

Raffle to feature Mallard by Robert C. Ceresa

Dennis Jenny, long-time ODCCA member, carver, collector and vendor of *Vintage & Contemporary Decoys*, has donated a beautiful Mallard drake to be raffled on Sunday, 1:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. **Tickets are only sold at the show.**



The decoy was carved by Robert C. Ceresa of Omaha NE. Mr. Ceresa was a nationally renowned carver of duck decoys as well as a published photographer and an avid golfer. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a BS in 1974 and a MS in 1976. He taught industrial arts at West Haven High and later at Millard South High. He passed away on September 8, 2014 at the age of 62.



The decoy is signed and branded with his business card attached to the bottom. **Raffle tickets will be on sale in the ballroom throughout the weekend.** The winner does not have to be present to win. Thank you Dennis Jenny for donating this beautiful decoy for the ODCCA Sunday raffle!

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New Keith Mueller Workbench Project Book Available

A new workbench project book will be available this fall. ***"It's a half-size Great Horned Owl by Keith Mueller, seven times Ward World Champion," said editor Tom Huntington of Wildfowl Carving Magazine.***

Mr. Mueller, a native New Englander, has been carving professionally for forty years. His carving and painting skills are self-taught. He has been awarded the celebrated title of World Champion seven times and is one of only two carvers World-wide to win four divisions at World Level of the Ward World Championship.

The book will be available first to book club members and then go into general release around November 1st. You can also purchase the book at the Wildfowl Carving Magazine booth in the Ballroom at the show. (Visit www.wildfowlcarving.com for more information.)

Sell Your Items at the Club Table

If you have items to sell, but not enough to fill a booth in the Ballroom, this is a perfect way to thin out your collection. Look through your Man Cave, basement and garage. Sell your decoys, fish decoys, hunting memorabilia and related art at the ODCCA Club table. **There is no charge to you.**

Mark each item with an asking price and a "rock bottom" price in mind. Look for Paul Busick in the Ballroom.

And if you have photos of your items, we can publish them in the next newsletter to peak people's interest. We will not list your name unless requested. Email them to: OhioDecoyColCarvers@hotmail.com.

Please take the time to read the 2020 Competition Rules and special inserts. Each contest lists a contact person in case you have any questions.

Vintage Decoy Collectors' Contest Always Popular

Last year, 142 decoys were entered into the Vintage Decoy Collectors' contest. (View the 2019 slide show, at www.odcca.net.) The contest provides the opportunity to see how your antique decoys compare to others.



This also is a great experience for carvers to view first hand the "best of the best" and to learn about the many timeless techniques and traditions developed by that past carvers.

Charitable Donations made by ODCCA

A \$150 donation was made to the **Russ Nature Reserve endowment in Beavercreek, OH.**, that was heavily damaged in May by an outbreak of deadly tornadoes.

ODCCA members Barb and Buck Juhasz, volunteers at the reserve, said the loss of aged-old trees and habitat is devastating. The donation will be used for restoration projects.

A \$250 donation was made to support the popular **"Day on the Wildside" youth event hosted by the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District.**

Sixty kids toured the **Winous Point** wetlands in a punt boat and learned about the local environment. The fourth to eight graders learned how to handle a bow-and-arrow, cast a fly rod, plunk some targets and hold a songbird in their hands to be released after it was banded.