Madison Grimm, high school senior, wildlife artist and three-time winner of the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition, won the 2025 ODCCA Flat Art contest. Her painting of a Pintail Duck will be used as the 2026 show button design.

Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association
presents the 47th Anniversary

Vintage Decoys & Wildlife Art Show and Sale

March 21, Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and March 22, Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH

2026 Show Schedule & Competition Rules

Over $11,000 Cash Prizes!

SHOW HOURS

Friday, Ballroom Vendor setup starts 10 a.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, March 20, 2026:
8 a.m. - noon **Two Demo Seminars:** *"Core Sound Style Hunting Decoys"* by Jerry Talton, and *"Airbrushing Basics – A to Z"* by Tom Matus, Conference Center.
7:30 p.m. Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell check-in
8:30 p.m. start time, refreshments

Saturday, March 21, 2026 AUCTION:
2:30 – 5 p.m. Registration of auction items, Janus Rm. near Ballroom #1
6 p.m. Bidder sign-up and Preview, hallway near Ballroom #1
6:30 p.m. "Ky Kraus Memorial Auction" and cocktail party, Ballroom #1

Sunday, March 22, 2026:
9 a.m. Paint-at-Show contests, Ballroom #4
10 a.m. Wildfowlers pool contests
1:30 p.m. **Raffle,** blue-winged teal drake by Gary Hanson, and **Chinese Raffle,** Ballroom #2
3 p.m. Entries to picked up at end of show

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★ Reminders for 2026! ★

- ***IWCA contests are non-sanctioned,*** but using their rules.
- ***Wildfowlers Singles Contest*** **$300 Purchase Award Best of Show! *New* Ladies Day in the Pool – Hen Diver! *New* Delta sponsored Best Canvasback, hen or drake. *New* 1st Best Specie, Long-tailed Duck, Green-winged Teal, Wigeon and Black Duck - each $200 and Plaque!**
- **Wildfowlers Rules – see page 5.**
- ***Use you imagination!*** **Modern Collectibles Contest, $500 Purchase Award** sponsored by the Great Lakes Decoy Association. Winning entry to be auctioned Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
- ***Mail-ins accepted only for:*** Palm Frond, Flat Art, Cocktail-size and Carved Feather contests.
- ***Printable Entry forms*** available online at www.odcca.net. Complete **TWO COPIES,** 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 Conference Center Independence Rm: Palm Fronds, ODCCA Working Decoy Championship, Senior Decorative Life-size Floating Decoy, IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy, IWCA Style Decoy, IWCA Style Shorebird, IWCA Working Shorebird & Silhouette, "It Ain't Vintage Yet," Rest of the Marsh Life-Size and Miniatures, Cocktail-size Bird, Fish, Critter, Carved Feather contests, ODCCA Kids' Silhouette, Dove Decoy, Great Lakes Modern Collectible Contest Purchase Award.
Sat. 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Fish Decoys & Jigging Sticks, Conference Center Brecksville Rm.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Flat Art Contest, Ballroom #2.
Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig & Youth, Independence Rm., 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 20, 2026

8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Demo Seminar** "Core Sound Style Hunting Decoys" by Jerry Talton and...

11 a.m. - noon **Demo Seminar** "Airbrushing Basics from A to Z" by Tom Matus, see newsletter page 3

10 a.m. **Vendor Set-Up** in Ballrooms #2, #3, #4

10 a.m. . **"How to Carve, Weight and Swim a Fish Decoy,"** Stop by! Demonstrations throughout the day. Hallway by Ballrooms

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Vendor Sales, Membership, T-Shirt Sales, Raffle Tickets, Ballroom #2**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. **All Contest Registration** including Wildfowlers in Conference Center, Independence Rm. *(except Fish Decoy contests)*

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. **"Famous Carvers" Vintage Decoy Contest,** OH, MI, MN, WI, IL, ME, DE, NY, CT, MD, and VA. Registration & Setup, see Tom Whitlock, Conference Center, Maple Heights Rm.

7:30 p.m. **Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell check-in,** Ballroom #1 **Refreshments,** 7:30 Check-in, 8:30 p.m. Buy/Sell

Saturday March 21, 2026

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **All Contest Registration** including Wildfowlers, Conference Center, Independence Rm.

7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Registration Fish Decoy & Jigging Stick Contests,** Conference Center, Brecksville Rm.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **SHOW OPENS** to the public

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. **BUY-SELL-TRADE** Ballrooms and Room Sales

9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. **Registration of Flat Art,** Ballroom #2

9 a.m. **Judging Begins,** Conference Center

10 a.m. **Shorebird Judging,** Conference Center, Bedford Rm.

10 a.m. **Fish Decoy Judging,** Conference Center, Brecksville Rm.

10 a.m. **Flat Art Judging,** Ballroom #2

10 a.m. **"Famous Carvers" Vintage Decoy Contest,** OH, MI, MN, WI, IL, ME, DE, NY, CT, MD, and VA. Judging, Conference Center, Maple Heights Rm.

12 noon **Palm Frond Judging,** Conference Center, Bedford Rm.

12 noon **Cocktail-Size Bird, Fish Decoy, Critter, and Feather Contests, Judging,** Conference Center, Bedford Rm.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Public Viewing of Contests,** Conference Center

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **"How to Carve, Weight and Swim a Fish Decoy,"** Stop by! Demonstrations throughout the day. Hallway by Ballrooms

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Kids' Painting Contest, 11-inch Trout** Ballroom #4, limited to 20, Mark Langenderfer

2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **AUCTION Registration of items,** Janus Rm. near Ballroom #1

6 p.m. Until Sold! **Silent Auction sign-up to win** entries from Cocktail-size Birds, Fish Decoys, Critters, and Carved Feather Contests, Ballroom #1

6 p.m. **AUCTION Bidder Sign-Up & Preview,** hallway near Ballroom #1

GROUP PHOTO Ballroom #1 Everyone Welcome!

6:30 p.m. **Ky Kraus Memorial AUCTION and Cocktail Party,** Ballroom #1

Sunday March 22, 2026

7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. **Registration of Wildfowlers Single, Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig, and Youth,** Poolside

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **SHOW OPENS** to the public

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **"How to Carve, Weight and Swim a Fish Decoy,"** Stop by! Demonstrations throughout the day. Hallway by Ballrooms

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Paint-at-Show Contests,** watch and learn new techniques from the best! **Pintail duck decoy, woodcock shorebird, and frog decoy,** Ballroom #4

10 a.m. to Completion **Judging of Wildfowlers Contests,** Poolside

1 p.m. **Judging of Paint-at-Show Contests,** Ballroom #4

1:30 p.m. **RAFFLE TICKET DRAWING blue-winged teal drake by Gary Hanson,** and **Paint-at-Show Chinese Raffle,** Ballroom #2

3 p.m. **SHOW ENDS.** Entries to be picked up from all contests, bring registration form, Conference Center

Friday Night "Meet-Greet & Buy-Sell" Ballroom #1

Snacks and keg beer, Chairman Dwane Ong, Sponsored by Tim & Christina Schloss, Tim Schloss Taxidermy, visit htpps://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 their 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 fellowship for a common interest, ***The Decoy!***

Kids' Painting Contest Saturday 1:30 p.m.

No entry fee. Kids pre-school through grade 12 will paint an **11-inch Trout** (you pick the specie.) **1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Ballroom #4.** Please pre-register, limited to 20 participants. Contact ***Mark Langenderfer,*** tartarbug@gmail.com. Ribbons awarded.

Other contests with special student categories, no entry fee: ODCCA Flat Art contest, Fish Decoys, and ODCCA Kids' 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 for these contests is appreciated!***

Contest Entry Fees

All student entries Free!

Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests Open, Decoy and Decorative	$30 per entry
ODCCA Working Decoy Championship Open, Tank, *NOT IWCA,* Purchase Award	$20 first entry $5 each additional
Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy 65 and older, Tank, *NOT IWCA*	$15 first entry $5 each additional
IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Division, Tank	
Open	$25 first entry, $5 each additional
Intermediate & Novice	$15 first entry, $5 each additional

IWCA Style Decoy Division
Open $25 first entry, $5 each additional
Amateur $15 first entry, $5 each additional
Junior No entry fee

Wildfowlers Single Decoy Contest
Open, *NOT IWCA* $15 first entry, $5 each additional
Ladies Day in the Pool, **Hen Divers** $10 first entry, $5 each additional
Youth, age 9 to 17 No Fee

Wildfowlers Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig Decoys Contest, Pool
Open, *NOT IWCA* $15 first entry, $5 each additional
Youth, age 9 to 17 No Fee

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Division, ODCCA Purchase Awards
Open $25 first entry, $5 each additional

IWCA Style Working Shorebird Decoy (& Silhouette) Division
Open $25 first entry, $5 each additional

"It Ain't Vintage Yet" Open $15 each entry

Rest of the Marsh Life-Size *and* Rest of the Marsh Miniature 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, Fish Decoy *and* Critter Contests
Open No entry fee

Carved Feather Contest Open No entry fee

ODCCA Kids' Silhouette Contest, Youth, No entry fee, Canvasback drake

Dove Decoy Contest Open $15 first entry, $5 each additional

Fish Decoy, Decorative & Jigging Stick, *Not IWCA*
Open (Youth free) $15 first entry, $5 each additional

Flat Art
Adult (Students free) $30 first entry, $10 each additional

Sunday Paint-at-Show Contests, Duck Decoy, Shorebird and Fish Decoy
Open No entry fee

New Modern Collectibles Contest, Great Lakes Decoy Association, $500 Purchase Award, Open $20 first entry, 2nd entry $10

Contest Awards

2026 Total Cash Prizes – Over $11,000

Palm Frond Decoy Contest, Open, Purchase Awards:
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, Open, Purchase Awards
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 $400 Purchase Award
Open, Tank, *Not IWCA* $400 Purchase Award & Rosette

Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy, 65 & older, Tank, Ribbons

IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Division, Tank
Open Best of Show $300 & Rosette
Open 2nd Best of Show $200 & Rosette
Open 3rd Best of Show $100 & Rosette
Intermediate and Novice Ribbons

IWCA Style Decoy Division
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

Wildfowlers Single Decoy $300 Purchase Award, Pool, *Not IWCA*
Open Best of Show $300 Purchase Award, Rosette, Plaque, *& on display at Magee Marsh Museum*
Open 2nd & 3rd Best of Show Rosette & Plaque
Ladies Day in the Pool Hen Divers Plaques, 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Open Delta Waterfowl, Best Canvasback, $200.
Best Species: Best Long-tailed Duck, Best Green-winged Teal, Best Wigeon, Best Black Duck, $200 & Plaque

Wildfowlers Shooting Stool 3-Bird Rig Decoys, Pool, *Not IWCA*
Open Best of Show $150 **&** Plaque *& on display at Magee Marsh Museum*
Open 2nd Best of Show Rosette & Plaque
Open 3rd Best of Show Rosette & Plaque

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

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Division, ODCCA Purchase Awards
Open Best of Show $600 Purchase Award & Rosette
Open 2nd Best of Show $500 Purchase Award & Rosette
Open 3rd Best of Show $400 Purchase Award & Rosette
Amateur Ribbons

IWCA Style Working Shorebird Decoy (& Silhouette) Division
Open Best of Show $75 & Ribbon
2nd, 3rd Best of Show 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 Life-Size *and* Rest of the Marsh Miniature Contests
Open Best of Show $200 & Rosette
Open 2nd Best of Show $150 & Rosette
Open 3rd Best of Show $75 & Rosette
Intermediate and Novice Ribbons

Cocktail-size Bird, Fish Decoy and Critter Contests
Open, **Silent Auction 50% to Carver,**
Best of Show $150 or ½ of selling price whichever is greater

Carved Feather Contest $100 & Rosette Best of Show
Open ***Silent Auction 50% to Carver***

ODCCA Kids' Silhouette Contest - Canvasback drake
No Entry Fee 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & Best in age groups,
Online pattern by Del Herbert Ribbons

Dove Decoy Contest Open $250 BOS Purchase Award
2nd and 3rd Pl BOS Rosettes
All entries auctioned, Ky Kraus Memorial Auction, 80% to Carver

Fish Decoy Contests – *Not IWCA,* Tank
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 Contest Sunday, Pintail Duck
Best of Show $100 & Rosette
2nd Best of Show $75 & Rosette
3rd Best of Show $50 & Rosette

Paint-at-Show Shorebird Contest Sunday, Woodcock
Best of Show $100 & Rosette
2nd Best of Show $75 & Rosette
3rd Best of Show $50 & Rosette

Paint-at-Show Fish Decoy Contest Sunday, Frog Decoy
Best of Show, 2nd & 3rd Pl. Ribbons

All entries of Paint-at-Show contests will become property of ODCCA and entered into the Chinese Raffle the following year.

New Modern Collectibles Contest, Great Lakes Decoy Association Purchase Award Best of Show $500, 2nd BOS $100, 3rd BOS $50. Best of Show winning entry will be sold at the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction, Saturday, 6.p.m. Proceeds to be benefit the ODCCA Show.

Palm Frond Purchase Award Contests, *Open,* Decoy and Decorative, $5700 Total Purchase Awards

Questions? Call **Tom Baldwin,** 330-310-1740

Major portion of entry must be made of a Palm Frond. **Mail-in entries will be accepted until March 1, 2026.** Please include an entry form (download from www.odcca.net), 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 Chet Wilcox, 916-961-5400.

ODCCA Working Decoy Championship, *Open* $400 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.** Entries are judged in a water-filled tank. 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.

Senior Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Contest, Tank, *Not IWCA - Age 65 and Over*

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 20, 2026. Entry must be made since the previous 2025 show. Entries are judged in a water-filled tank.

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 https://internationalwildfowlcarvers.com, for official rules and judging per division, International Wildfowl Carvers Association.

IWCA Decorative Life-Size Floating Decoy Division, Tank, (non-sanctioned) - *Open, Intermediate & Novice* $600 Total Prizes

Questions? Contact **Jon Russell,** 440-212-4873, jonjrussell@hotmail.com

See https://internationalwildfowlcarvers.com, for official rules and judging per division, International Wildfowl Carvers Association.

Section 14. IWCA Decorative Life-size Floating Division

14.1. Subject must be made of wood.
14.2. The entry will be judged in the tank from the water line up.
14.3. They must float with life-like attitude, but do not have to self-right.

*For your convenience, **contest entry forms are available online**. Print and complete **TWO** contest forms for each entry. You will give one of the forms to **Registration,** and you will keep the other form as your **receipt** to pick up your entry at the end of the show. Visit www.odcca.net and click on Printable Contest Entry Forms page.*

IWCA Style Decoy Division - (non-sanctioned)
Open, Amateur & Junior, $600 Total Prizes

Questions? Contact **Jon Russell** 440-212-4873, jonjrussell@hotmail.com

See https://internationalwildfowlcarvers.com, for official rules and judging per division, International Wildfowl Carvers Association.

Section 9. IWCA Style Decoy Division

9.1. Decoys must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas.
9.2. Texturing will be allowed by rasping, chip carving, combing, scratching, stippling and flocking.
9.3. No wood burning except as a cutting tool.
9.4. Stoning or carving (no burning) will be allowed on the crest, tuft, or hood of any species of waterfowl with a crest, tuft, or hood as long as it remains sturdy and functional.
9.5. Undercut areas, wingtips, tails, and necks must not be fragile.
9.6. Feather groups may be simply carved (back, side-pockets, rump, and breast).
9.7. Only primaries, tertials, scapulars and tail feathers may be individually carved.
9.8. Detailed carving of the bill is allowed.
9.9. Inserts may be used to strengthen weak areas such as bills, tails, and crests. Open bills are allowed.
9.10. Feather splits may be carved.
9.11. Decoys must have a facility for an anchor line. Keels and weights are not required.
9.12. Decoys will be placed in the tank with their bottoms up, pushed down to just submerged, and then re leased. Decoy must self-right. Test may be performed two(2) times only. Swans and geese must self-right from the side.
9.13. There will be no restrictions on painting of IWCA Style Division decoys. The carver is allowed to create expressive poses to capture the many attitudes of waterfowl.
9.14. 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.
9.15. There are no restrictions as to the number or gender of the entries.
9.16. Decoys must have no visible markings that will identify the carver and/or painter. All such marks must be covered with tape.
9.17. Judging for essence of species, anatomy, coloration, attitude on the water, flotation, and how well the decoy projects must be evaluated from a minimum of twenty feet.

Wildfowlers Pool Contests - Sunday Morning!
Single Decoy and 3-Bird Rig
New! Ladies' Day in the Pool, Best Hen Diver!
New! Delta Waterfowl sponsored Best Canvasback hen or drake!
New! Best 1st Species: Long-tailed Duck, Green-winged Teal, Wigeon, Black Duck, hen or drake!
Open & Youth—Not IWCA , $1250 Total Prizes!

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

- **Single Best of Show,** $300 ODCCA Purchase Award, Rosette & Plaque
- **3-Bird Rig Best of Show,** $150 ODCCA & Rosette? & Plaque
- **Best Canvasback, hen or drake,** sponsored by **Delta Waterfowl** $200 & Plaque. This is an additional award in the Pool Singles Contest, automatic entry and entry fee included. Winner selected at end of Singles Contest. $200 award and Plaque.
- **Ladies' Day in the Pool, Best Hen Divers,** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Plaques. Sponsored by Tom Rowe and Andy Hildreth. This is a separate contest, requires a separate entry form and $10 first entry fee. Hen Divers of any Species will be judged against each other (not by Species) adhering to the Waterfowlers Pool Rules. Decoys in this contest will not be allowed to cross over to other pool contests**.** Winners will be selected same time as rigs.
- **Best 1st Place Species:** Long-tailed Duck, Green-winged Teal, **Wigeon** and Black Duck, hen or drake. First place winners of these designated species will win $200 and a plaque. No additional entry fee or form.

See newsletter page 2 for complete listing of contest sponsors.

Wildfowlers Singles and 3-Bird Rig pool contests are the most popular ODCCA contests! The competition is based on the tradition and heritage of basic, functional, hunting-style decoys. These are great contests for all levels of carvers, especially beginners. 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 decoys were simple, functional, with little detail, and hand-made with the sole purpose to attract live waterfowl.

Clarification: *To view the 2020 Photo Comparisons of the IWCA Style Decoy, ODCCA Waterfowl, and Wildfowlers contests, please see page 10.*

Registration—Three registration times will be held for the Wildfowlers Contests. Entries registered prior to Sunday morning will be on public display Saturday in the **Conference Center, Independence Rm**.

★ **Friday, March 20, 2026…….4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Independence Rm**
★ **Saturday, March 21, 2026.....7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Independence Rm**
★ **Sunday, March 22, 2026…....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. Preference will be given to simplicity over complexity.
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. This includes primaries, secondaries, tertials, or coverts.
6. No carved bill detail. A slight mandible separation is allowed.
7. No raised or carved primary feathers.
8. No carved or painted feather split techniques are allowed.
9. No use of flocking on decoys will be allowed
10. Decoys must be painted using commonly accepted techniques: brushing (both traditional and airbrushing), ragging, stippling, combing, scratching, blending, and burned cork.
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. There will be three categories:

a. Puddle 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:

1. Judging shall be done from behind a blind and/or designated spot at 20 feet away. No walking around.

2. Three judges preferably from different waterfowling backgrounds will evaluate the entries and determine the winners based on a simple 2/3 majority.

3. Best of Show winners of the Singles and Rigs will be required to judge that specific contest the following year before entering again.

4. No duplicate entries allowed: participant cannot move decoys from one contest to enter another contest.

5. 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. Entries will be removed from the pool when eliminated.

b. Once the judging is completed by Category (A. Puddle Ducks; B. Diving Ducks; and C. Sea Ducks, Geese, Swans and Confidence), judges will 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. *Note Rigs are judged by Category.

c. They will replace it with the 2nd place carving from that Category, and so on.

Awards:

6. Decoys will be judged by **Species:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place birds will receive Ribbons. 1st Place Sponsored Species: Long-tailed Duck, Green-winged Teal, Wigeon and Black Duck, hen or drake will win $200 and a plaque. No additional entry fee or form.

7. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place of each **Category** as well as Best of Show will receive Rosettes.

8. Single Decoy Best of Show, $300 Purchase Award, Rosette and Plaque.

3-Bird Rig Best of Show, $150, Rosette and Plaque.

Delta Waterfowl sponsored Best Canvasback, hen or drake, $200 & Plaque. This is an additional award in the Pool Singles Contest, automatic entry and entry fee included. Winners selected at end of Singles Contest.

Ladies' Day in the Pool, Best Hen Diver, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Plaques sponsored by Tom Rowe and Andy Hildreth. This is a separate contest, requires a separate entry form and $10 first entry fee. Hen Divers of any Species will be judged against each other (not by Species) adhering to the Waterfowlers Pool Rules. Decoys in this contest will not be allowed to cross over to other pool contests**.** Winners will be selected same time as rigs.

Youth age groups: < 9, 10-13, 14-17, Ribbons

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

IWCA Style Shorebird Decoy Division – (non-sanctioned) $600, $500 and $400 Purchase Awards, *Open & Amateur*

Questions? Contact **Mark Prinster,** 937-321-9003, prinsterfamily@gmail.com

See https://internationalwildfowlcarvers.com, *for official rules and judging per division, International Wildfowl Carvers Association.*

Thanks to the generous sponsorship by Doug Miller and family,
A total of $1,500 in purchase awards will be paid to the top three entries.

Section 12. IWCA Style Shorebird Division

12.1. Decoys must be made of wood or cork. Bills can be made of any material.

12.2. Decoys are to be carved life-size and must be full- bodied. No silhouette decoys will be allowed.

12.3. Feather groups may be simply carved (crest, cape, plume areas, scapulars, tertials, primaries, tail and etc.)

12.4. Bills may be detail carved and its fragility will not be considered in judging.

12.5. Texturing will be allowed by rasping, chip carving, combing, scratching and stippling.

12.6. Decorative stone texturing individually carved feathers will not be allowed. Inserts may be used for bills, tails, crest and head plumes. Open bills are allowed

12.7. No wood burning except as a cutting tool.

12.8. Realism and creative postures, including legs, feet and creative bases are allowed.

12.9. Painting to the artist's highest ability is allowed.

12.10. Final judging for projection and likeness to species will be evaluated from a minimum distance of eight feet.

12.11. IWCA Style Shorebird Categories

12.11.1. Curlews, godwits, and whimbrels

12.11.2. Willets and yellowlegs (both)

12.11.3. All plovers

12.11.4. All sandpipers including dunlins

12.11.5. Turnstones, knots, and dowitchers

12.11.6. Avocets and stilts

12.11.7. Other shorebirds

12.11.8. Wading birds

12.12. If there are three or more entries in a category that are the same species, a separate species class may be opened at the show's discretion.

IWCA Working Shorebird Decoy (& Silhouette) Division (non-sanctioned) $75 BOS, Open

Questions? Contact **Mark Prinster,** 937-321-9003, prinsterfamily@gmail.com

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Section 13. IWCA Working Shorebird Division

13.1 Decoys must be made of wood or cork. Bills can be made of any material.

13.2 Decoys are to be carved life-size full-bodied or silhouette.

13.3 Decoys will be judged for simplicity, durability, and practicality.

13.4 No detailed bills or carved nostrils are allowed. Slight mandible separation is permitted.

13.5 Crests and plumes must be simply carved and be of sturdy construction. No fragile parts.

13.6 Primaries may be raised if of strong design.

13.7 Painting schemes must be simplistic, such as: combing, stippling, ragging, scratching, blending, and the use of burnt cork are allowed. Elementary nostril painting is acceptable. Texturing by means of paint or paste is also allowed.

13.8 Decoys must be mounted on a detachable dowel and base for display. Base and dowel (leg) are not considered when judging.

13.9 Final judging for projection and likeness to species will be evaluated at a minimum distance of twenty feet.

13.10 IWCA Shorebird Categories (refer to Section 12.11).

"It Ain't Vintage Yet" Contest - Open

Questions? Email Matt Falkinburg, Mattfalk@msn.com

A creative contest in the spirit of antique style, folk art, one-of-a-kind.

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 Life-Size and Miniature Contests, Birds and Marsh Critters, $425 Total Prizes *Open, Intermediate & Novice*

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, Cocktail-size Fish Decoy *and* Cocktail-size Critter, $150 BOS Miniature Contests and Silent Auction - *Open*

Questions? Contact **Mark Prinster,** 937-321-9003, prinsterfamily@gmail.com

Mail-ins accepted to Mark Prinster, 22783 Pelomar Ln., Marysville Ohio 43040-8544

Entries are miniature in that they must fit into a cocktail size glass. Beautiful, and finely detailed, these birds, fish decoys, and critters are a perfect addition for collectors who are short on space! Because this contest is so popular, **ODCCA is adding a critter category.** Let your imagination go wild! (Please note that 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, Cocktail-size Fish Decoy and Cocktail-size Critter*** must be cocktail glass in size.
   Entries will be judged at ***12 p.m. (noon) Saturday, Bedford Room.***
4. All cocktail-size Birds, Fish decoys, and Critters will become property of the ODCCA and entered into a **Silent Auction following the contest when bids can be submitted.**
5. 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 pays $150 or ½ of selling price, whichever is greater. Entries judged as one category.***

Carved Feather Contest and Silent Auction - *Open*

Questions? Contact **Mark Prinster,** 937-321-9003, prinsterfamily@gmail.com

Mail-ins accepted to Mark Prinster, 22783 Pelomar Ln., *Marysville Ohio 43040-8544*

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 Bedford.***
4. All Feathers will become property of the ODCCA and entered into a **Silent Auction following the contest when bids can be submitted.**
5. 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

Students are judged in four groups according to grade level: K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Judging will be held at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Best of Show entry from Ohio will then compete in the National Competition. For rules and/or entry forms contact, ***Rebecca Lewis, rebecca_lewis@fws.gov Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, or call* 419-898-0014.** For a down-loadable brochure, visit www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program.php ***Entries are due to Ms. Lewis by March 1, 2026.***

ODCCA Kids' Silhouette Contest, No Entry Fee Canvasback drake, *3 age groups, K thru grades 12*

Questions? Contact **Mark Prinster,** 937-321-9003, prinsterfamily@gmail.com

This is a fun contest for kids who like to paint. **Students K thru grades 12** enter one entry per person, no entry fee. Each age group will be judged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Best in Group. Age groups at the time of registration are: 16 – 17 years of age; 12 – 15; 11 and under. ***Our sincere thanks to Del Herbert, Ward World Championship Carver, teacher to many, and long-time supporter of ODCCA and its mission for providing the pattern and a sample silhouette.***

1. Download the Canvasback drake pattern from www.odcca.net or 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 $250 Purchase Award - *Open*

Questions? Contact **Mark Prinster,** 937-321-9003, prinsterfamily@gmail.com

All entries will be auctioned Sat., at the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction - 80% to carvers. Ohio has enjoyed a dove hunting season for many years. Doves are attracted 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 DOVE 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, and 2nd, 3rd place winners will receive Rosettes.***

Dove Contest Rules:

1. Decoys must be made of wood or cork; bills can be of any material.
2. All entries will become property of the ODCCA and will be auctioned Saturday at the Ky Kraus Memorial Auction. Carvers will receive 80% and the ODCCA will receive 20% of the final bid. ***All entries must remain on display until 3 p.m. Sunday.***
3. The species of doves will be those with current or past huntable seasons in Ohio. ***The list has been expanded to include the white-winged dove and Eurasian collared dove*** **in addition to the mourning dove**, **rock dove, and the extinct passenger pigeon.**
4. Decoys are to be carved life-size, and be full-bodied decoys.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Realistic painting is expected to the best of the artist's ability.
8. Carver's identity shall be hidden until after the judging with tape.
9. Final judging for likeness to species will be done from a minimum distance of 12 feet.
10. 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.

Fish Decoy – Tank, and Jigging Stick Contests, Not IWCA, 6 Categories, *Open & Students*

Great Lakes Fish Decoy Collectors & Carvers Assn. Rules

Questions? Email Shaun Reeg, bigbucksstop@yahoo.com

Mail-in entries will be accepted until Sat., March 1, 2026. 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 Shaun Reeg, 224 S. Ruggles St., Rd., Bronson, MI 49028, (517)-617-4007.

Many ODCCA participants also enter the annual **Great Lakes Fish Decoy and Carving World Championships** held annually in Cadillac, 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) *Adults & Students $300 Best of Show, Adult*

Questions? **Garrett Secord,** email ghsecord07@gmail.com, 567-202-3737

Any Migratory Waterfowl, Goose or Shorebird

Sponsored by Tom Whitlock, $300 and Rosette, Student – ribbons

This is a flat art contest for artists who like to draw or paint. The winning entry is reproduced as the ODCCA logo for next year's annual show, and is used on the show button, clothing, printed materials, website, newsletters, T-shirts, etc. **Mail-in entries will be accepted** until **Sat., March 1, 2026.** Please include a downloadable entry form (odcca.net), a check payable to ODCCA to cover entry fees, and a pre-paid **UPS return label with insurance**. Mail to Garrett Secord, 2717 Schneider Rd. Toledo Oh. 43614.

Adults $30 first entry and $10 each additional entry.
Students K thru grade 12 free.

1. Anyone can enter. There are two classes – Open and Student.
2. Any fine art media may be used with the exception of photographs, AI or computer-like images.
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. Sat., in Ballroom #2, 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.**

Decoy Paint-at-Show – 4 hour Contest, $225 Total Prizes Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pintail Duck - *Open*

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

Contestants will be provided a ***Pintail Duck*** blank to paint at the show. Contact Matt Fallkinburg to reserve a blank.

1. This year's bird is a ***Pintail Duck*** A gesso covered blank will be supplied.
2. Contestants must furnish all of their own paints, brushes, etc.
3. This contest has a **four-hour time limit,** no entry fee.
4. Contest will be held ***Sun., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,*** in the Ballroom #4
5. Winners to be chosen by judges.
6. **All entries become property of the ODCCA and entered in the Pick-A-Prize contest the following year.** ***Cash Prizes! All proceeds to benefit ODCCA.***

Registration: Prior to Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Ballroom #4

Shorebird Paint-at-Show - 4 hour Contest, $225 Total Prizes Sunday 9 a.m to 1 p.m., Woodcock - *Open*

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

A ***Woodcock*** 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 ***Woodcock.***
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 Ballroom #4.

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. **All entries become property of the ODCCA and entered in the Chinese Raffle contest the following year. *Cash Prizes! All proceeds to benefit ODCCA.***
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, 2026*** of their intent to participate in the contest. The notice should include carver's full name, mailing address, and cell phone number.

Registration: Prior to Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Ballroom #4

Fish Decoy Paint-at-Show – 4 hour Contest, Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Frog - *Open*

Questions? Email Shaun Reeg, bigbucksstop@yahoo.com

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 Shaun Reeg no later than Jan 30, 2026, by calling him at 517-617-4007. Email requests to include mailing address and cell phone number*** Blanks will then be mailed to each interested contestant.

1. The fish will be a ***Frog*** and should include the carver's name.
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 Ballroom #4.
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 entries become property of the ODCCA and entered in the Chinese Raffle the following year. *Cash Prizes! All proceeds to benefit ODCCA.***
7. Multiple entries must be received in order for the contest to be held.

Registration: Prior to Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Ballroom #4

New! Modern Collectibles Contest - *Open* $500 Purchase Award, Auctioned Saturday, 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* art-*work"* 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 simple 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, collectability, 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, Ballroom #1.

Thank you Great Lakes Decoy Association for you generous donation!

Saturday 6:30 p.m. Ballroom #1 "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, Janus Rm near Ballroom #1
6 p.m.....Bidder sign-up & Preview, hallway near Ballroom #1
6:30 p.m.....Auction and cocktail party, Ballroom #1

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, Janus Rm. near Ballroom #1. **Bidder sign-up and Preview** 6 p.m., hallway near Ballroon #1. **Auction** starts at 6:30 p.m
3. All bidders must use a number in order to participate. **Bidders must register at the table** beginning at 6 p.m. on Sat., March 21, 2026.
4. Appropriate identification will be requested.
5. 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.***
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. ***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. ***No Club Discounts***
10. **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.**
11. 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.
12. Payment to the seller of successfully auctioned items will be made by check within 10 working days of the auction.