



40th Annual Decoy & Wildlife Art Show

Clayton, NY
July 18th, 19th & 20th, 2008

Art Knapp Memorial International HUNTING DECOY CONTEST

2007 Best of Show Winner – Clint Taylor, Ogdensburg, NY

BEST IN EACH OF 18 DECOY CATEGORIES

1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons

**BEST OF SHOW \$350 cash prize
plus ribbon and plaque**

Winning Decoy will be kept in the
Decoy Hall of Fame at the Thousand Islands Museum.

BEST MARSH DUCK
BEST DIVING DUCK
BEST GOOSE
1 st - \$150 & ribbon 2 nd - \$75 & ribbon 3 rd - \$25 & ribbon
Selected from the first place entries in each class

ENTRY RULES and REGULATIONS

Please read carefully!

1. The contest is an open contest-Amateur, Professional and Novice will be judged together and is designed to give everyone an equal chance to display their skills and to perpetuate the art of decoy carving, in its original form-the hunting decoy.
2. Decoys must be carved, from wood or cork, and completed *after* our previous contest date. Marsh Ducks and Geese must self-right from side positions and Divers from any position, with balancing by means practical for hunting use. Provision must be made for anchoring.
3. This is **strictly a Hunting Decoy Contest**- No detailed carving such as carved in wing or tail feathers or delicate bills, raised wings, delicate tails, burning, or over carving. Decoys must be sturdy and well constructed and capable of withstanding rough treatment. The chairmanship shall have the right to disqualify any decoy that does not conform to any rule prior to judging. Remember the intent of this contest is to help preserve the art of carving and painting a working duck decoy.
4. Decoys must be painted in a manner that could be duplicated to a reasonable degree, by a hunter. There can be no fancy brushwork or shading. Combing and stippling are permitted. Color and pattern should be representative of fall plumage. Identifying marks should be covered with tape.
5. **Entry fee** is \$10.00 for the first decoy and \$3.00 for each additional entry. No more than two entries (Drake and Hen) can be made in any one species; otherwise, there are no other limitations on the number of entries. Checks are payable to the T. I. Museum.
6. **Judging will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.** The panel of 3 judges will be briefed at 12:30 p.m. Decoys will be judged first at the tank by the contest Chairmen to insure compliance with the rules, they will then be judged at a distance by the panel of 3. Thus, the profile and appearance as a **Gunning Decoy** will be the primary judging factor.
7. **Mailed Entries:** Failure to include entry fees, sufficient return postage, insurance, and a \$5.00 handling fee, will result in decoys not being accepted for judging. Be sure to specify the amount you want the decoys to be insured for when returned. Mail decoys to Linda Schleher, Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James St., Clayton, NY 13624. All entries must be received by 12:00 noon on the Friday of the show.
8. Decoys carved by persons, 16 years or under, may be entered, free of charge, in the Youth Division contest. See Youth Registration Form on back.

ART KNAPP INTERNATIONAL HUNTING DECOY CONTEST 2008 APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name: _____ Will be attending: Yes No

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Telephone : () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

OPEN CLASS ENTRIES

CLASS NUMBER	DRAKE	HEN
1. MARSH DUCKS:	Black	
2.	Mallard	
3.	Pintail	
4.	Teal(all)	
5.	Wood Duck	
6.	Widgeon	
7.	Misc.*	
8. DIVING DUCKS:	Canvasback	
9.	Scaup	
10.	Goldeneye	
11.	Redhead	
12.	Bufflehead	
13.	Merganser(all)	
14.	Misc.**	
15.	Sea ducks	
16. GEESE	Brant	
17.	Canada	
18.	Snow & Blue	
TOTAL ENTRIES		

Entry Fee \$10.00 1st decoy, \$3.00 each additional entry _____ \$ _____ (Entry fee is to help pay for awards)

*Misc. marsh ducks include all others not listed by specie name plus the following confidence decoys, swans grebe and coots.

**Misc. divers will include all others not listed by specie name.

KEN HARRIS ST. LAWRENCE RIVER GUNNING RIG CONTEST

******2008 Rigs- Broadbills **** Pairs- Mallards******

2007 Winners

Rigs/ Jim Romig

Pairs/ Clint Taylor

The following conditions and rules will be applicable:

Please **NOTE:** Decoys may also be entered into the Art Knapp Memorial Decoy Contest.

1. Contest will be held in the Recreation Park pond or swimming pool at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 2007; decoys can be registered between 9 and 10 a.m. at the pond.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per rig of 6, \$5.00 for pairs; checks to be made payable to the T. I. Museum.
3. Decoys will be set for you.
4. Contest is open to all carvers and there shall be six (6) bird rigs, with at least one hen in each rig, in the pairs, one of each sex.
5. All decoys must be made of wood or cork with no raised wings, wing tips, fragile bills, primary or tail insets or detailed feather burning. No molded, rubber, or plastic decoys will be allowed.
6. Decoys must be full size or larger and painted in the traditional, gunning, style (fall plumage).
7. Decoys must be rigged for 6 feet of water and must self-right from any position.
8. All decoys shall be the type that could be repaired and repainted by the average hunter.
9. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. In the rig of 6, prizes for the pairs competition TBA.
10. We are looking for a functional and traditional working decoy.
11. By signing the application form, the entrant verifies his/her entries are of his/her own making and painting, the general rules and regulations are understood and he/she will accept the decisions of the judges and/or committee as final
12. I absolve the Decoy & Wildlife Art Show of any loss or damage beyond its control.

Please circle and sign: Rig of 6 Pairs Date _____

Signature _____ Address _____

YOUTH CONTEST

The youth contest is for boys and girls 16 years and under. It is designed to encourage young ones in the All-American art of decoy making and the fun derived from doing so. Good Luck!

Please read rules:

1. Restricted to 16 years old and under.
2. Follows same rules as main contest.
3. Carving and painting, no assistance from adults.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

1. March Ducks – Mallard, Misc.
2. Diving Ducks – Scaup, Misc.

AWARDS

1st 2nd 3rd Ribbons in each division

Judging starts at 1:00 p.m.

Will be attending YES NO

Name: _____	Age: ____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: ____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	

CLASS NUMBER	DRAKE	HEN
1. MARSH DUCKS: Mallard		
2. Misc.		
3. DIVING DUCKS: Scaup		
4. Misc.		
Total Entries (NO FEE)		

COCKTAIL DECOY CONTEST (in Silent Auction)

- Miniature decoys must fit in a standard cocktail glass.
(maximum of 3 ½ inches in length from tip of bill to tip of tail)
- No limitations on painting or carving but the decoy must be a smoothie, no burned detail. Texturing with paint is acceptable.
- Decoys must have a keel and proportionate line and anchor. The decoys will NOT be floated.
- Decoys will be part of the museum's Silent Auction and the auction price will be split 50/50 with the carver and the TI museum.
- No minimum bids. If decoy receives no bid, it will be returned to the carver.
- Decoy with the highest bid at close of the Silent Auction will be the winner.

SILENT AUCTION

Exhibitors are invited to donate items for the Silent Auction held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during show hours to benefit the Thousand Islands Museum. **DONATIONS FOR THE AUCTION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY FRIDAY MORNING WITH A \$25 VALUE OR MORE PLEASE. DONATIONS ONLY.**