



# BIRDS OF AMERICA AT THE FIGGE ART MUSEUM

JOHN JAMES AUDUBON  FEBRUARY 2, 2008-MAY 11, 2008

## BUSING STIPEND FOR FIELD TRIP

**Up to \$100 will be reimbursed to area schools per bus to visit the Figge Art Museum.**

The Butterworth Trust is pleased to offer busing to the Figge Art Museum for your school to experience the exhibit "Birds of America: John James Audubon", Feb. 2 – May 11, 2008.

**The Trust will cover up to \$100.00 per bus.**

To participate contact Gretchen Small, Program Director at 309-765-7971, or [gsmall@butterworthcenter.com](mailto:gsmall@butterworthcenter.com). Funds are limited.

School visits to the Figge Art Museum must be arranged by contacting Heather at 563-326-7804 ext.2045 or [haaronson@figgeartmuseum.org](mailto:haaronson@figgeartmuseum.org).

Museum admission fees for school groups are \$3.00 per student, or \$5.00 per student with art project. Teacher attends for free. Visits to the Figge can include a movie on Audubon for 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### About the exhibit:

The "Birds of America" Bien edition (1860) by John James Audubon belonged to John Deere's son, Charles Deere. The prints were recently conserved and re-framed. 48 of the 98 prints in this collection will be on major exhibit at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa from February 2 to May 11, 2008. It is believed that less than fifty copies of this edition exist today. This is a rare opportunity to see a large number of these popular elephant folio (approximately 3' x 2' in size) prints.



**John James Audubon's** (1785–1851) dream of recording every native bird of North America consumed nearly



twenty years of his life. Audubon drew and painted birds from life whenever possible rather than from specimens alone. He took note of the birds' food and habitat preferences meticulously and he watched them move, interact, and behave.

Audubon combined his love of nature with his artistic talent to produce some of the most beautiful and lifelike depictions of birds ever created.

**Visit the exhibit website portal at:**  
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