Show button designed by Tim Taylor, winner of 2017 Flat Art Contest

Over $11,000 Cash Prizes!

SHOW HOURS

Friday, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. In-Room Sales
Starting at noon Vendor setup in Ballroom
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Vendor Sales
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 9, 2018:
Al Jordan Airbrushing Seminar, starting at 9 a.m., Cypress Room
Kids' Painting Contest, 7 p.m., Juniper Rm.
Meet-Greet & Sell (formerly Swim & Sell)
7 p.m. Check-In, Ballroom
7:30 p.m. Refreshments

Saturday, March 10, 2018:
5 p.m. Buyers Auction sign-up, Cocktail Party, "Buckeye Joe Wooster Legends Presentation" in Ballroom
5:30 p.m. "Ky Kraus Memorial" Auction

Sunday, March 11, 2018:
Pat Godin "Painting Iridescence" Seminar
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Cypress Room
Shorebird / Decoy Auction and Raffle Drawing 1:30 p.m., Ballroom
Entries to picked up at end of show Sunday, 3 p.m.

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Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association
Presents the 41st Annual

Show and Sale

March 10, Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
March 11, Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44136

2018 Show Schedule & Competition Rules

★ New in 2018! ★

Major rule changes have been made to the following contests: Wildfowlers Single Decoy Pool Contest, Wildfowlers Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig Pool Contest, Wildfowlers Youth Pool Contest, Ladies Day in the Pool Contest, and the Flat Art Contest.
Please Read the Rules!

New! Palm Frond Decoy Contest and Palm Frond Decorative Contest, $5,700 cash prizes!

Relocation of Fish Decoy Contest to Tank in Ballroom.

Two Registration times for Wildfowlers contests, Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Contact information listed with each contest if you have questions.

Printable Entry forms available online at odcca.net. Complete two copies and save time!

★ Mail-in Entries ★

Mail-in entries will be accepted until **Monday, March 5, 2018.** Please include an entry form, a check payable to ODCCA to cover entry fees, and a **pre-paid UPS return label with insurance**.

1. **NEW! Palm Frond Contests**
   Tom Baldwin, 1118 Greenvale Ave., Akron, OH 44313, (330)-310-1740.
2. **IWCA Style Decoys and IWCA Shorebirds**
   Brad Falkinburg, 1682 Pine Drive, Avon, OH 44011, (440)-937-9113.
3. **Floating Decorative Decoys, Wildfowlers, Shooting Stool, Dove Decoys**
   Brad Falkinburg, 1682 Pine Drive, Avon, OH 44011, (440)-937-9113.
4. **"It Ain't Vintage Yet"**
   Matt Falkinburg, 2771 Hunters Ridge, Twinsburg, OH 44807, (216)-538-2495.
5. **Flat Art,** Open entries only.
   Steve Secord, 3443 Glynn Drive, Toledo, OH 43614, (419)-385-6020.
6. **Fish Decoys and Jigging Sticks**
   Al Reeg, 195 S. Matteson Lake Rd., Bronson, MI 49028 (517)-369-2364.

★ Contest Registration Times ★

Friday 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Ballroom in back near tanks: Palm Frond, IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy, IWCA Style Decoy and Shorebird Contests, Working Shorebird/Silhouette, "It Ain't Vintage Yet", Rest of the Marsh and Miniatures, Cocktail Bird, Ward World Youth Silhouette, Dove Decoy.

Fish Decoys and Jigging Sticks, Ballroom.....Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Flat Art, Ballroom.....Saturday 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Vintage Decoys Collectors' Contest, Juniper Rm....Saturday 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig, Youth, Ladies Day in the Pool Contests,
Saturday night, 1st Floor, Board Room, 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.,
Sunday morning, Poolside, 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Visit our NEW Website www.odcca.net. for show info, hotel link, discount room reservations and printable entry forms!

SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday March 9, 2018

8 a.m. to completion	**Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition,** Juniper Room (closed to public during judging)
9 a.m.	**Painting Seminar, Al Jordan** demonstration, Cypress Room
12 noon	**Vendor Set-Up** in Ballroom
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	**Membership, T-Shirts, Raffle Sales,** Front Lobby
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	**All Contest Registration** in Ballroom in back near tanks *(except Fish Decoys and Wildfowlers contests)*
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	**Dealer Sales**
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	**Kids' Painting Contest, Life-sized Screech Owl**, Juniper Room, Mark Langenderfer & Kate
7 p.m.	**"Meet-Greet & Sell"** in Ballroom, check-in, (formerly Swim & Sell)
7:30 p.m.	Refreshments, Meet-Greet & Sell

Saturday March 10, 2018

7 a.m. to 9 a.m.	**Vendor Set-Up,** Ballroom
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	**All Contest Registration** in Ballroom in back near tanks *(except Wildfowlers contests)*
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	**Registration Fish Decoys,** Ballroom
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	**SHOW OPENS** to the public
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	**In-Room Swap & Sell,** First Floor Rooms
9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	**Registration of Flat Art,** Ballroom
9 a.m.	**Contests Judging Begins,** Ballroom
10 a.m.	**Shorebird Judging,** Ballroom
10 a.m.	**Fish Decoy Judging,** Ballroom
10 a.m.	**Flat Art Judging,** Ballroom
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	**Willy McDonald Live Carving, Painting & Airbrush Demonstrations,** Ballroom
12 noon	**Cocktail Bird Judging,** Ballroom
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.	**Registration of Vintage Decoy Collectors' Contest,** Juniper Room
1 p.m.	**Judging Vintage Decoys,** Juniper Rm
1 p.m to 4 p.m.	**Public Viewing of Contests,** Ballroom
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	**Registration of Auction Items,** Boardroom
5 p.m.	**Buyers Auction Sign-Up, Cocktail Party,** Ballroom
	"Legends Presentation Buckeye Joe Wooster"
6 p.m.	**"Ky Kraus Memorial" Auction**
9 p.m. to 10 p.m.	**Early Registration of Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig, Youth, Ladies Day in the Pool,** 1st floor Board Room by hotel lobby

Sunday, March 11, 2018

7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m	**Registration of Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig, Youth, Ladies Day in the Pool Contests** Poolside
8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	**Pat Godin "Painting Iridescence"**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	**SHOW OPENS** to the public
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	**Shorebird Carve-at-Home & Paint At-Show, Sanderling,** Ballroom
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	**In-room Swap & Sell,** First Floor Rms
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	**Willy McDonald Live Carving, Painting & Airbrush demos,** Ballroom
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	**Decoy Paint-at-Show Contest, half-size Tundra Swan,** Ballroom
10 a.m. to Completion	**Judging of Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig, Youth, Ladies Day in the Pool Contests** Poolside
1 p.m.	**Judging of Shorebird Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show Contest, and Decoy Paint-at-Show Contest**
1:30 p.m.	**Auction and Raffle Ticket Drawing**
3 p.m.	**SHOW ENDS.** Entries may be picked up from all contests.

Friday Morning Painting Seminar

Al Jordan, Friday, March 9, 2018, award winning artist and gifted teacher, will present a seminar on air brushing. His intimate knowledge of bird anatomy enables him to focus on both art and nature. Al has written many instructional carving and painting articles, as well as having published a best-selling workshop guide. This seminar will focus on ***everything airbrushing,*** from basic to advanced techniques. No supplies are needed, this is a demonstration only, **starts at 9 a.m., Cypress Room.**

$35 fee, class size is limited, advanced registration required. Contact Dwane Ong do2decoys@gmail.com, pay at door.

Friday Night Kids' Painting Contest

Wow! Kids pre-school thru grade 12 will paint a **life-size Screech Owl** this year. The session starts at **7 p.m. Friday** in the Juniper Room. To pre-register, contact Mark Langenderfer, tartarbug@gmail.com. No entry fee, ribbons awarded.

Sunday Morning Iridescence Seminar

Pat Godin, champion caver, painter and artist, will demonstrate how he "Paints Iridescence" on decoys. **$10, starts at 8:30 a.m.,** seating limited, Cypress Room, email VinceCiola@gmail.com to register.

Free Student Entries Grades K thru 12

ODCCA offers a variety of carving and painting competitions for students in grades K thru 12. Entries are judged at the show and on display for public viewing until 3 p.m. Sunday. Winning entries are awarded ribbons.

- ***All student entries are free.***
- ***Students can enter any contest*** listed in the 2018 Rules.
- ***Contests with special student categories:*** Flat Art, Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp, Fish Decoys and Ward World Youth Silhouette. Wildfowlers Youth contest is for ages 17 and younger. Become a mentor, email Brian Ballard, www.cootshooter@sbcglobal.net.

Contest Entry Fees

NEW! Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests $25 per entry

IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest - Tank
- Open — $20 first entry, $5 each additional
- Intermediate & Novice — $10 first entry, $5 each additional

IWCA Style Decoy Contest
- Open — $20 first entry, $5 each additional
- Amateur — $10 first entry, $5 each additional
- Junior — No entry fee

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Contest
- Open — $20 first entry, $5 each additional
- Amateur — $10 first entry, $5 each additional

Working Shorebird Decoy and Silhouette Contests $10 each entry, $10 each additional

"It Ain't Vintage Yet" $10 each entry

Rest of the Marsh and Rest of the Marsh Miniature Contests
- Open — $20 first entry, $5 each additional
- Intermediate — $15 first entry, $5 each additional
- Novice — $10 first entry, $5 each additional

Vintage Decoy Collectors' Contest No entry fee

Cocktail Bird No entry fee

Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition No entry fee

Ward World Youth Silhouette Contest No entry fee

Dove Decoy $10 first entry, $5 each additional

Fish Decoy - Not IWCA – Tank $10 first entry, $5 each additional

Decorative Fish Carving $10 each entry

Jigging Stick $10 each entry

Wildfowlers Single Decoy and Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig - Pool $10 first entry, $5 each additional

Wildfowlers Youth Contest No entry fee

Ladies Day in the Pool $10 first entry, $5 each additional

Flat Art $25 first entry, $10 each additional

Decoy Paint-at-Show No entry fee

Shorebird Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show No entry fee

"Meet-Greet & Sell" **$5 donation per decoy sold by Seller**

All student entries Free!

Contest Awards

2018 Total Cash Prizes - $11,050

NEW! Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests

Palm Frond Decoy Contest
- Best of Show — $900 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
- 2nd Best of Show — $800 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
- 3rd Best of Show — $700 Purchase Award & Special Rosette

Palm Frond Decorative Contest
- Best of Show — $1200 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
- 2nd Best of Show — $1100 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
- 3rd Best of Show — $1000 Purchase Award & Special Rosette

IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest - Tank
- Open 1st Best of Show — $300 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show — $200 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show — $100 & Rosette

IWCA Style Decoy Contest
- Open 1st Best of Show — $300 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show — $200 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show — $100 & Rosette
- Amateur 1st Best of Show — Plaque & Rosette
- Amateur 2nd & 3rd Best of Show — Rosette
- Junior 1st, 2nd & 3rd Best of Show — Rosette

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Contest – ODCCA Purchase Awards
- Open 1st Best of Show Purchase Award — $600 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show Purchase Award — $500 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show Purchase Award — $400 & Rosette

Working Shorebird Decoy and Silhouette Contests
- 1st Best of Show — $75
- 2nd & 3rd Best of Show — Ribbons

"It Ain't Vintage Yet"
- Open 1st Best of Show — $100 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show — $50 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show — $25 & Rosette

Rest of the Marsh and Rest of the Marsh Miniature Contests
- Open 1st Best of Show — $300 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show — $200 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show — $100 & Rosette

Vintage Decoy Collectors' Contest Ribbons

Cocktail Bird - Best of Show $150 & Rosette, **Auction 50% to Carver**

Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition, Ribbons

Ward World Youth Silhouette Contest
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & Best in age groups — Ribbons

Dove Decoy Contest Top three winners auctioned, 80% to Carver

Fish Decoy – Not IWCA Contest - Tank
- 1st Best of Show — Plaque & Rosette
- 2nd & 3rd Best of Show — Rosette

Decorative Fish Carving & Jigging Stick Contests
- 1st Best of Show — Plaque & Rosette
- 2nd & 3rd Best of Show — Rosette

Wildfowlers Single Decoy & Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig - Pool
- Open 1st Best of Show — Single $100 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show — Single $75 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show — Single $50 & Rosette
- Open 1st Best of Show — Rig $200 & Rosette
- Open 2nd Best of Show — Rig $100 & Rosette
- Open 3rd Best of Show — Rig $50 & Rosette

Wildfowlers Youth Contest - Pool Best of Show in each age group receive Rosettes, Plaques and Gift Certificates donated by **The Duck Blind**

Ladies Day in the Pool Plaques donated by
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Best of Show — **The Duck Blind,**
- $100 Best Hooded Merganser, — **Lori "Motley Hen" Ault**

Flat Art
- Open 1st Best of Show — $300 & Rosette
- Student — Ribbons

Decoy Paint-at-Show Contest

1st Best of Show	$100 & Rosette
2nd Best of Show	$75 & Rosette
3rd Best of Show	$50 & Rosette

Shorebird Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show Contest

1st Best of Show	$200 & Rosette
2nd Best of Show	$150 & Rosette
3rd Best of Show	$100 & Rosette

(Non-winning entries receive 50% split at Sunday Auction)

"Meet-Greet & Sell" ODCCA reserves right to make first selection for $200.

Thank you to our 2018 Sponsors

Palm Frond Contests, IWCA Shorebird Decoy Contest and ODCCA Purchase Awards
Doug and Ellen Miller

Wildfowlers Youth and Ladies Day in the Pool Contests
Willy & Di McDonald, The Duck Blind

Ladies Day in the Pool Best Hooded Merganser
Lori "Motley Hen" Ault

Wildfowlers Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig Contest
Dwane Ong, Downriver Cedar Co.

Friday Night Meet-Greet & Sell, Refreshments
Tim & Christina Schloss

Bob Lund and Gary Joe Bryan

Flat Art Contest, ***Tom Whitlock***

Youth Programs,
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Kids Painting Contest, ***Karen & Steve Higgins***

General Contest Rules

The following rules apply to all contests unless otherwise stated.

1. All entries must remain on display until **3 p.m. Sunday.**
2. All entries must have never been entered in any ODCCA competition.
3. No previous purchase award winners from any contest will be permitted.
4. All entries must be made of wood, cork or stretched canvas.
5. **Levels of Competition:**

Open: Anyone who has won a Best of Show in Intermediate or Amateur in that ODCCA contest. "Open" may also refer to carvers of all levels. Typically, these divisions have no Novice or Intermediate levels and are not subject to advancement rules.

Intermediate: Anyone who has won a Best of Show in that ODCCA Contest in the Novice Division. After winning Intermediate you must enter the Open.

Novice: Typically beginning carvers. After winning the Novice Best of Show in that ODCCA contest you must move up to at least the Intermediate.

Amateur: Nonprofessional carvers. After winning the Amateur Best of Show in that ODCCA contest you must enter the Open.

6. If any entry deteriorates or fails before the end of the contest, it will be disqualified.
7. All visible marks that would identify the carver must be covered.

NEW! Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests

Sponsored by Doug & Ellen Miller

Questions? Call **Tom Baldwin,** (330)-310-1740

Thanks to the generous sponsorship by Doug and Ellen Miller, the ODCCA is hosting two new Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests: **Palm Frond Decoys and Palm Frond Decorative.** Palm Frond contests also are featured in the Ward World Championship in Ocean City, Maryland, and the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association Show held in Sacramento, California.

Palm Frond Decoy Contest

1. The major portion of entry must be made of a Palm Frond.
2. Any addition must be sturdy and made of other durable material. Paper additions will ***not*** be accepted.
3. The challenge is to portray the "essence of species" of your subject while retaining as much of the character of the palm frond as possible.
4. Palm Fronds will be judged on the table.

Best of Show - $900 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
2nd Best of Show - $800 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
3rd Best of Show - $700 Purchase Award & Special Rosette

Palm Frond Decorative Contest

1. The major portion of entry must be made of a Palm Frond.
2. Any addition must be sturdy and made of other durable material. Paper additions will ***not*** be accepted.
3. The challenge is to portray the "essence of species" of your subject while retaining as much of the character of the palm frond as possible.
4. Palm Fronds will be judged on the table.

Best of Show - $1,200 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
2nd Best of Show - $1,100 Purchase Award & Special Rosette
3rd Best of Show - $1,000 Purchase Award & Special Rosette

Palm Fronds may be obtained from Daniel Montano, dmontano1@hotmail.com. Visit www.odcca.net for tutorials by Laurie J. McNeil and Daniel Montano.

IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest - Tank

Questions? Email **Brad Falkinburg,** bradfalkinburg@yahoo.com
See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carving Association rules and judging per division.

IWCA Style Decoy Contest

Questions? Email **Vince Ciola,** VinceCiola@gmail.com
See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carving Association rules and judging per division.

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Contest

Questions? Email **Vince Ciola,** VinceCiola@gmail.com
See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carving Association rules and judging per division.
***See new rule 12.8 "Realism and creative postures, including decorative legs, feet and creative bases are desired."**

Working Shorebird Decoy and Silhouette Contest

Questions? Call **Garrett Secord** (567)-202-3737

Entries are shorebird decoys and silhouettes that emphasize simplicity of carving and paint.

1. Entries will be a **single decoy** or **silhouette** constructed of either wood or cork.
2. Separation between wings and tail is permitted providing both are durable.
3. Simplicity of painting is required.
4. Must be mounted on a simple base with a wood or metal dowel.

"It Ain't Vintage Yet" Contest

Questions? Email **Matt Falkinburg,** Mattfalk@msn.com

1. No exact copies of other known carvers' works. Blending of styles and forms is acceptable.
2. Entries **must!!!** be engraved or branded with the carver's initials and date carved.

All entries will be judged in one of three categories: ducks, shorebirds, and confidence including all geese, crows, songbirds, wading birds, etc. First, Second, and Third places will be awarded a ribbon for each category. The Best of each category will then be judged against each other to determine First, Second, and Third Best of Show.

Rest of the Marsh and Rest of the Marsh Miniature Contests

Questions? Email **Matt Falkinburg,** Mattfalk@msn.com

Decorative Non-Floating, including but not limited to Wood Sculpture & Interpretive.

1. The entry must be made of wood, except the eyes, legs, feet and habitat.
2. The categories of ***birds as described in The National Audubon Society, The Sibley Guide to Birds*** are as follows: Long-legged waders, upland game birds, owls, hawk-like, pigeon-like, tree clinging bird, perching birds, raptors, game bird, shorebirds & miscellaneous. The contest chairman reserves the right to create/delete categories to maximize the number of birds eligible for Best of Show and ribbons in each category.
3. All birds except those that float or are part of the shorebird contest will be accepted in this contest.
4. The live bird will be the criteria for judging.
5. **Miniature Rules –** The same rules as for Rest of the Marsh shall apply with the addition that these carvings can be less, but no larger than ½ life size.

Vintage Decoy Collectors' Contest

Questions? Call **Tom Whitlock,** (330)-650-4059

1. No previous first place winning entry in **any** category may be entered in the contest for the following two contest years.
2. Judging is based solely on the decision of the judges.
3. Two entries per person per category.

2018 Categories:

1. Ohio Black Ducks
2. Michigan Bluebills
3. Illinois Canvasbacks
4. Wisconsin Decoys (any species)
5. New England Mergansers
6. Cape Cod Decoys
7. Canada Goose Decoys
8. Long Point Decoys
9. Old Squaw Decoys
10. ***Buckeye Joe Wooster Decoys***

Cocktail Bird Contest

Questions? Email **Bob Lund,** woodcountydecoy@msn.com

1. Anyone is eligible and encouraged to enter.
2. No Entry Fee.
3. Cocktail bird must be cocktail glass in size.

Cocktail birds will be judged at noon on Saturday in the Ballroom. All cocktail birds will become property of the ODCCA and will be auctioned during our live auction Saturday evening. Auction proceeds split 50% to the carver, and 50% to benefit ODCCA.

Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition

Questions? Email **Steve Secord,** s.secord@att.net

The ODCCA is again very proud to be this year's host for the Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition. The judging will take place in the Juniper Room of the Strongsville Holiday Inn on **Friday, March 9, 2018 beginning at 8 a.m.** For rules and/or entry forms contact, ***Rebecca Lewis, rebecca_lewis@fws.gov Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge,*** **(419) 898-0014,** or download at: .www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program.php

Entries are due to Ms. Lewis by March 1, 2018.

Ward World Youth Silhouette Contest

Questions? Email **Steve Secord**, s.secord@att.net.

Students K thru grades 12 can enter as a group project or as an individual. One entry per person. Each group will be judged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best in Group. Entries in the ODCCA contest can be entered in the prestigious 2018 Ward World Carving Championship, April 27, 28, 29 in Ocean City, Maryland. Their age groups at the time of registration are: 16 – 17 years of age; 12 – 15; 11 and under.

1. This year's **Red Knot** pattern and rules are available on the Ward Museum website at: www.wardmuseum.org. Other patterns may be used.
2. Entries are to be made of wood, one inch thick or less and may be life-size or less in size.
3. Edges may be rounded; wing and bill definition permitted.
4. Glass eyes are permitted.
5. Must be mounted on a simple base with a wood or metal dowel.
6. ***Entries should be realistically painted.***

Dove Decoy Contest

Questions? Email **Brad Falkinburg,** bradfalkinburg@yahoo.com

Ohio has enjoyed a dove hunting season for many years. Doves are drawn to decoys and many carvers are making them, and collectors are collecting them. This contest is in honor of a species of bird which is traditionally hunted throughout many parts of North America.

This is for **HUNTING STYLE DECOYS** that are not fragile and can be carried into the field without fear of breaking bills, tails or primaries. First, Second, and Third Best of Show will be placed in the Saturday night ODCCA Auction and winners will take home 80% of the winning bid and the other 20% goes to benefit the ODCCA.

Rules:

1. Decoys must be made of wood or cork; bills can be of any material.

2. The species of doves will be those with current or past huntable seasons in Ohio and shall include **mourning dove**, **rock dove**, and the extinct **passenger pigeon**.
3. Decoys are to be carved life size and can be full-bodied or silhouette decoys, both styles will be allowed and judged together.
4. Feather texturing (burning and grinding), inserts and fragile parts and individually carved feathers will not be permitted, except for bills, where fragileness will not be considered in judging. If reinforced, show photos or explanation attached.
5. Decoys should fall into one of the three categories: **Ground, Branch,** or **Wire**. **Ground decoys** should be mounted on a detachable dowel and base for display; **Branch decoys** should be secured to a clip that can be clipped to a branch or wire during hunting; and **Wire decoys** shall consist of a stiff wire with counter weight for balancing on a branch or wire. Base, dowel (leg), clips or wires with weights are not considered when judging, but should be non-flaring or non-reflective – i.e. neutral in color or match the bird. Regardless of category, all decoys will be judged together with the best three decoys taking the top three honors.
6. Realistic painting is expected to the best of the artist's ability.
7. Carver's identity shall be hidden until after the judging (masking tape).
8. Final judging for likeness to species will be done from a minimum distance of twelve feet.
9. IWCA judging procedures and Code of Ethics will be in effect.

ODCCA will provide one table for judging. The table will be equipped with a mounted branch for Branch decoy carvings to be attached and a double row of wire stretched across for attaching Wire decoys (a softened barbed wire between fence posts) to simulate natural hunting conditions. Ground decoys will be placed on their base and set on the table.

**** **Top Three to be Auctioned Off, Carver's share 80%** ****

NOTE: Winning birds will be auctioned on Saturday night but must remain on display until 3 p.m. Sunday.

Fish Decoy Contest – Tank in Ballroom

Not an IWCA Contest

Questions? Email **Al Reeg,** reegad@charter.net

Fish decoys are fishing lures, usually without hooks, that are designed to be jigged through a hole in the ice to lure fish within range of a spear.

Levels of Competition: Open and Youth.

1. All fish decoys must be made of wood. No castings, kits, or machine duplicated carvings in whole or part will be allowed. Fins and barbels must be made of wood, metal or leather. Line-ties and eyes are the only pre-formed items that may be used. The ballast or weight may be made of any material.
2. All fish decoys must have been made after the last ODCCA Show.
3. Fish decoys will be judged in the water and must respond favorable to the jig stick. This generally means the decoy, when placed in the water and jigged, will sink and move forward in a circular pattern.
4. Fish decoys must be of sturdy construction and have durable paint or finish. Those that split, check, lose paint or show other faults in construction during or after judging will be disqualified.
5. Maximum size for all fish decoys is 24-inches. Line-ties are required. If multiple line ties are used, carver must mark the one the judge(s) should utilize.
6. There will be no penalty for the misplacement of pectoral or pelvic fins.
7. All visible marks that would identify the carver must be covered with masking tape. For record keeping purposes, masking tape will be placed on all decoys.
8. There will be three fish decoy categories, each with three classes as follows:

Category A - Working Fish Decoys: Only the basic mouth shape, single gill coverings, and delineations for the beginning of the tail fin may be carved or burned into the decoy. No texturing allowed, and no painted scales. Judging criteria: swimming ability - 60%; likeness to species - 30%; craftsmanship – 10%.

Category B - Decorative Fish Decoys: Maximum details allowed. Judging criteria: swimming ability - 40%; likeness to species - 50%; craftsmanship – 10%.

Categories A and B will have the following classes:

1. **Warm-water Game Fish:** All Bass, Pike, Muskie, Walleye, Sunfish (bluegill, crappie etc.) and Yellow Perch.

2. **Cold-water Game Fish:** Brown, Rainbow, Cutthroat, Golden, Lake and Brook Trout, Arctic Char, Dolly Varden, Salmon and Grayling.

3. **Additional Fish:** All Catfish, Sturgeon**,** Suckers, Minnows, Gar, Shad, Cisco, and Whitefish.

Category C - Folk-Art Fish Decoys: Judging criteria: swimming ability - 60%; design - 30%; craftsmanship – 10%.

Category C will have the following classes:

1. **Fish** - Must be generic (not like any real fish) in both form and paint.

2. **Two Color Fish & Critters.** (Eye colors do not count.)

3. **Critters** - May be generic or life-like in form and/or paint.

9. Only one decoy per participant may be entered per class.
10. The Show Chairman will reclassify any entry that is considered to be entered in the wrong category or class.
11. Participants agree to be bound and abide by these official rules and by the decisions of the ODCCA whose decision shall be final in all matters relating to the contest. Decision of the contest chairmen and judge(s) as to all contest matters are final and non-appealable. Entry fee refunds will **not** be given to any disqualified decoys.

Decorative Fish Carving Contest - Ballroom

Questions? Email **Al Reeg,** reegad@charter.net

1. Competition open to all carvers. Visible marks identifying the carver must be covered.
2. Only natural wood may be used as a carving material. Wood composites, resins, or other plastics are not permitted. All fins or barbells are to be made from wood or metal. Epoxy or urethane may be used to attach fins or eyes

but not molded as a part of the fish. Eyes, screws, display plaques, support structures, and substrate (all pieces of non-created bottom material must be less than 3/8 inch in size) are the only pre-formed material that may be used.

3. There will be three classes as follows:
   A. Cold-water fish, with or without environment.
   B. Warm-water fish, with or without environment.
   C. Wall Plaques, without environment.
4. Species allowed are limited to native freshwater fish found in the United States and Canada with the addition of brown trout and common carp. Salmon will be considered freshwater fish. Coldwater fish are all fish with an adipose fin, except catfish, bullheads, and matoms.
5. The show chairman and/or judges will reclassify any entry that is considered to be entered in the wrong class.
6. Participants agree to be bound and abide by these official rules and by the decisions of the ODCCA whose decision shall be final in all matters relating to the contest. Decision of the contest chairmen and judge(s) as to all contest matters are final and non-appealable.
7. All Carvings must remain on display until 3 p.m. on Sunday.
8. **Mail-in entries will <u>not</u> be accepted.**
9. **NEW: Any fish carving may be <u>drilled</u> if suspected of not being wood.**

Jigging Stick Contest - Ballroom

Questions? Email **Al Reeg,** reegad@charter.net

Jigging sticks are used by "darkhouse" anglers to move their fish decoys under the ice to attract fish within range of a spear.

1. Competition is open to all carvers. All visible marks that would identify the maker must be covered.
2. Only natural wood may be used as a carving material.
3. There will be three classes as follows:
   A. **Deluxe** - maximum detail allowed.
   B. Working - no carving, burning or texturing allowed.
   C. Natural Finish - no paint allowed.
4. The show chairman and/or judges will reclassify any entry that is considered to be entered in the wrong class.
5. Participants agree to be bound and abide by these official rules and by the decisions of the ODCCA whose decision shall be final in all matters relating to the contest. Decision of the contest chairmen and judge(s) as to all contest matters are final and non-appealable.
6. All sticks must remain on display until 3 p.m. on Sunday.
7. Mail-in entries will be accepted.

Wildfowlers Pool Contests

Not IWCA Contests

Single Decoy Contest, Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig Contest, Youth Contest and Ladies Day in the Pool

Questions? Email: **poolcommittee@mei.net**

Purpose: The founding fathers of the ODCCA pool contests for Hunting Decoys had one goal in mind. That goal was to create a unique contest that anyone could enter and win regardless of skill level and carving experience. To this end a basic set of rules were established to level the field of competition. The rules stressed simple carving and painting by replicating the color and shape of live Waterfowl. Carvers from all over the country embraced the idea of a contest for basic decoys designed for actual hunting purposes and the "Pool Contests" grew to flagship status for the Ohio show.

To protect the integrity and original intent of the pool contests, a committee has been assembled by the ODCCA to govern the contests. The committee will oversee all aspects of the contests and provide a venue that allows carvers to compete and showcase individual basic gunning decoys in form and paint.

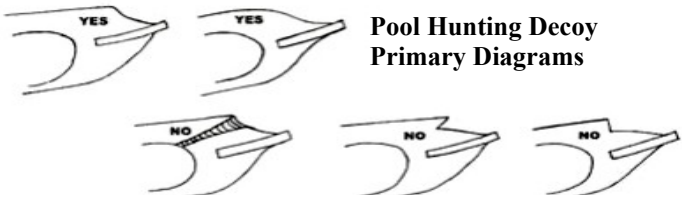
Wildfowlers Single Decoy Pool Contest

Questions? Email: **<u>poolcommittee@mei.net</u>**

1. Decoys must be made of wood, cork or stretched canvas. No machine duplicated birds or foam will be allowed.
2. Decoys will be judged on simplicity, practicality, and decoying ability.
3. Decoys should be carved in a durable manner to withstand the normal rigors of hunting.

<u>No</u> individual feather carving, <u>No</u> carved bill detail. Slight mandible separation will be allowed.

<u>No</u> raised or carved primaries unless incorporated into the rump and defined by paint only. See illustration below:



Pool Hunting Decoy Primary Diagrams

4. Decoys must be painted using commonly accepted techniques – brushing, ragging, stippling, combing, scratching, blending and burned cork. Air brushing is permitted.
   Decoys should be painted in a manner that would allow the average waterfowler to easily touch up and maintain. <u>No</u> feather splits will be allowed. <u>No</u> flocking will be allowed. Judges will be looking for <u>simplicity</u> in paint that best represents the field ID of the specie.
5. Decoys must have a facility for anchor line attachment, and must self right from any position. Geese and Swans must self right when placed on their side.

Decoys will be pre-qualified by the pool committee to ensure the rules are followed.

Registration

There are two registration times for Wildfowler decoys:

- **Saturday evening** 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Board Room, located on the first floor near the hotel lobby. We will register decoys and issue tags, but do not need the decoys until Sunday morning.
- **Sunday morning** 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the pool area.
- **Pre-Qualifying:** Decoys will be pre-qualified by the pool committee prior to the contest. Carvers wishing to check their decoys for compliance to the rules should present their decoys to the pool committee on Saturday evening at Registration or on Sunday morning poolside prior to registration to avoid forfeiting entry fees upon disqualification from the contest.

<u>Entry fees are non-refundable</u> if entry is disqualified after it is registered. Please...READ THE RULES!

Judging

1. Judges will NOT be allowed to touch or handle any decoy before or during judging.
2. Judges will be allowed to move around the pool area as needed. Final judging will be done at a distance.
3. Judges will be instructed to look for the best decoy that incorporates all of the qualities necessary in a **TRUE HUNTING DECOY. "KISS"** is a good rule to follow when carving and painting.
4. Decoys will be judged by species. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place birds in each species will receive ribbons. Only 1st place birds of each species will be entered into Best of Category: Puddler, Diver, Goose & Swan, Sea Duck, Coot & Confidence. Only 1st Place decoys in each category will compete for Best of Show.

Only birds listed below will be judged:

Puddler: Black Duck, Gadwall, Mallard, Pintail, Shoveler, Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, and Wood Duck. (Eurasion and American Wigeon will be judged together. Teal will be judged as a group, but if 4 or more of one Teal species is entered then they will be judged separately.)

Diver: Scaup, Bufflehead, Canvasback, Ring-necked, Redhead, Ruddy, Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common and Red-breasted Merganser. (Lesser and Greater Scaup will be judged together. Common and Barrows Goldeneye will be judged together. Common and Red-breasted Merganser will be judged together.)

Sea Duck: Eider, Scoter, Long-tailed, and Harlequin will be judged as a group.

Goose & Swan: Because of limited entries in this category, all species of geese and swans will be judged together.

Coot & Confidence: Because of limited entries in this category, all confidence species will be judged together (Coots, Gallinules, Grebe, Loon and Gull).

NOTE: Any decoy that shows paint degradation or damage at any time during the contest or at the conclusion of judging will be immediately disqualified. If the decoy in question is in contention for Best of Show, if necessary, Best of Category may be re-judged in order to replace "said" decoy.

Wildfowlers Shooting Stool 6-Bird Rig Pool Contest

Questions? Email: **poolcommittee@mei.net**

1. Rigs must consist of 6 decoys of the same species, and contain at least 2 hens.
2. Decoys must be equipped w/12-inch dropper and clip to attach to the mother line.

DECOYS MUST FOLLOW THE SAME RULES AS STATED FOR THE SINGLES.

Simplicity and the ability to make several for "a rig" will be a point of emphasis for the judges in this division.

Pre-registration and pre-qualifying: will follow the same procedure as stated in the Singles Division.

Judging:

Rigs will be judged by category. First, 2nd, and 3rd Best of Category will get ribbons.

Categories will be consistent with the Singles Division. Only 1st Place rigs in each category will compete for Best of Show.

Wildfowlers Youth Pool Contest

Questions? Email: **poolcommittee@mei.net**

Sponsored by Willy & Di McDonald, "The Duck Blind"

www.theduckblind.com

Best of Show in each age group will receive a carving package donated by the Duck Blind.

Must be 17 years or younger on the date of the contest. Rules for the Wildfowlers Youth will be the same as the Wildfowlers, except bird(s) will be judged by age group. Age groups are as follows: 14 to 17, 10 to 13, & 9 and younger.

Ladies Day in the Pool Contest

Questions? Email: **poolcommittee@mei.net**

Sponsored by Willy and Di McDonald, plaques

$100 Best Hooded Merganser, ***Lori "Motley Hen" Ault***

Willy and Di McDonald, The Duck Blind, sponsor this unique contest for gunning decoys. This contest is separate from the Wildfowlers singles contest and for ***Hens Only. This year we will be judging hens from the Diver Class.*** The Diver class includes all species of Scaup, Bufflehead, Canvasback, Ring-necked, Redhead, Ruddy, Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Common and Red-breasted Merganser. The class will be judged against each other (not by species) following the Wildfowlers Pool Rules.

The contest is held on Sunday during the Wildfowlers Contest. Decoys in this contest ***will not*** be allowed to cross over to other pool contests. Plaques from the Duck Blind will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place. Entry Fee can be combined with other pool contest fees. $10 for first entry and $5 for each additional entry.

Flat Art Contest

Questions? Email Steve Secord, **s.secord@att.net**.

Any Migratory Waterfowl, Goose or Shorebird

Sponsored by Tom Whitlock $300 and Rosette, Student - ribbons

This contest is for adults and students, K thru grade 12, who paint or draw. The winning entry is made into the ODCCA logo and may be reproduced on next year's annual show button, clothing items, printed materials, mugs and the ODCCA website.

1. Anyone can enter. There are two classes – Open and Student.
2. Any fine art media may be used with the exception of photographs or computer.
3. Your entry **should not** be framed or have glass or matting.
4. Minimum size is 8 x 10 inches. Maximum size is 11 x 14 inches.
5. Hand-carried entries must be presented to the contest chairman before 9:30 a.m. Saturday, in the Ballroom of the Strongsville Holiday Inn. **Students** (K through grades 12) **must pick up their entries** on Sun. at 3 p.m.
6. **The winning art work will remain with the Flat Art Committee at the end of the show. It will be returned to the artist after the graphics/logo has been completed. ODCCA reserves the right to use the winning artwork for logo design, future show buttons, clothing items, printed materials, mugs and website.**
7. If you have any questions, or to obtain an entry form please contact **Steve Secord, (419) 385-6020.**
8. ***There is a limit of four entries per person.***

Decoy Paint-at-Show Contest

Questions? Email **Duane Ganser,** dggcarver1@roadrunner.com

Contestants will be provided a half-size Tundra Swan blank to paint at the show. Contact Duane Ganser to reserve a blank.

1. This year's bird is a ***half-size Tundra Swan.*** A gesso covered decoy will be supplied.
2. Contestants must furnish all of their own paints, brushes, etc.
3. This contest has a **three-hour time limit,** no entry fee.
4. Contest will be held ***Sun., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,*** in the Ballroom.
5. Winners to be chosen by judges.
6. All entries become property of the ODCCA and will be auctioned on Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds to benefit ODCCA.
Registration: Prior to Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Ballroom.

Shorebird Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show Contest

Pattern by Gary Joe Bryan

Call **Dave Forrest** at (216)-559-0323 to request a shorebird blank.

1. The bird will be the **Sanderling.** There will be no entry fee. Each carver will request a blank that will be sent to the carver. There are no rules for carving so you may go all out. You must bring the carving to the contest on Sunday. There will be a limit of 10 blanks sent.
2. The bird will be carved and painted by one person.
3. **Time limit will be 4 hours,** Sunday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ballroom.
4. **The carvings will be judged by judges as an artistic interpretation of the live bird.**
5. Contestants must provide their own paint, brushes, air brushes, power tools, hair dryers, etc.
6. Contestants must use blanks and mounting bases provided by the ODCCA.
7. **All carvings become property of the ODCCA and will be auctioned Sunday, 1:30 p.m., following the judging. Auction proceeds to benefit ODCCA. Non-winning entries receive 50% split at Sunday Auction.**

Registration: prior to Sunday 9 a.m., start time on Sunday morning in the Ballroom.

Friday Night "Meet-Greet & Sell"

Relocated to Ballroom (*formerly known as Swim & Sell)*
Snacks and keg beer sponsored by Tim & Christina Schloss

Check in Friday 7 p.m. - Auction starts at 7:30 p.m.

The intent of this event is to introduce decoy collectors to decoy carvers. This is a great opportunity to make new connections at the show and show off your Decoys.

- Successful Sellers are asked to make a **$5 donation per decoy.**
- This event will be limited to 50 entries, first come, first entered. Limited to 2 entries per person. Pairs equal one entry.
- Entrants will be responsible for pricing the decoy and coordinating the final payment arrangements with Buyer.
- The ODCCA Board reserves the right to make first selection from the entries for the price of $200. This selection will be used for fund raising event at the discretion of the ODCCA board. Any decoys not purchased will be returned to the entrant, no fees associated.

Again this year, entry fees and attendance fees will be waived as the ODCCA demonstrates their appreciation to both collectors and carvers, promoting the camaraderie for a common interest, The Decoy!

Saturday Night "Ky Kraus Memorial" Auction

Named in honor of Ky Kraus

Questions? Call Ken Yacavone, (330)-757-4285

1. Only waterfowl related items will be accepted for the auction. **No Firearms** are permitted at the auction. Donations to the auction are always greatly appreciated.
2. **Registration** of the auction items will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. **Viewing** of Auction items will take place at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom.
3. All bidders must use a number in order to participate. **Bidders must register at the table in the Ballroom** beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Appropriate identification will be requested.
4. The ODCCA reserves the right to withdraw any item before the sale and shall have no liability whatsoever for such withdrawal.
5. A reserve may be declared at the time of registration. The presence of a minimum bid will be made known at the time the item is auctioned. If the minimum bid is not reached, the item will not be sold, but a fee of $10 or 15% of the highest bid must be paid to the ODCCA.
6. The ODCCA does not certify nor guarantee the accuracy of the descriptions provided by the seller nor the authenticity of the items submitted for auction.
7. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be purchaser. In the event of a dispute between bidders, the auctioneer shall have absolute discretion as to who was the successful bidder or he may re-offer the disputed item for sale if he so wishes.
8. A 15% buyer's premium will be added to all items sold **except for Cocktail Birds** to be paid by the buyer as part of the purchase price. A 15% seller's premium or $15, whichever is greater, will be charged to the seller and will be deducted from the proceeds prior to disbursement of funds. ***ODCCA Members will be charged a reduced cost of 10% seller's premium or $10 which ever is greater.*** The premium goes to benefit the ODCCA.
9. **No items will be released until paid for. Cash, Checks, Visa and Master Card only will be accepted with proper identification. All purchases must be claimed by the end of the auction.**
10. Although care will be taken to safeguard and protect items submitted for auction, owners release the ODCCA, its representatives and the auctioneer from any losses due to theft, damage or other causes.
11. Payment to the seller of successfully auctioned items will be made by check within 10 working days of the auction.

Total Cash Prizes – Over $11,000!
See you at next year's show, March 8, 9, 10, 2019!