



Winner of the 2022 Flat Art contest, Goldeneye, by Artist Matt Clayton

**Over \$11,000
Cash Prizes!**

SHOW HOURS

Friday, Ballroom Vendor setup starts at 10 a.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 17, 2023:

9 a.m. Painting Seminar, to be announced

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Contest Registration

7 p.m. Kids’ Painting Contest

7:30 p.m. Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell check-in

8:30 p.m. start time, refreshments

Saturday, March 18, 2023 AUCTION:

2:30 – 5 p.m. Registration of auction items, location to be announced

6 p.m. Bidder sign-up and Preview, location to be announced

6:30 p.m. “Ky Kraus Memorial Auction” and cocktail party, Ballroom

Sunday, March 19, 2023:

10 a.m. Wildfowlers pool contests

9 a.m. & 10 a.m. Paint-at-Show contests

1:30 p.m. Auction and Raffle Drawing, Shorebird, Goldeneye, Fish Decoy, and Mallard drake by Gary Hanson, Ballroom

3 p.m. Entries to be picked up at end of show

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*Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association
presents the 44th Annual*

Vintage Decoys & Wildlife Art Show and Sale

March 18, Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and March 19, Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH

2023 Show Schedule & Competition Rules

★ New in 2023! ★

- **RULE CHANGES:** Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating contest and Wildfowlers Shooting Stool Rig. *Please read the Rules!*
- **NEW Contests:** Feather contest, and the Great Lakes Decoy Association Modern Collectibles Purchase Award Contest.
- **INCREASE of \$5** for the first entry in adult contests. Fees for additional entries to remain the same. Youth contests, Free.
- **Mail-ins accepted *only* for:** Palm Frond, Flat Art, Cocktail-size, Feather, Fish Decoy contests.
- **Ky Kraus Memorial AUCTION Saturday, 6:30 pm. after Favorite Flock, Ballroom.**
- **Printable Entry forms** available online at odcca.net. Complete two copies and save time!

★ Contest Registration Times ★

Friday 4 p.m. to 7 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 IWCA Style Shorebird Contests, ODCCA Working Decoy Championship, Working Shorebird/Silhouette, “It Ain’t Vintage Yet,” Rest of the Marsh and Miniatures, Senior Decorative Life-size Floating, Cocktail Bird and Fish Decoy, Feather contest, Ward World Youth Silhouette, Dove Decoy, Great Lakes Modern Collectible Purchase Award.

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.

**Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig and Youth, Friday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Sunday morning, Poolside, 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**

★ 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. Entries cannot be moved from one contest to another.
4. No previous purchase award winners from any contest will be permitted.
5. All entries must be made of wood, cork or stretched canvas.
6. **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.
7. If any entry deteriorates or fails before the end of the contest, it will be disqualified.
8. All visible marks that would identify the carver must be covered.

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

SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday March 17, 2023

8 a.m. to completion	Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition, location to be announced (closed to public during judging)
9 a.m.	Painting Seminar to be announced
10 a.m.	Vendor Set-Up in Ballroom
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Vendor Sales, Membership, T-Shirts, Raffle Sales, Front Lobby
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	All Contest Registration including <u>Wildfowlers</u> , in Ballroom in back near tanks, (<i>except Fish Decoy contests</i>)
7 p.m.	Ohio Decoys from Famous Ohio Hunting Clubs Registration & Setup see Tom Whitlock, across from Ballroom
7 p.m.	Kids' Painting Contest, Blue Bird, location to be announced. Mark Langenderfer
7:30 p.m.	"Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell" check-in, (formerly Swim & Sell)
8:30 p.m.	Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell, refreshments

Saturday March 18, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	All Contest Registration including <u>Wildfowlers</u> in Ballroom in back near tanks
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Registration Fish Decoys & Jigging Sticks, Ballroom
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SHOW OPENS to the public
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	BUY-SELL-TRADE Ballroom and Room Sales
9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Registration of Flat Art, Ballroom
9 a.m.	Judging Begins, Ballroom
10 a.m.	Shorebird Judging, Ballroom
10 a.m.	Fish Decoy Judging, Ballroom
10 a.m.	Flat Art Judging, Ballroom
12 noon	Palm Frond Judging, Ballroom
12 noon	Cocktail-Size Bird and Fish Decoy, and Feather contests, Judging & Silent Auction, Ballroom
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Public Viewing of Contests, Ballroom
2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	AUCTION Registration of Items, location to be announced
6 p.m.	AUCTION Bidder Sign-Up & Preview, location to be announced
6:30 p.m.	Ky Kraus Memorial AUCTION and Cocktail Party, Ballroom

Sunday, March 19, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m	Registration of Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig, Youth, Poolside
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	SHOW OPENS to the public

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Paint-at-Show Shorebird Contest, Black-bellied Plover, and Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show, Yellow Perch, Ballroom
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	BUY-SELL-TRADE! Ballroom and Room Sales
10 a.m. to Completion	Judging of Wildfowlers Single, and Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig, Youth, Pool Contests, Poolside
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Decoy Paint-at-Show Contest, Goldeneye, Ballroom
1 p.m.	Judging of Shorebird and Decoy Paint-at-Show Contests, and Fish Decoy Paint-at-Show Contest
1:30 p.m.	AUCTION of Sunday Paint-at-Show contests, and RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING, Gary Hanson Decoy
3 p.m.	SHOW ENDS. Entries may be picked up from all contests.

Friday Night Kids' Painting Contest

Kids pre-school through grade 12 will paint a **life-size Blue Bird, 7 p.m., Friday, location to be announced.** Please pre-register so we have enough blanks. Contact **Mark Langenderfer**, tartarbug@gmail.com. No entry fee, ribbons awarded.

Friday Night "Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell"

Ballroom, Snacks and keg beer, Chairman Dwane Ong, Sponsored by Tim & Christina Schloss,

Tim Schloss Taxidermy, visit timschlosstaxidermy.com

Check in Friday 7:30 p.m. - Buying/Selling starts at 8:30 p.m. The purpose of this fun 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 camaraderie for a common interest, **The Decoy!**

Free Student Entries Grades K thru 12

Students can enter for free any contest in the 2023 Rules. Contests with special student categories include: ODCCA Flat Art contest, Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp, Fish Decoys, and Ward World Youth Silhouette. The Wildfowlers Youth contest is for ages 17 and younger. Entries are judged at the show and on display for public viewing until 3 p.m. Sunday. Winning entries are awarded ribbons. ***Your sponsorship is appreciated!***

Contest Entry Fees

*There is an increase of \$5 for the first entry in adult contests.
Fees for additional entries will remain the same.*

Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests	\$30 per entry
ODCCA Working Decoy Championship	\$20 first entry
Tank, Open, <i>NOT IWCA</i> , Purchase Award	\$5 each additional
IWCA Style Decoy	
Open	\$25 first entry, \$5 each additional
Amateur	\$15 first entry, \$5 each additional
Junior	No entry fee
Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating,	\$15 first entry
Tank, <i>NOT IWCA</i>	\$5 each additional
IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest - Tank	
Open	\$25 first entry, \$5 each additional
Intermediate & Novice	\$15 first entry, \$5 each additional
IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy, ODCCA Purchase Award Contest	
Open	\$25 first entry, \$5 each additional
Amateur	\$15 first entry, \$5 each additional
Working Shorebird Decoy and Silhouette Contests	
	\$15 each entry, \$10 each additional
Wildfowlers Single Decoy and Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig - Pool	
<i>NOT IWCA</i>	\$15 first entry, \$5 each additional
Wildfowlers Youth Contest, No entry fee	
“It Ain’t Vintage Yet” \$15 each entry	
Rest of the Marsh <u>and</u> Rest of the Marsh <u>Miniature</u> Contests	
Open	\$25 first entry, \$5 each additional
Intermediate	\$20 first entry, \$5 each additional
Novice	\$15 first entry, \$5 each additional
Cocktail-size Bird <u>and</u> Cocktail-size Fish Decoy No entry fee	
(New) Feather Contest	No entry fee
Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition, No entry fee	
Ward World Youth Silhouette Contest, No entry fee	
Dove Decoy Contest	\$15 first entry, \$5 each additional
Fish Decoy, Decorative & Jigging Stick - <i>Not IWCA</i>	
	\$15 first entry, \$5 each addition
Flat Art, adult	\$30 first entry, \$10 each additional
Paint-at-Show Shorebird Black-bellied Plover Contest, and Goldeneye Decoy Contest, No entry fee	
Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show Fish Decoy Contest, No entry fee	
(New) Modern Collectibles Contest, Great Lakes Decoy Association Purchase Award,	\$20 first entry, 2nd entry \$10
<i>All student entries Free!</i>	

Contest Awards

2023 Total Cash Prizes – Over \$11,000

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	\$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

ODCCA Working Decoy Championship Purchase Award
Tank, Open, *Not IWCA* \$400 Best of Show & Rosette

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

Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating, Tank, Ribbons

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

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Contest – ODCCA Purchase Award	
Open Best of Show	\$600 & Rosette
Open 2nd Best of Show	\$500 & Rosette
Open 3rd Best of Show	\$400 & Rosette

Working Shorebird Decoy and Silhouette Contests	
Best of Show	\$75
2nd & 3rd Best of Show	Ribbons

Wildfowlers Single Decoy - Pool

Open Best of Show	\$500 & Rosette, Plaque
Open 2nd Best of Show	Rosette & Plaque
Open 3rd Best of Show	Rosette & Plaque

Wildfowlers Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig - Pool

Open Best of Show	\$150 & Rosette, Plaque
Open 2nd Best of Show	Rosette & Plaque
Open 3rd Best of Show	Rosette & Plaque

Wildfowlers Youth Contest - Pool Best of Show in age groups,
age groups <9, 10 - 13, 14 - 17 \$25 vendor/gift card, Ribbons

“It Ain’t Vintage Yet”

Open 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 Best of Show	\$300 & Rosette
Open 2nd Best of Show	\$200 & Rosette
Open 3rd Best of Show	\$100 & Rosette

Cocktail-size Bird and Cocktail-size Fish Decoy

Best of Show, \$150 & Rosette, **Silent Auction 50% to Carver**

(New) Feather Contest \$100 & Rosette Best of Show
Silent 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 \$250 BOS Purchase
Award & Rosette, 2nd and 3rd Pl entries Rosettes
auctioned, 80% to Carver

Fish Decoy Contest – <i>Not IWCA</i>	
Best of Show	Plaque & Rosette
2nd & 3rd Best of Show	Rosette

Decorative Fish & Jigging Stick Contests

Best of Show	Plaque & Rosette
2nd & 3rd Best of Show	Rosette
Students,	ribbons

Flat Art, adult

Open Best of Show	\$300 & Rosette
Students	Ribbons

Paint-at-Show Decoy Goldeneye Contest

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

Paint-at-Show Shorebird Black-bellied Plover Contest

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

Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show Yellow Perch Fish Decoy Contest

Best of Show	Ribbon
2nd Best of Show	Ribbon
3rd Best of Show	Ribbon

New Modern Collectibles, Great Lakes Decoy Association
Purchase Award, BOS \$500, 2nd BOS \$100, 3rd BOS \$50

Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests Decoy and Decorative

Questions? Call Tom Baldwin, 330-310-1740

Mail-in entries will be accepted until March 1, 2023. Please include an entry form, a check payable to ODCCA to cover entry fees, and a pre-paid UPS return label with insurance. Mail to Tom Baldwin, 1118 Greenvale Ave., Akron, OH 44313, (330)-310-1740.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship by Doug Miller and family, ODCCA is again hosting two Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests: **Palm Frond Decoy and Palm Frond Decorative.** A total of \$5,700 will be awarded for the contests.

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 Species selected must be life size or slightly larger.
4. 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 with allowable emphasis on creativity.
5. 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 Species selected must be life size.
4. 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 with allowable emphasis on creativity.
5. 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., or Chet Wilcox, 916-961-5400.*

ODCCA Working Decoy Championship Purchase Award Contest Tank, *Not IWCA*

Questions? Call Gary Hanson, 586-216-0507.

The ODCCA is sponsoring the Working Decoy Championship with a Best of Show \$400 Purchase Award. The contest is not IWCA and the level of competition is Open only.

1. Decoys must be made by the carver and may be made of any carving material, foam or stretched canvas.
2. Decoys will be judged for simplicity, durability, and practicality.
3. A decoy that checks, splits, takes on water, and/or has paint deterioration at any time prior to the completion of all decoy judging will be disqualified and forfeit any awards said decoy was awarded. All decoys in the disqualified decoy's species and category would be re-ordered, so as to move up one place, i.e., second becomes first, third becomes second. There will not be a third place decoy ordered up since the species would have to be re-ordered as well as the whole category re-judged.
4. No detailed bills, carved nostrils or nails are allowed.
5. Slight mandible separation is permitted.
6. No fragile parts.
7. Primaries may be undercut as long as they are not fragile.
8. Painting schemes must be simplistic.
9. Combing, stippling, brushing, ragging, scratching, blending, flocking and use of burnt cork are allowed.
10. No feather splits or definitions other than outlining may be used.
11. No wood burning or stoning.
12. Texturing by means of paint or paste is allowed.
13. Decoys must have a facility for an anchor line.
14. Decoys will be placed in the tank with their bottoms up. When the decoy is released, it must self-right with the exception that geese and swans must self-right from their side. Final judging will be at a minimum distance of 20 feet with pre-qualification prior to the birds being placed in the water. The judges will do both final and pre-qualification judging.
15. Working decoys will be judged in hand (at the tank) for sturdy construction, durability, practicality of keel and ballast weights, anchor line attachments, self-righting, and flotation. Decoys that do not pass minimum structural and/or flotation requirements will be disqualified at this time.
16. The judges may return to the tank from the twenty feet distance but must make their final decisions from twenty feet or more.

IWCA Style Decoy

Questions? Email Vince Ciola, vciola@mac.com

The International Wildfowl Carvers Association has designated the IWCA Style Decoy to be held at the 2022 ODCCA show. Cash prizes will be: Best of Show - \$300; 2nd Best of Show - \$200; and 3rd Best of Show \$100, Rosettes. Participants must be an IWCA member to enter. See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carvers Association rules and judging per division.

Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest – Tank *Not IWCA*

Questions? Contact Jim Brace, 513-477-8483, bracedecoys@gmail.com

At the request of many of our “Seasoned Carvers” we are offering a decorative decoy contest for those who want to admit (and can prove) they are 65 years or older as of March 18, 2023. Entry must be made since the previous ODCCA show, March 19, 2022.

No Decoys entered in this contest can be entered in another contest at the show.

Same rules as as IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest - Tank. See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carvers Association rules and judging per division.

IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest – Tank

Questions? Contact Jim Brace, 513-477-8483, bracedecoys@gmail.com

Participants must be an IWCA member to enter. See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carvers Association rules and judging per division.

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Purchase Award Contest

Questions? Email Vince Ciola, vciola@mac.com

Participants must be an IWCA member to enter. See www.IWCFA.com for official International Wildfowl Carvers Association rules and judging per division.

Working Shorebird Decoy and Silhouette Contests

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.

Wildfowler Pool Contests Single, 3-Bird Rig & Youth - *Not IWCA* 2020 Revised Rules, Sunday Morning

Questions? Call Gary Hanson, 586-216-0507.

Best of Show Single \$500; BOS 3-Bird Rig \$150, Rosettes, Plaques. The cash prize of \$500 for the Wildfowler Single Decoy contest is ***the largest amount of prize money for a hunting decoy in the country!***

Wildfowler contests for singles, rigs and youth are the most popular ODCCA contests. The competition is based on the

tradition and heritage of basic, functional, hunting-style decoys. ***This is especially a great contest for beginning carvers.*** In the past and out of necessity, hunters and carvers would use wood native to their area, basic tools they had on hand, and paint found around the house or in the barn. Their decoys reflected local traditions. The main thing was the decoys were simple, functional, with little detail, and hand-made with the sole purpose to attract live waterfowl.

Clarification: *Please see page 10 for the 2020 Photo Comparisons insert of the IWCA Style, ODCCA Working Championship, and Wildfowlers contests. View survey at odcca.net.*

Registration - Three registration times will be held for the Wildfowler Competitions. Entries registered prior to Sunday morning will be on public display Saturday in the Ballroom.

- ★ Friday, March 17, 2023.....4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Ballroom
- ★ Saturday, March 18, 2023...7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Ballroom
- ★ Sunday, March 19, 2023.....7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., Poolside

Decoys:

1. Decoys must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas.
2. No machine duplicated birds or foam will be allowed.
3. Decoys will be judged for simplicity, practicality, and decoying ability.
4. Decoys should be carved in a durable manner to withstand the normal rigors of hunting. Plastic or hardwood tail inserts will be allowed for Pintail, Long-tailed (Old Squaw), or Mallard curl only. Plastic or hardwood inserts may be used for sails of any species with sails.
5. No carving of individual feathers, inclusive of primaries, secondaries, tertiaries, or coverts.
6. No carved bill detail. A slight mandible separation is allowed.
7. No raised or carved primary feathers.
8. Decoys must be painted using commonly accepted techniques: brushing (both traditional and airbrushing), ragging, stippling, combing, scratching, blending, and burned cork.
9. No feather splits techniques are allowed.
10. No use of flocking on decoys will be allowed.
11. All 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 sides.
12. Any species may be entered in the contest. There will be three categories:
 - a. **Puddler Ducks:** Black Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Pintail, Shoveler, Wigeon, Wood Duck, and Miscellaneous Puddlers.
 - b. **Diving Ducks:** Bufflehead, Canvasback, Common Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Redhead, Ring-necked, Ruddy Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, and Miscellaneous divers.
 - c. **Sea Ducks, Geese, Swans, and Confidence:** Eider - all four sub-species judged as one; Common, King, Spectacled, and Steller's. Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck (Old Squaw), Harlequin, Coots, Cormorants, Gallinules, Grebes, Gulls, and Loons.

Judging and Awards:

1. The replacement rule will be used when judging Best of Category and Best of Show.

a. As a simple method of judging for the Best of Category the handlers shall replace the carving selected with the next place winner from the same species.

b. Once the judging is completed by categories (Puddler, Diving, etc.), judges consider the first-place carving from each category. They will pick Best of Show from one of these carvings and move it to the winners' area.

c. They will replace it with the second place carving from that category, and so on.

2. Decoys will be judged by Species: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place birds will receive ribbons

3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd of each category as well as Best of Show will receive rosettes.

4. Best of show Single will receive \$500, plus rosette and plaque. BOS 3-Bird Rig receives \$150, rosette and plaque. Youth \$25 vendor gift card, age groups < 9, 10 - 13, 14 - 17.

*Categories may be combined or included in miscellaneous if there are not at least 4 entries for an individual species.

"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 Birds and Marsh Critters

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.

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. The categories of Marsh Critters of north America such as frogs, turtles, snakes, beavers, river otters, muskrats, mink, opossum, raccoons, woodchucks, etc.

6. The live marsh critter will be the criteria for judging.

7. **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.

8. The contest chairman reserves the right to create/delete categories to maximize the number of birds and marsh critters eligible for Best of Show and ribbons in each category.

Cocktail-size Bird *and* Cocktail-size Fish Decoy Contests and Silent Auction

Questions? Email **Jim Brace**, bracedecoys@gmail.com

Mail-ins accepted to Jim Brace, 6046 Blueberry Dr.

Liberty Twp., OH 45011-9339

Because the Cocktail-size bird contest is so popular, this has been expanded to include Cocktail-size fish decoys. The fish decoys are not swimmable, but must fit inside a cocktail glass.

1. Anyone is eligible and encouraged to enter.

2. No Entry Fee.

3. Cocktail-size bird *and* Cocktail-size Fish Decoy must be cocktail glass in size.

Cocktail-size birds and Cocktail-size fish decoys will be judged at **12 p.m. (noon) on Saturday in the Ballroom.**

All cocktail birds and cocktail fish decoys will become property of the ODCCA and entered into a **Silent Auction following the contest when bids can be submitted.** Winning bids will be announced during the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction Saturday. *Auction proceeds split 50% to the carver, and 50% to benefit ODCCA. Best of Show Bird and Fish receive \$150 and rosette.*

New Feather Contest and Silent Auction

Questions? Email **Jim Brace**, bracedecoys@gmail.com

Mail-ins accepted to Jim Brace, 6046 Blueberry Dr.

Liberty Twp., OH 45011-9339

1. Anyone is eligible and encouraged to enter. No entry fee.

2. Do not include the original feather with entry!

3. *Single Feather* shall be made from wood, life-size or smaller, and representative of species of north America. The quill, shaft and down to emulate the life-like appearance of the Feather.

Feathers will be judged **Sat., 12 p.m. (noon) in the Ballroom.**

All Feathers will become property of the ODCCA and entered into a **Silent Auction following the contest when bids can be submitted.** Winning bids will be announced during the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction Saturday. *Auction proceeds split 50% to the carver, and 50% to benefit ODCCA. Best of Show Feather will receive \$100 and rosette.*

Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition

Questions? Email **Steve Secord**, secordsteven@gmail.com

The ODCCA is again very proud to be this year's host for the Ohio Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition. **Students are judged in four groups according to grade level: K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.** Three first, three second, and three third place entries, along with 16 honorable mentions, are selected from each age group.

The physical size of the artwork must be 9 inches by 12 inches and horizontal. All artwork MUST be original as defined by the rules. Contest judges select one "Best of Show" from the 12 first place winners. The Best of Show entry from Ohio will then compete in the National Competition. The judging will take place in the Holiday Inn, Independence, OH., **Friday, March 17, 2023 beginning at 8 a.m.** For rules and/or entry forms contact, **Rebecca Lewis, rebecca_lewis@fws.gov Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, or call 419-898-0014.** For a downloadable brochure, visit www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program.php
Entries are due to Ms. Lewis by March 1, 2023.

Ward World Youth Silhouette Contest

Questions? Email **Steve Secord**, secordsteven@gmail.com
Students K thru grades 12 can enter as a group project or as an individual. One entry per person, no entry fee. Each age group will be judged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best in Group. Entries in the ODCCA contest can be entered in the prestigious 2023 Ward World Carving Championship, April 21 – 23, 2023, in Ocean City, Maryland. Age groups at the time of registration are: 16 – 17 years of age; 12 – 15; 11 and under.

1. Download the **Belted Kingfisher 2023** pattern and rules at <https://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.

Entries should be realistically painted.

Dove Decoy Contest and Auction

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. **A \$250 Purchase Award and Rosette** will be presented for Best of Show. **First, Second, and Third Best of Show will be placed in the Saturday 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 be full-bodied decoys.
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 12 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.

\$250 Best of Show Purchase Award

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

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

Fish Decoy – Tank, and Jigging Stick Contests in Ballroom

Great Lakes Fish Decoy Collectors & Carvers Assn. Rules

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

Mail-in entries will be accepted until Monday, March 1, 2023. Please include an entry form, a check payable to ODCCA to cover entry fees, and a pre-paid **UPS return label with insurance.** Mail to Al Reeg, 195 S. Matteson Lake Rd., Bronson, MI 49028, (517)-617-0797.

Many ODCCA participants also enter the annual **Great Lakes Fish Decoy and Carving World Championships** held annually in September in Monroe, Michigan. ODCCA is now using their rules. See www.glfda.com for rules, divisions, etc. **There are six categories:** Working Fish Decoys, Decorative Fish Decoys, Folk-Art Fish Decoys, Junior Fish Decoys, Jigging Sticks, and Decorative Fish Carvings. **Students - No entry fees.**

Flat Art Contest (Show Button / Logo)

Questions? Email **Steve Secord**, odccaflatart@yahoo.com

Any Migratory Waterfowl, Goose or Shorebird
Sponsored by Tom Whitlock \$300 and Rosette, Student – ribbons
Mail-in entries will be accepted until Monday, March 1, 2023. Please include an entry form, a check payable to ODCCA to cover entry fees, and a pre-paid **UPS return label with insurance.** Mail to Steve Secord, 3443 Glynn Drive, Toledo, OH 43614, (419)-262-2767.

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 Holiday Inn Cleveland South. **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, 419-262-2767.
8. *There is a limit of four entries per person.*

Decoy Paint-at-Show – 3 hour, Sunday

Questions? **Matt Falkinburg**, 216-538-2495,
or email mattfalk@msn.com

Contestants will be provided a **Goldeneye** blank to paint at the show. Contact Matt Falkinburg to reserve a blank.

1. This year's bird is a **Goldeneye**. A gesso covered blank 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. Cash Prizes!**
All proceeds to benefit ODCCA.
Registration: Prior to Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Ballroom.

Shorebird Paint-at-Show 4 hour Contest, Sunday

Questions? **Matt Falkinburg**, 216-538-2495,
email mattfalk@msn.com

A **Black-bellied Plover** blank, primed, with inserted eyes, stands and bases, will be provided to participants to paint at the show Sunday morning. The blank will be painted in full during the four hours allotted for the contest. No carving is permitted during the contest.

1. The bird will be a **Black-bellied Plover**.
2. There is no entry fee.
3. The allotted time for painting at the show will be **four hours, 9 am. to 1 pm., Sunday morning** in the Ballroom.
4. **The entries will be judged by the designated judges as an artistic interpretation of the live bird. Excluded from the judging will be the base and stand.**
5. Plumage/season/sex of bird is the carver's choice.
Note -*The Sibley Guide to Birds, First Edition.*

6. Cash Prizes. All Carvings become the property of the ODCCA and will be auctioned on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. following the judging. Auction proceeds will benefit the ODCCA, a non-profit organization.

7. Multiple entries must be received for the contest to be held. **Registration: There is a limited number of blanks**, so participants entering the contest must notify the Contest Chairman, Matt Falkinburg, by email (mattfalk@msn.com) on or before **February 1, 2023** of their intent to participate in the contest. The notice should include carver's full name, mailing address and cell phone number.

Fish Decoy Carve-at-Home & Paint-at-Show – 4 hour Contest, Sunday

Questions? Call **Al Reeg**, 517-617-0797, email reegad@charter.net. The carver is provided a blank and carves the entry at home using carving tools and methods of their choice. At the show, the carving will be painted in full during the four hours allotted for the contest, no carving is permitted during the contest. **Request blanks from Al Reeg no later than March 1, 2023, by calling him at 517-617-0797.** Blanks will then be mailed to each interested contestant.

1. The fish will be a **Yellow Perch**, 7 to 9 inches and should include the carver's full name, mailing address and cell phone number.
2. There is no entry fee.
3. The allotted time for painting at the show will be **four hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday morning** in the Ballroom.
4. **The use of carved or glass eyes is allowed.**
5. The **ONLY** painting permitted prior to the show will be the **priming** of the carving in a single color if the contestant chooses to do so.
6. **All Carvings become the property of the ODCCA and will be auctioned Sunday, 1:30 p.m. following the judging. Auction proceeds will benefit the ODCCA, a non-profit organization.**
7. Multiple entries must be received in order for the contest to be held.

New! Modern Collectibles Purchase Award Contest - Open, Great Lakes Decoy Association

Questions? **Dwane Ong**, email dwaneodcca@gmail.com

The Great Lakes Decoy Association is sponsoring a new Purchase Award Contest with a generous donation of \$500. This is the perfect opportunity for you to enter something different, and for us to feature some of the great artwork that doesn't have a home in any of the current "traditional" decoy contests.

The goal of this contest is to highlight some of the "other artwork" that many make, but are rarely seen outside of an inner circle of friends. Things like hanging, flying, or standing birds, fish plaques, miniatures, other game birds or animals in general, flat art, antique it - or don't! **YOU NAME IT!** You see the rules, open up an auction catalog for some inspiration and have some fun.

Entry fees: 1st entry - \$20, 2nd entry - \$10

Awards: 1st Best of Show is a \$500 Purchase Award, 2nd Best of Show \$100, 3rd Best of Show \$50.

The rules are as stripped down as possible in order to attract a wide range of art:

1. Must be original artwork entered by the artist or their representative.
2. Must be hunting/fishing/nature related.
3. No more than 2 entries per person.

Entries will be judged on their appeal, collect ability, and how well they would fit in and perform in a current, large auction type setting.

The 1st Best of Show will then be auctioned during the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction, Saturday night.

Thank you Great Lakes Decoy Association for your generous donation!

**Saturday 6:30 p.m.
"Ky Kraus Memorial AUCTION" and
Cocktail Party**

Named in honor of Ky Kraus

Questions? Call Vic Sutek, (330)-206-4727, motoduck017@yahoo.com or Ken Yacavone, 330-651-7300, email kyac610@comcast.net.

2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.....Registration of auction items
6 p.m.....Bidder sign-up & Preview
6:30 p.m.....Auction and cocktail party, Ballroom

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 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, location to be announced.
Bidder sign-up and Preview 6 p.m.
Auction starts at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom
3. All bidders must use a number in order to participate.
Bidders must register at the table beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023.
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. **Only quality items will be accepted. Auction will feature no more than 50 items.**
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 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.

9. **No items will be released until paid for. Cash, Checks, Visa and Master Card only will be accepted with proper identification. Purchasers using a credit card will be charged a 3 percent credit card fee. 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.

**ODCCA Supports Day on the Wildside Kids' Event
Winous Point Shooting Club**

On July 21, 2022, the Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association marked its tenth year as a sponsor for the "Day on the Wildside" kids event held at Winous Point Shooting Club located on Sandusky Bay, Ohio. **ODCCA donated \$250 and president Brad Falkinburg, and his son Ethan volunteered their time at the event.** The Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District along with many other partners hosted the event for 60 kids ranging from 5th thru 8th grade.

ODCCA president and long-time volunteer, Brad Falkinburg, and his son, Ethan, are dedicated to hands-on learning.

"My son Ethan and I have been volunteering with this important introduction to the outdoors and wetlands for several years. I help with the 'Life in the Marsh' station where we teach the kids about the importance of wetlands and how they act as nature's kidneys, what lives there, water quality, the types of ducks that rely on these types of coastal wetlands, etc. We take them out in the middle of the marsh in the classic Winous hand-built punt boats and show them wetland plants, aquatic insects, and we seine for fish and aquatic bugs. The kids all get out of the punt boats and get wet and muddy and help catch the fish. Ethan has been a group leader for the last 4 years where he is responsible for taking one of the five groups of kids to the various stations set up around the property. The stations include bird banding, fishing/lure making, trapping, punt boating, archery, target shooting with .22 rifles, Life in the Marsh, and wildlife ID," said Brad.

To ensure each student experienced each station, five groups of 12 were created and led by a handful of volunteers. Every 45 minutes, the groups would switch to a different activity station run by volunteers who are experts in their respective fields.

Established in 1856, the non-profit Winous Point Shooting Club has been at the forefront of waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Coastal wetlands of southwestern Lake Erie are among Ohio's most valuable natural areas. Winous Point helped pioneer establishment of wetland protection, restoration, and management strategies, academic research in wetlands, and migratory bird regulations. Most recently, Winous Point Marsh Conservancy was established in 1999 to meet the mounting challenges to wetland conservation in southwest Lake Erie.

"It is important for students to experience one of Ohio's most valuable natural areas. They learn about the many ways they can enjoy the outdoors and to become stewards for wetland conservation," said Brad.