills Country Club.

He lives on the 11,000 acre McFarlin-Ingersoll Ranch started by his great-grandfather in 1915.

Win is the fourth-generation family member to run the ranch in Inola and has owned and operated it since 1965. Win's interest in wildlife conservation and his love of watching a good pointing dog work, prompted his effort to preserve the natural habitat of the bobwhite quail.

That makes him a natural choice for this year's bronze "Shinnery Oak Bobwhites" created by Eric Slocombe of San Marcos, Texas, which depicts a covey of flushing quail and an English pointer.

Also on the program was John Cowen, NatureWorks Board of Directors Monuments chairman, who is responsible for commissioning the artist and everything associated with the monument. Each year the organization donates to Tulsa or Tulsa County a larger-than-life bronze monument created by a sculptor selected from entries from artists all over the country.

Others on the program were David Bond, president of the NatureWorks Board of Directors; board member Jack Morris, who recalled hunting with Ingersoll on his ranch; and Slocombe.

Family and friends joining Win Ingersoll and his wife, Kay, included daughters and sons-in-law, Jolietta and Larry Spurlock and Windy and Dee Keener; his sister and brother-in-law Paula and Paul Moore, and nieces and nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Michael White, Mr. and Mrs. Paul White, and Mr. and Mrs. Lane Lollar. Also attending was Win's 90-year-old mother, Frances W. O'Hornett.

Monument patrons include the Ingersoll family; Frances O'Hornett; Ann and Bill Atherton; Sharon and John Beckwith; Sheila and David Bond; Pat and Keith Bailey; Jim T. Roy Barnes; Blair and Todd Brockman; Cathy and Keith Burdick; Pamela and Howard Childers; Lori and John Cowen; Mary Lou and Sam Daniel; Vicki and Mike Eimen; First Bank of Oklahoma, Claremore; Linda and Ray Goldsmith; Gary Goss; Dennis Kriz; Gary Kuck; Veltetta and Richard Madden; Melinda and Mel Mercer; Peggy and Mike Murray; Julie and John Nickel, Tom O'Brien, Beverly and Paul Pixley, Tollie and Jim Prall, Leigh and John Reaves, John Smith, Lynda and Mike Swenton, Vicki Thompson; the Frank G. Weimer Family; Russ Wienecke; Randi and Fred Wightman; and Tommy Woods.

Others in the crowd were Roxana and Bob Lorton, Steve Wolfe, Mary Ann and Steve Iverson, Bonnie and Lon Canada, David Veitch, Drew Veitch, Helen and Pete Messler, Sue and Brent Curry, Carl Fiddner and Gretchen Casto, Marian and Ken Greenwood, Debbie and David Carder, Dick Gable, Chelly and Bob Wallack, Tiny and Barbara Thompson, and LouAnn Smith.

Associated Images:



NatureWorks chairman John Cowen (left), NatureWorks president David Bond, Stewardship award recipient Win Ingersoll and artist Eric Slocombe attend dinner at Southern Hill Country Club. NatureWorks art show and sale will be held March 5 and 6 at the Renaissance Hotel. JOEY JOHNSON/ For the Tulsa World

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