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"America's Darling" Captures "Magical" Moments and Interviews

PRINCETON, KY—March 28, 2012—Production moves forward on Marvo's latest national television project with many exciting developments. *America's Darling* is the story of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling (1876-1962), the *Des Moines Register* cartoonist and pioneering conservationist. Darling influenced Americans through his syndicated cartoons, creating awareness of urgent environmental issues and the need to preserve America's natural landscapes.

February saw the *America's Darling* interview with Larry Schweiger, President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. In mid-March, interviews were filmed at the Captiva Island, Florida, "Fish House" Darling built in 1942, which was purchased by artist Robert Rauschenberg in 1978.

Events at the Fish House were spread over two days, and included several interviews as well as some very special gatherings. On the first day, interviews were conducted with historian, author and television commentator Dr. Douglas Brinkley, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service historian, Dr. Mark Madison. These interviews were followed with a truly unique afternoon session of sharing stories, featuring a group comprised of Brinkley; Madison; Christopher "Kip" Koss, Darling's grandson; Kristie Anders, Education Director, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation; Calina Carstens, second place winner in the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge Conservation Cartoon Contest; Calina's brother, Cameron; Dr. John McCabe, President, "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society; and Paul Tritaik, Refuge Manager, "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

The second day at the Fish House saw the interview with Kristie Anders of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, followed by filming of a special family event including "Kip" Koss and his wife, Andrea, daughter Cristy Koss Steinbeigle; her husband, Hal Steinbeigle; daughter Jennifer Koss Graham; her husband, Jonathan Graham; Chris and Seth Steffen, Darling's great-great grandsons; and friend Sarita Van Vleck.

For Koss, this was the first time he had visited the Fish House in many years. "Talk about magical," he said. "When we gathered together for your interview on the Fish House deck last week, it had been well over a half-century since I sat on that same deck with 'Ding' Darling and an equally grand group of family and island friends. The hour of the day had been later. The gulls were wheeling about looking for a handout, and everyone had a cocktail in hand, most likely one of Darling's brew of rum and fruit juices from his own orchard ashore. Although the faces were different last week, there was the same aura of fellowship, mutual respect and affection that generally impacted those around Darling. For me, the experience was indeed magical."

For Darling's great-great grandsons, this was a first visit to the Fish House. "The experience at the Fish House was one of unparalleled excitement and enthusiasm," said 17-year-old Chris Steffen. "As a child, the Fish House had always been the landmark of stories my grandfather ('Kip' Koss) told, and it held a certain amount of mystery. Visiting and walking through gave me a true sense of what 'Ding's' connection to nature was."

Chris's brother Seth Steffen, 10, was also delighted to experience the Fish House. "I liked all the hidden cabinets in the walls and the seahorse fireplace," he said. "It was cool that my great-great grandfather lived there and that I got to be there, too."

Birthday greetings go out to Ducks Unlimited on its 75th anniversary! In conjunction with the anniversary, events are being held across the country to commemorate this milestone. Dale Hall, CEO of Ducks Unlimited, will be one of our featured interviewees for *America's Darling* in the upcoming months.

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