

24th Annual  
**CORE SOUND  
DECOY  
FESTIVAL**



**December 3-4, 2011  
Harkers Island, N.C.**

Admission \$8 Daily, Two Day Pass \$10, Children under 12 Free

# Welcome to the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Core Sound Decoy Festival!

We would like to extend an invitation to you to participate in North Carolina's largest decoy festival. Over 100 exhibitors will be displaying waterfowl artifacts and selling decoys. This year the decoy auction will be held at Harkers Island Elementary School. Old and new decoys and artifacts will be offered to the highest bidder. Other events include the IWCA sanctioned competitions, including the Youth Competition, children's decoy painting, head carving competition, Loon calling and retriever demonstrations.

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## **General Rules for Carving Competition**

1. There are three levels of entrants:

- A. Open
- B. Intermediate
- C. Novice

For definitions, please see IWCA Rules at [www.IWCA.com](http://www.IWCA.com)

- 2. Carver cannot enter the same entry in this show more than once.
- 3. All entries must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas.
- 4. Our show complies with IWCA Rules ([www.IWCA.com](http://www.IWCA.com)). Participants in all IWCA competition division must be current members.

### **DIVISION A – IWCA Style Decoy**

Best of Show: \$500.00, plus plaque and ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$250.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$125.00, plus ribbon.

### **DIVISION B – IWCA Working Decoy Competition**

#### **(Purchase Award)**

Best of Show: \$300.00 Purchase Award, plus plaque and ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$200.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.

### **DIVISION C – IWCA Shorebird Gunning Decoy Competition**

#### **(Purchase Award)**

Best of Show: \$200.00 Purchase Award, plus plaque and ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.

### **DIVISION D – Decorative Life-size Floating Competition**

#### **Open:**

Best of Show: \$400.00, plus ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$200.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.

#### **Intermediate:**

Best of Show: \$300.00, plus ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$150.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$75.00, plus ribbon.

#### **Novice:**

Best of Show: \$200.00, plus ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.

### **DIVISION E – Decorative Life-size Non-floating Competition**

#### **Open:**

Best of Show: \$400.00, plus ribbon.

Second Best of Show: \$200.00, plus ribbon

Third Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.

**Intermediate:**

- Best of Show: \$300.00, plus ribbon.
- Second Best of Show: \$150.00, plus ribbon.
- Third Best of Show: \$75.00, plus ribbon.

**Novice:**

- Best of Show: \$200.00, plus ribbon.
- Second Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.
- Third Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.

**DIVISION F – Decorative Miniature Competition****Open:**

- Best of Show: \$200.00, plus ribbon.
- Second Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.
- Third Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.

**Intermediate:**

- Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.
- Second Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.
- Third Best of Show: \$25.00, plus ribbon.

**Novice:**

- Best of Show: \$100.00, plus ribbon.
- Second Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.
- Third Best of Show: \$25.00, plus ribbon.

**DIVISION G – Canvas Decoy Competition****(Purchase Award)**

- Best of Show: \$100.00 Purchase Award, plus plaque and ribbon.
- Second Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.
- Third Best of Show: \$25.00, plus ribbon.

**DIVISION H – Core Sound Hunting Decoy Competition****(Purchase Award)****Judging/Entry Rules**

1. No eyes (inserted or painted), eye sockets, or channels.
2. Carving is allowed in lower mandible and where bill meets the face, but no nostrils or nails may be carved.
3. No inserts or raised feathers, feather groups, or painted feathers.
4. No burning, stoning, or texturing (must be slick).
5. Painting shall be done in traditional methods of block painting and no antiquing, airbrushing, or blending.
6. No carved flanking or side pockets or relieving of feather groups.
7. Must self right when placed in the water and must have a place for securing anchor line.
8. Must be made from wood, cork, or canvas.
9. There will be no limit on the number or sex of decoys entered.
10. All decoys will be judged as a group and the final decision will be made from 20 feet.

Best of Show: \$100.00 Purchase Award, plus plaque.

Second Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$25.00, plus ribbon.

## **DIVISION I – Root Head Decoy Competition**

### **(Purchase Award)**

#### **Judging/Entry Rules**

1. Heads must be shaped from the natural fork of a tree branch or root. No bill detail will be allowed except carving to delineate between the upper and lower mandible and can be shaped to represent the species. No glass eyes may be used.
2. All duck and goose decoys must be equipped with a lead or iron weight attached to the bottom and a leather strap, nail, or staple, attached for securing an anchor line. All Flatties (silhouette shorebird) type decoys must have a wooden dowel or metal rod and base for displaying.
3. Painting shall be simple block style. Stippling, ragging, and antiquing will be allowed. No blending of paint will be allowed.
4. All decoys will be judged on the table (non-floating) and the final decision will be made from 20 feet. All materials and methods of construction will be assessed from traditional methods used in constructing Root Head decoys for use in North Carolina and Virginia.

Best of Show: \$100.00 Purchase Award, plus plaque.

Second Best of Show: \$50.00, plus ribbon.

Third Best of Show: \$25.00, plus ribbon.

## **DIVISION J – Contemporary Antique Decoy Competition**

### **Judging/Entry Rules**

1. Open to all carvers. Entries can be primitive, classic folk art, or crude. Contestants may submit floating, non-floating, or stick-ups with standard materials (wood, cork, canvas, etc). Entries will not be floated. All categories will be judged together (ducks, geese, confidence, and shorebirds).
2. Reproductions are discouraged.
3. Entries should be dated and bear a maker's mark.

Best of Show: Plaque, plus ribbon.

Second Best of Show: Ribbon.

Third Best of Show: Ribbon.

## **DIVISION K – Youth Decoy Carving Competition**

### **Judging/Entry Rules**

No entry fees will apply in the Youth Decoy Carving Competition Division. Youth may enter decoys in the regular competition, and entry fees will apply.

**Youth Class A – (YA) 15 – 17 years of age at time of registration**

Rules for IWCA Working Decoys apply.

**Youth Class B – (YB) 12 – 14 years of age at time of registration**

Rules for IWCA Working Decoys apply.

**Youth Class C – (YC) 11 and under years of age at time of registration**

Rules for IWCA Working Decoys apply.

**Youth Class D – (YD) Bench Class**

Any decoy entered by youth not fitting criteria for IWCA Working Decoys.

Entries in the Bench Class will not be floated.

Best, Second Best, Third Best of Show, and Honorable Mention in each class will receive ribbons. All entries will receive ribbons for participation.

**Entry Form Available Upon Request**

**DIVISION L – Duplin County Ducks Unlimited Competition**

**(Purchase Award)**

**Judging/Entry Rules**

Decoy must be a Lesser Scaup Drake. Decoys must be carved according to IWCA Working Decoy Rules.

Best of Show: \$750.00 Purchase Award, plus plaque.

Second Best of Show: \$500.00, plus plaque.

Third Best of Show: \$250.00, plus plaque.

Entry fee is \$25 per decoy. All decoys entered become properties of Duplin County Ducks Unlimited.

**\*New This Year\***

Nutshell Pub will be photographing winners at the 2011 Core Sound Decoy Festival on December 3-4. Photographs of division winners will be sent to Wildfowl Carving Magazine for the annual edition of Competition magazine. Photographs of the carvings will also be available to the winning carvers.

In addition, Nutshell Pub is offering a new option for all carvers and vendors at the show. Any carving--winner or not, entered or not--can be photographed for a low sitting fee of just \$10 with up to three birds per sitting. All poses of each bird will be posted on NutshellPub.SmugMug.com in a private album where owners can purchase just the size and pose they need. It's a great way to get quality images of your work.

For details on how you can get your mail-in photographed while it's at the show, contact Bill.einsig@verizon.net.

## Entry and Shipping Instructions:

1. All entrants must complete and sign the registration form.
2. Entry fee shall be \$10.00 for the first entry and \$5.00 for each additional entry with a maximum of \$50.00 for all classes except the following: the fee for Decorative Life-size Floating (open, intermediate, and novice) and Decorative Life-size Non-floating (open, intermediate, and novice) will be \$25.00 for the first entry and \$5.00 for each additional entry with a maximum of \$50.00. There is no limit to the number of entries per contestant.
3. Hand delivered entries will be accepted at the following times:  
Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM  
Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
4. All mail-in entries must be received by Wednesday, November 30, 2011.
5. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.
6. All entries must remain on display until 3:00 PM December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All entries must be checked out by the competition personnel before being removed from the competition area.
7. Please review the rules carefully and if you have additional questions, please contact:  
**Daniel Nicholson**, IWCA Board Member (252) 241-6302  
Or  
**Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild (252) 838-8818**  
PO Box 89, Harkers Island, NC 28531  
E-mail: [info@decoyguild.com](mailto:info@decoyguild.com)
8. All mail-in entries should be shipped by UPS or US Mail in a sturdy, carefully packed container. All mail-in entries MUST include a UPS or USPS PREPAID RETURN LABEL. (Labels can be printed from a home computer at [www.ups.com](http://www.ups.com) or [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)).
9. Make checks payable to the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild.
10. Each individual entry shipped should have a tag securely attached, listing the species and the competition class entered. Please tape the envelope containing the registration form and return shipping material to the outside of the shipping container.

A completed registration form and proper fee must be included with all entries. If your IWCA dues are not up to date you must send a renewal fee.

**Send UPS or US Mail entries to: Daniel Nicholson**  
**1912 Snowy Egret Drive**  
**Morehead City, NC 28557**  
**(252) 241-6302**

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