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The National Sporting Library & Museum Offers Collectible Sporting Prints, Rare Duplicate Books Through Taking Flight: 2015 Annual Auction

MIDDLEBURG, VA – This Fall the National Sporting Library & Museum will make available for purchase rare duplicate books and collectible sporting prints via Taking Flight: the 2015 Annual Auction. The Annual Auction allows NSLM members to bid on lots to acquire the items for sale; all proceeds from the sale support the collections at NSLM.

“We believe this is just the beginning for the Annual Auction, and we hope it will continue to grow in future years,” said NSLM Executive Director Melanie Mathewes. “Our members are our vital partners as we connect sporting enthusiasts and new audiences with the history and culture of field sports. Their support through the Auction is critical to our efforts to provide adequate maintenance to the objects in our care.”

The Annual Auction is the new title of NSLM’s Duplicate Book Sale, first launched in 2002. The Auction has become a beloved tradition for NSLM members, taking place just in time for holiday gift shopping. This year, a generous donation of sporting etchings has allowed us to offer a fuller section of engravings and lithographs for sale.

This year’s Annual Auction includes books on foxhunting, angling, and equestrian topics, as well as providing very rare selections and affordable value selections. Bidding will begin at 6:00 p.m. EST on Friday, September 25 and will end at 5:00 p.m. EST on Sunday, November 8. NSLM members are invited to submit bids during this period.

All NSLM members will receive the auction catalog; non-members may request an auction catalog by contacting George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. Librarian John Connolly at

JConnolly@NationalSporting.org. The Annual Auction catalog is also available for viewing online at www.nslmprograms.org.

Museum admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65 and older) \$8, Youth (13–18) \$8, Youth (12 & under) Free.

Library admission is free to the public. Museum admission is free on Wednesdays and the last Sunday of each month. Museum admission is free to NSLM members.

Hours: Wednesdays, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The National Sporting Library & Museum (www.NationalSporting.org) is the only organization in the world whose sole focus is to preserve and share the art and literature of equestrian, angling and field sports. Founded in 1954, NSLM holds thousands of books on sporting topics including hunting, angling, equestrianism and horseracing, among others. The Library collection dates from the 16th - 21st centuries. The Museum houses exhibits of American and European animal and sporting fine art.

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