

As we reflect on the time we have spent writing and photographing Lake Norman Reflections, we wish to thank Bob Hecht of Hecht Realty. This, our 35th book, is by far the most satisfying in a lifetime of creative efforts. To see the book grow and develop before our eyes, to be able to pay tribute to our favorite place on Earth, to share our vision of Lake Norman with friends, neighbors, visitors and newcomers, gives us enormous satisfaction. This, after all, is our home, the place where our souls find safe harbor.

Bob Hecht believed in this project from the outset, sponsored it when it was a mere wisp of an idea and has seen it through from “Before the Beginning” to the “last vestige of resplendent glory.” Thank you, Bob, for making this dream come true.

Bill and Diana Gleasner

I would like to thank Bill and Diana Gleasner for all the effort they put into this book. They are an accomplished photo journalist team who have traveled the world in search of stories and photos. I am delighted to have the opportunity to be part of this project and to contribute my memories of the real estate business from early days.

I consider myself an amateur photographer, and Bill has helped me choose my last two cameras. When I went to digital, I called Bill and asked if he would consider helping me decide what to buy. He spent 45 minutes on the phone telling me exactly what camera, what flash, what lenses, where to buy and whom to ask for. When we got off the phone, I thanked Bill and he replied, “Thank you for being my friend.” That’s something I will never forget!

Bob Hecht

