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#### ***A Great Summer Beginning- Land, Legacies, and Leadership***

MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY AND NAPLES, FLORIDA —June 26, 2014—We at Marvo are excited to announce many new developments, including additional exhibit locations, a new office for Marvo, and the upcoming rededication of Lake Darling.

New discoveries keep appearing as we continue to explore Jay N. "Ding" Darling's legacy through the traveling exhibit, *The Hidden Works of Jay N "Ding" Darling*. Thomas Lendt, son of Darling's biographer, the late David L. Lendt, is generously providing for the exhibit many unique items his father acquired during his research for the book, *Ding: The Life of Jay Norwood Darling*. We continue to acquire other treasures for our exhibit, adding greater levels of depth and expansiveness to the exhibit.

*The Hidden Works* exhibit will be on display at the Wildlife Society Conference coming up October 25-30 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Be sure to drop by Marvo's booth and say hello to Sam.

We are also excited to announce the Reopening Ribbon Cutting of Lake Darling State Park, three miles west of Brighton, Iowa. The culmination of many years of hard work on the part of local residents and the State of Iowa, the lake is opening after being completely drained and refilled as part of its cleaning and rehabilitation. Fay Vittetoe of the Friends of Lake Darling has witnessed much of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' effort. "After fourteen years and over 14 million dollars, I am honored to announce the Reopening Ribbon Cutting of Lake Darling State Park," she said. "The exemplary soil and water conservation practices completed in the Lake Darling Watershed and the public-private partnerships forged in the park's renovation and lake's restoration are in the spirit of Jay N. "Ding" Darling's trans-generational conservation ethic."

The impressive resurrection of the once-polluted lake named for Jay N. Darling is the inspirational subject of a new Marvo documentary in partnership with Iowa Public Television. In conjunction with the Ribbon Cutting will be the renaming of nearby Highway 78 as the "Ding" Darling Memorial Highway.

In keeping with Darling's legacy of leadership and conservation education, the Marvo documentary, "America's Darling: The Life of Jay N. 'Ding' Darling," will be used as a case study of conservation leadership in a training program being developed by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Management Assistance Team (MAT). MAT provides leadership training for state, federal, non-governmental organizations and tribal conservation professionals around the country. More details to come.

Marvo is honored to be part of the stewardship of another great natural legacy, Mahr Park at Hidden Hills Farm in Madisonville, Kentucky. Upon her death in 2009, Ms. Glema Mahr bequeathed her 265-acre farm to the City of Madisonville as a Park. Marvo's new office is located on-site at Mahr Park as we witness and document its development firsthand. "Wow, what a place to be creative! I have found Muir, Carson and Darling already in the Mahr's library. As with what is happening with Lake Darling, Mahr Park at Hidden Hills Farm will be a model for the country for conservation and stewardship," states Marvo Entertainment Group's owner and producer, Samuel Koltinsky.

A special heartfelt congratulations to our friends at Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation as INHF celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 26—Happy Birthday and best wishes for your team and projects in the years ahead!

Marvo Executive Producer Samuel Koltinsky's work is inspired by a passion for stories, history, preservation, and the environment. Over the past twenty-two years, he has produced numerous documentaries in Europe and the United States and has worked with PBS, the History Channel and the Documentary Channel. He may be contacted by phone at (270) 625-6815 or email at [sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com](mailto:sam@marvoentertainmentgroup.com).

DVD copies of award-winning "America's Darling: The Story of Jay N. "Ding" Darling" are available for purchase on Marvo's website:  
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