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David K. Langford to sign his new book at Riverside Nature Center

Kerrville, Texas, March 14, 2014 — Award-winning photographer David K. Langford not only provided the photography for *Hillingdon Ranch: Four Seasons, Six Generations*, he also co-authored the book. Langford will sign copies at Riverside Nature Center on Thursday, March 27. During the event, which includes an exhibit of his signed photographs from the book, he will speak in new series of programs that the nature center calls “Conversations with Conservationists.”

Naturally, Langford’s subject is the story behind the prudent management of his ancestral land, the Hillingdon Ranch located between Comfort and Fredericksburg.

At first glance, this hardcover edition appears destined for the coffee table. That is to sell it short. According to the co-author, “No one will deny that a picture is indeed worth a thousand words, but if a picture is viewed without content, a pretty tree is just a pretty tree. This book is chock-full of pretty trees, pretty birds, pretty landscapes, pretty livestock, pretty water. If the images are taken at face value they only tell a portion of the story: the Texas Hill Country is a diverse, beautiful eco-region unlike any place on earth.”

Indeed, Langford and his co-author, Lori Woodward Cantu, provide the flesh and bones of a real story—a 272-page chronicle of the challenges and successes associated with ranching life in the pursuit of food, fiber, clean air, wildlife, healthy land, peace and quiet, with clean, plentiful water to sustain it all.

The authors have said, “We created the book to tell the story of one Texas family, who just happens to be David’s and who for six generations has stewarded a ruggedly beautiful piece of the Texas Hill Country, making a living and making a home. Let there be no confusion. This is not a land stewardship textbook or a ‘how-to’ ranch management book, it is a chronicle of how one family has worked together to keep their ranch intact...”

Published in late 2013 by Texas A&M University Press, Langford’s book is one of four in the Conservation Leadership Series, sponsored by [The Meadows Center for Water & the Environment](http://www.themeadowscenter.org), Texas State University.

The book-signing, photo exhibit, and conversation with this conservationist takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Already own a copy of *Hillingdon Ranch*? Bring it in to be autographed. The event is co-sponsored by Wolfmueller Books.

The entrance point for the Kerrville River Trail, Riverside Nature Center is located at 150 Francisco Lemos St., Kerrville. For further information, call 257-4837. General information is available at www.riversidenaturecenter.org.

Learn more about *Hillingdon Ranch: Four Seasons, Six Generations*: www.hillingdonranchbook.com