

Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association Vintage Decoys & Wildlife Art Show and Sale See you March 18 – 19, 2023!



**Holiday Inn Cleveland South, (new location)
6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131**
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Artist Matt Clayton won Best of Show in the Flat Art contest. His painting of a common goldeneye will be used as the 2023 show button design.

★ 24 Carving Contests ★ Wildlife Art ★ Collector Buy-Sell-Trade ★ Sat Night Auction ★ Hands-on Demos ★ Best Vendors! ★

SOLD OUT! 43rd Annual Show! **Biggest In-person Event of its Kind this Year!**

Thank you to our ODCCA members, volunteers, long-time friends and participants! After a two-year absence due to the pandemic, your support made our 43rd annual show a big success!

All of the hotel rooms were sold, making this the largest in-person event of its kind this year! The parking lot was full Friday through Sunday, March 18 – 20, 2022, as wildlife carvers, decoy collectors and outdoor enthusiasts made their way into the hotel.

The ballroom was filled to capacity! Robust buying and selling was reported by room and ballroom vendors. Collectors found a nice variety of vintage and contemporary decoys, hunting and fishing memorabilia, and antiques and treasures for sale.

New records were set as 225 carvers/artists participated in 24 contests and entered 560 duck decoys, fish decoys, jigging sticks, shorebirds, songbirds and marsh critters. Participants from throughout the USA and Canada competed for over \$11,000 in cash prizes.

Sold at hammer price at the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction was a well-documented red-breasted merganser hen by the late Jim Schmiedlin. Half of the proceeds go to support Jim's Journey ALS Memorial, the LiveLikeLou Foundation, and half to benefit the ODCCA.

My sincere "thank you" to Debra Schmiedlin for her generous donation of the decoy, and also to the many buyers that participated in the auction.

Thank you to our volunteers who donated their time at the show. Volunteers are critical to sustaining this annual event. In our Fall newsletter, we will have a listing of the volunteer "slots" that need to be filled and it will include a brief description of responsibilities. Please consider volunteering.

We welcome your input as planning for our 2023 show has already begun. If you have any suggestions or comments, please email us at OhioDecoyColCarvers@hotmail.com. A comment box can also be found on the first page of our website, www.odcca.net.

And it was like a family reunion as the Great Lakes Decoy Association and ODCCA worked together to make the weekend a fantastic event!

Lastly, show your support and join ODCCA now. Help us to continue this show now and for future generations. Our costs continue throughout the year as we bring you this newsletter and prepare for our 2023 show. Have a great summer!

Brad Falkinburg, President



The Wildfowlers Single Decoy contest, held Sunday morning in the Holiday Inn pool, attracted 152 entries competing for the \$500 Best of Show Prize. Congratulations to George Keller who won the contest with his spectacled eider.

Finally! Celebrating friends, family, collectors, carvers and the love of Wildlife Art!