



51st Annual Decoy & Wildlife Art Show

Clayton, NY
July 19 & 20, 2019

Art Knapp Memorial International HUNTING DECOY CONTEST

2018 Best of Show Winner – Gary Doviak

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 retained in the
Decoy Hall of Fame

Thousand Islands Museum, Clayton, NY

BEST MARSH DUCK
BEST DIVING DUCK
BEST GOOSE
1st - \$150 & ribbon 2nd - \$75 & ribbon
3rd - \$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. No machine duplicated decoys.
3. This is **strictly a Hunting Decoy Contest**- NO detailed carving, such as, carved in wing, tail feathers or delicate bills, raised wings, delicate tails, burning, or over carving. Decoys must be sturdy 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. No feather splits. Combing and stippling are permitted. No flocking allowed. 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 for singles will start at 12:00 p.m. on Friday.** The panel of 3 judges will be briefed at 11:30 a.m. Decoys will be inspected first 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. In case of a tie, judges will move halfway to the tank. If a tie remains the judges will move to the tank, handle and inspect decoys to break the tie.
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 or ship decoys via UPS (no Fed Ex) to: Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James St., Clayton, NY 13624. All entries must be received by 12:00 noon, Thursday, the week of the show.
8. Decoys carved by persons, 16 years of age or under, may be entered, free of charge in the Youth Division contest. See Youth Registration Form for further details.