

Jim Schmiedlin Decoy to be Auctioned Saturday Night
NO BUYER'S PREMIUM!

ODCCA is honored to announce that Debra Schmiedlin is donating another decoy carved by her late husband, Jim Schmiedlin, to the 2022 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.

The decoy will be auctioned Saturday night at the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction which begins at 6:30 p.m. **Half of the auction price goes to the ODCCA and half to 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 him at motoduck017@yahoo.com; or Ken Yacavone, (330)-651-7300, email at kyac610@comcast.net.

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

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 19, 2022**

- 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. See page 9, 2022 Rules.

The auction is fun and exciting with nice affordable to exceptional finds!

ODCCA Membership Dues Extended to 2022!

As you probably know, ODCCA had to cancel its annual 2020 and 2021 shows because of the Pandemic. Members who paid their dues in 2020 and 2021 will have their dues automatically credited for our 2022 membership year which runs from Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31. For your convenience, **your dues' membership expiration date is listed on your mailing label on this Fall newsletter.** You can bring your label to the show, or your 2020 or 2021 membership card to receive free admission.

You can also check at the membership table.

BUY-SELL-TRADE Vendors Reserve Your Ballroom Spaces Now!

The Grand Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South is newly renovated, bright and spacious! **Ballroom tables** (draped) are \$80 each. **Ballroom wall spaces** are 8ft. x 6 ft., and \$80 per space.

Ballroom vendors can begin setting up their booths after 12 p.m. (noon) Friday, March 18, 2022 or when the Ballroom is ready. Sales hours in the Ballroom have been expanded to include Friday night to coincide with the Meet/Greet & Buy/Sell party located in the Ballroom. Snacks and keg beer will be provided.

Be sure to use the code "ODC" when reserving your room to receive the show discount rates. Call: (216) 524-8050, extension 298. **No pets allowed.**

Your company will be listed on our website, www.odcca.net, in our newsletter and in the ODCCA Show program given to every attendee.

To receive the **\$10 Early Bird Discount**, your space must be reserved by Jan. 30, 2022. 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. For room sales contact Ken Cole (kencole3@aol.com or 810-845-2434).



**Hammer Price!
No Buyer's Premium!**

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.