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Next in the Anne P. Baker Gallery
“Hidden Works of Jay N. ‘Ding’ Darling”
Including works of Kentucky Artist Ray Harm
October 30 - December 17, 2016

Opening Reception: October 30 @ 1:30 p.m. prior to the performance of the Todd Hill Quintet

The “Hidden Works of Jay N. ‘Ding’ Darling” — pioneering conservationist, creator of the Duck Stamp and two time Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist — will be on display in the Anne P. Baker Gallery at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville, Kentucky. This rare and insightful look into some of Darling’s most personal works is curated by documentary filmmaker and nationally recognized Darling expert, Sam Koltinsky. The exhibit is supported in part by Kip and Andrea Koss, Russell Cowles, Carolyn Hunter, Gloria Payne, The Wildlife Society, Ding Darling Wildlife Society, the Des Moines Register, and Mahr Park at Hidden Hills Farm.

Ding Darling (1876-1962) was a prominent figure in the conservation movement and, in 1938, TWS gave him honorary membership in recognition of his significant contribution to wildlife stewardship. He also was the first recipient of the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award in 1950 — TWS’ highest honor for distinguished service to wildlife conservation. Selected watercolors along with his “Unfinished Studies” will be featured at the Gallery.

Explore rare artifacts including a selection of cartoon plates that were originally printed in the *Des Moines Register*, where Darling worked as a reporter and cartoonist from the early to mid-1900s. “To explore and experience the ‘Hidden Works’ allows a brief glimpse into ‘Ding’ Darling — a modern-day Renaissance man,” Koltinsky said. “I am honored to share years of research and treasures that have been stewarded by others.”

In addition to the works by and about Darling, several of Kentucky Artist Ray Harm’s wildlife prints will be on display. Darling’s legacy has had a lasting impression on many natural wildlife artists of Mr. Harm’s generation. Their stories and work go hand in hand while celebrating 100 years of our National Parks and the opening of Madisonville’s Mahr Park at Hidden Hills Farm.

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