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People & Places: NatureWorks monument dedicated

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NatureWorks' monument The Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep is now at home at the Turkey Mountain trail head in Tulsa River Parks.

The 22nd such monument donated by NatureWorks was dedicated to Randi and Fred Wightman, this year's recipients of the NatureWorks Wildlife Stewardship Award, during ceremonies at the park.

The Wightmans are longtime advocates of wildlife conservation and have taken up the banner of the organization to recognize its importance to Randi's late father, Harold C. Stuart.

They have supported Ducks Unlimited and, since the acquisition of their ranch in Osage County, have participated in Natural Resources Conservation Service and Fish & Wildlife programs to improve habitats for native species.



As a Tulsa Central High School biology teacher, Fred Wightman introduced students in his Ecology Club to building, maintaining and documenting nest boxes for Kestrels and bluebirds. They also started hundreds of trees on the 33rd West Avenue campus in a tree farm, and many are now mature specimens.

Those on the program at the ceremonies included NatureWorks President Treak Tasker and John Cowen, monument chairman, who introduced the Wightmans and Paul Rhymer, the sculptor.

Tulsa River Parks Executive Director Matt Meyer and Jim McCarthy, chairman of the board of Tulsa River Parks, accepted the monument.

Patrons who donated to this year's monument include: Keith and Cathy Burdick, Keith and Pat Bailey family, Todd and Blair Brockman, Lori and John Cowen, Sam and Mary Lou Daniel, Melissa "Missy" Eubanks, Linda and Ray Goldsmith, Gary W. Goss, Ann Graves, Ken and Marian Greenwood, Gary Kuck and Elise Kilpatrick, Alexander J. Kriz/Dennis P. Kriz, Joan and Dick Link, Richard and Velveta Madden, Melinda and Mel Mercer, Julie and John Nickel, Bryan and Angela Nunneley, the Prall family, Leigh and John Reaves, Rich & Cartmill Inc., W.C. "Tiny" and Barbara Tomsen, the Frank G. Weimer family, and Carolyn C. and John R. Woodard III.

Board members and their spouses attending were Lori and John Cowen, Mary Ann and Steve Iverson, Mary Lou and Les Boyle, Pete Mesler, Jan and Virgil Lampton, Phyllis and Bill Cox, Bonnie and Lon Canada, Marian and Ken Greenwood, Sam Daniel, Misty and Brett Biery, Treak Tasker, Barbara and Tiny Tomsen, Wade Biswell, Jenny and Mike Flick, Lisa and Dwayne Flynn, Linda and Ray Goldsmith, Dave Mitchell, Margie Nolan, Bryan Nunneley, Jeff Stava and Gary Goss.

Also attending were Alicia and Jack Haus and Jim Bridenstine.

Associated Images:



Treak Trasker (left), Randi Wightman, artist Paul Rhymer, Fred Wightman and John Cowen stand in front of the newest NatureWorks sculpture at Turkey Mountain. JOHN CLANTON / Tulsa World

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