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Steele Elected to Board of Directors for The Friends of T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Inc.

INDIANAPOLIS - David Steele has been elected to the board of directors for The Friends of T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Inc. This non-profit group of volunteers is dedicated to preserving and developing one of Indiana's most scenic and historic places. The T.C. Steele State Historic Site combines art, history, and nature on 211 acres of some of the most scenic landscape of southern Indiana. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Theodore Clement Steele (September 11, 1847 - July 24, 1926) was an American Impressionist painter known for his Indiana landscapes. Steele was an innovator and leader in American Midwest painting and is considered to be the most important of Indiana's Hoosier Group painters. As Steele explored new places to paint; he discovered an isolated area of Brown County, Indiana, where he built a hilltop studio-home on sixty acres near Belmont. Inspired by the breezes blowing through the cottage's screened porches; they named it the House of the Singing Winds. The land provided Steele with beautiful picturesque woods and hills and valleys. Steele's presence in Brown County helped establish the Art Colony of the Midwest in Nashville, Indiana.

David Steele, who is a descendant of T.C. Steele, said "The present generation of Steeles will ensure our family contributes to the important legacy of T.C. Steele which continues to impact both casual and serious followers of his work. We also believe it is important for us to help a new generation of artists and visitors of this historic site understand the life, contribution and work of this great Indiana artist

The site includes a 90 acre Selma Steele Nature Preserve and five hiking trails. Additionally, tours are available of the artist's home and studio and many programs are available throughout the year including workshops, seasonal Artist-in-Residence talks, and local and regional artists offer instruction at all skill levels throughout the year.

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