

Jim Schmiedlin Decoy to be Auctioned Saturday Night

ODCCA is honored to announce that Debra Schmiedlin is donating another decoy carved by her late husband, Jim Schmiedlin, to the 2020 auction.

Regarded as one of the greatest artists among contemporary decoy carvers, Jim passed away in 2015 after battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit ODCCA and Jim's Journey ALS Memorial, the LiveLikeLou Foundation. The foundation provides care and comfort to ALS families and supports scientific research targeted at finding a cure.

The decoy is a red-breasted merganser hen from Jim's hunting rig which served him as a loyal decoy throughout his years of gunning. In true Jim Schmiedlin style, a vast history is documented on the bottom of the decoy.

"Debra is grateful to Jim's many friends, collectors and fellow carvers for their continued support and generosity in her endeavor to raise money in Jim's honor and in memory for families battling ALS," said Vic Sutek, family friend, hunting buddy, and co-chairperson of the auction.

♥ Please consider making a donation in Jim's memory to this worthwhile foundation: www.LiveLikeLou.org.

ODCCA extends a sincere "thank you" to Debra for her generosity.



Regarded to be one of the greatest artists among contemporary decoy carvers, this stunning red-breasted merganser hen, 1986, by Jim Schmiedlin will be auctioned Saturday night in the Ballroom.

And be sure to stop by Debra's booth in the ballroom to view more of Jim's stunning decoys. Questions? Call: Vic Sutek, (330)-206-4727, or email moto-duck017@yahoo.com; or Ken Yacavone, (330)-651-7300, kyac610@comcast.net.

Don't Miss the SATURDAY "Ky Kraus Memorial" AUCTION & Cocktail Party!

No room in your garage for your car? Is it time to "thin out" your collection? Do you have excess waterfowl related items? Bring your auction items to the show - it's easy and affordable! ODCCA members will be charged a **reduced cost of 10% seller's premium or \$10 whichever is greater.** Buyer and seller premiums go to benefit ODCCA.

Saturday, March 14, 2020

- 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Registration of auction items, Boardroom
- 3:30 p.m. Bidders sign-up & Preview, Ballroom.
- 4:30 p.m. Auction and Cocktail Party, Ballroom

It's a fun, spirited auction with nice affordable to exceptional finds. **YOU WILL FIND IT HERE!**

Reserve Your Room Now to Receive Your Strongsville Holiday Inn Discount!

Book your room now to lock in your Room Discount! Go to www.odcca.net, 2020 Show & Schedule, open Hotel Room Reservations and click on the link. Be sure to use the code ODC. Or you can call 1-877-408-4913 and mention the ODC code.



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We love our Vendors!

Make you reservations now!

Ballroom spaces and preferred 1st-floor room locations went fast last year!

To receive the \$10 Early Bird Discount, your space/room must be reserved by Jan. 30, 2020. Make checks payable to the Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association. Printable registration forms are available at www.odcca.net. Vendor packets will be mailed in late November.

Questions? Contact Dwane Ong: email dwaneodcca@gmail.com or call 734-934-2548.

International Wildfowl Carving Day

April 25, 2020 has been selected as International Wildfowl Carving Day. The date coincides with the Saturday of the 2020 Ward World Carving Competition show's 50th anniversary, April 24, 25, 26 in Ocean City, Maryland.

The purpose is to encourage grassroots participation, with carvers approaching local outlets to publicize their work as well as wildfowl carving in general.

The idea is to introduce the art form to people who may not be aware of it but might be motivated to give it a try. More on this in the next newsletter.

In true Jim Schmiedlin style, a vast history is documented on the bottom of this decoy. Stamped, branded, and locations noted where Jim gunned over this beautiful bird.

Running out of room in your garage or Man Cave? Sell your items in the Saturday auction! 3.