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Steve King Shares History of Landscape Structures in “A Legacy of Play”

Book documents how Landscape Structures helped the playground industry evolve
Delano, Minn. (April 2, 2013) — Steve King, cofounder and chairman of Landscape Structures Inc., a Delano, Minn.-based commercial playground equipment manufacturer, has released a book, *A Legacy of Play*. The book, which was introduced at the company’s annual sales meeting in Minnesota, follows the history of Landscape Structures that King and his wife, Barb, founded in 1971.

In *A Legacy of Play*, King takes the reader on a journey that follows the unusual history of Landscape Structures. Headquartered in Delano, Minn., Landscape Structures is a 100-percent employee-owned commercial playground equipment manufacturer. The company has designed, manufactured and installed more than 75,000 playgrounds worldwide. Since opening, Landscape Structures has been committed to enhancing children’s lives by creating inspiring play experiences while honoring the environment. Its approximately 300 employee owners are devoted to creating the most environmentally preferable playground equipment possible and improving kids’ physical, emotional and social wellbeing through play.

Readers will discover how Landscape Structures has helped the playground industry evolve while keeping in mind the most important aspect of play—child development across all ages and abilities.

“*A Legacy of Play* refreshingly captures the struggles and triumphs of starting a multi-million dollar company from the ground up,” said Starrla Cray, journalist at the Delano Herald Journal.

“Featuring a multitude of eye-catching playground photos from 1970 to today, heartfelt anecdotes, family photos, and quotes from customers and employees, *A Legacy of Play* is a must-read for anyone with an interest in innovation, history, success, relationships, business, and, of course—play.”

A Legacy of Play is available for order on amazon.com. The cost of the book is \$14.95, and proceeds will go to the SEBA Foundation, the King family charitable foundation dedicated to environmental and children's causes.

About Steve King

Steve King cofounded Landscape Structures along with his late wife, Barb, in 1971. He is the creator of the "continuous play" concept, which combines traditional playground equipment like slides, swings and climbers into an endless stream of activities. Steve saw his concept as an opportunity to introduce the world to a new way of thinking about play. Steve serves as chairman of Landscape Structures, is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (FASLA), served as chairman for the task group of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) that worked to develop accessibility standards to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is a Certified Playground Safety Inspector, and a founding member and past President of IPEMA (International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association).

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