

## ODCCA Club Table Sell your Items!

This is the perfect opportunity to sell your decoys, fish decoys, hunting memorabilia and related art, if you don't have enough items to fill a table in the Ballroom.

→ Mark each item with an *asking price* and a *"rock bottom" price* in mind.

→ Please consider making a *donation of 10%* when you sell an item to benefit the show.

→ *Please Volunteer* and help out at the table! You will have a lot of fun and meet lots of new people!

## Palm Frond Decorative and Decoy Purchase Award Contests

The Palm Frond Decorative and Decoy contests are among the most creative and thought-provoking contests at the ODCCA Show. Using a palm frond as the primary material, artists are challenged to portray the *"essence of the species"* of their subject while retaining as much of the character of the Palm Frond as possible with allowable emphasis on creativity. *The Palm Frond contests are the highest paying competitions at the show!*

A total of **\$5,700** in purchase money is awarded. *Thank you to Doug Miller and family* for once again sponsoring these imaginative and challenging contests.

### Awards - 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

### Awards - Palm Frond Decorative Contest

**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

It's easy to get started! For about \$20 and postage, Palm Fronds can be obtained from **Daniel Montano**, [dmontano1@hotmail.com](mailto:dmontano1@hotmail.com), or call **Chet Wilcox**, 916-961-5400.

Order your Palm Frond now!

(See 2023 Competition Rules page 4).

## Drawing for Gadwall Decoy by Jim Schmiedlin

*Our sincere thanks to Debra Schmiedlin for donating another beautiful decoy carved by her late husband, Jim Schmiedlin.*

As you should know by now, he is regarded to be one of the greatest artists among contemporary decoy carvers. Sadly, Jim passed away in 2015 after battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

This year, Debra is holding a drawing at her table in the ballroom. It works like this. You purchase a "duck" for \$100 and each has a numbered square. *There are 100 "ducks" and the more "ducks" you purchase, the better your chances are in winning the decoy. At the Saturday night auction, the last "duck" drawn is the winner, and is announced at the auction.*



*Well documented, stamped, branded, and locations noted by Jim where he gunned over this stunning decoy.*



*Half of the money raised goes to Jim's Journey ALS Memorial, the LiveLikeLou Foundation, and half to benefit the ODCCA.*

*And please consider making a donation in Jim's memory to this worthwhile foundation: [www.LiveLikeLou.org](http://www.LiveLikeLou.org).*

*And be sure to stop by Debra's booth to view more of Jim's stunning decoys on display. As always, the ODCCA extends a heartfelt "thank you" to Debra for her generosity and support.*

## ✳ Become a Sponsor ✳

Your sponsorship is important to helping our show continue its many traditions.

*Whether it is in honor or memory of someone, or celebrating something special, it is easy to become a sponsor.*

Your donation of \$50, \$100, \$200 or more can be designated to support a particular contest, purchase ribbons, in-kind services, etc. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the show program and newsletter. See the ODCCA Membership Application in this newsletter for details.

### Friday Morning Seminar

*Details of this popular seminar will be posted on [www.odcca.net](http://www.odcca.net) in February and will include links for registration.*

### ✳Printable Contest Entry Forms Available On Line✳

For your convenience, printable entry forms will be available online in February. To get started, visit [www.odcca.net](http://www.odcca.net). and click on the Printable Contest Entry Forms page.

1. Click on the contest you wish to enter and **print out two copies** of the entry form.
  2. Complete the information on **both** copies.
  3. **Bring both forms** along with your entry to the show.
  4. Submit one form with your entry at the ODCCA registration, and keep the second form as a receipt to pick up your entry at the end of the show, 3 p.m. Sunday.
- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

### ODCCA Membership Dues

To save on postage and for your convenience, *your dues' membership expiration date is listed on your mailing label on this Fall newsletter.* Bring your label to the show to receive free club admission. You can also check at the membership table at the show.

### Change of address, email, phone?

Email Barbara Juhasz, [odccamembership1978@outlook.com](mailto:odccamembership1978@outlook.com) Or phone (937)-431-4892.

**If you no longer want to receive ODCCA newsletters** please email [OhioDecoyColCarvers@hotmail.com](mailto:OhioDecoyColCarvers@hotmail.com).

*Remember... To enter the Ballroom, you must wear your show badge that is included with your \$5 weekend admission, or with your ODCCA membership.*

**Don't stand in line at the show, join ODCCA now!**

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