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NDSCS plans meeting during Washington 2006

First Day of Issue for the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp!

Remember ... the first day ceremony for RW73, the 2006 duck stamp will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m.

This is your chance to combine a trip to a once-a-decade stamp show with the biggest day of the year for duck stamps!

The Society will have a booth at the 2006 Washington Philatelic Exhibition, number 2853. Be sure to stop by and visit with duck collectors! In addition, if you are at the show and have some time to spare - donations of time are greatly needed! Anyone willing to man the booth for a little while will be a **HUGE** help! Contact VP Wes Miller with any questions; WesMiller3@aol.com or call his cell 727-215-3998.

The membership meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1 at 2:00 in Room 158B.

See page 2 for details on a tour being offered to NDSCS members by Jim O'Donnell of the National Postal Museum.



Design of RW73, the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp to be issued on June 1.

Junior Duck Stamp winner selected

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that a redhead duck will be featured on the 2006 Junior Duck Stamp. The design for the new stamp, painted by 15 year-old Rebekah Nastav of Amoret, Mo., was chosen by a panel of judges on April 20 at the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest held in Washington, DC.

The acrylic painting, entitled "Morning Swim," which previously won the Missouri State Junior Duck Stamp

Contest, was judged the top painting among the Best-of-State entries from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and American Samoa. The 2006-2007 Federal Junior Duck Stamp, which the Fish and Wildlife Service makes available for \$5 to stamp collectors, conservationists, and the general public will be released on June 1, 2006.

Proceeds from Junior Duck Stamp sales are used to support environmental education



Redheads will appear on JDS14.

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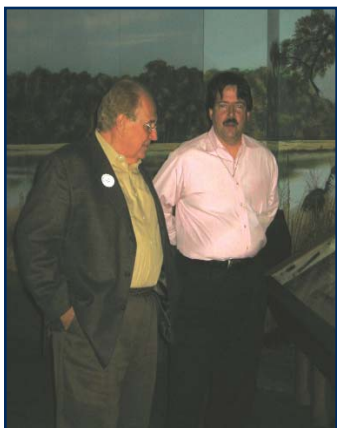
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NPM offers private tour of ducks for NDSCS Members

On Saturday, May 27, members of the National Duck Stamp Collectors Society and friends are welcome to attend a tour of the National Postal Museum's duck stamp collection.

NDSCS members should plan to meet at the receptionist's desk in the historic lobby of the Old City Post Office at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 27th, where they will be greeted by Jim O'Donnell.

Once everyone is assembled, Mr. O'Donnell will lead the group into the Discovery Center, where he will give a talk



Bob Dumaine and Jim O'Donnell in the Rudy Gallery at the NPM. Building across from Union Station.

and show slides about the duck stamp collection at NPM, the making of the gallery and the collection of donor Jeanette C. Rudy.

After this presentation, the group will then proceed to the duck stamp gallery.

The museum is located at 2 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., in the Old City Post Office

Building across from Union Station.

Letter to the Editor

Rita, I just finished the issue and wanted to compliment you on the quality of the publication. It is fantastic! Stories, content, layout, paper quality, etc. It is suitable for an organization of thousands let alone our little Society.

I am a long time customer of Bob's. Have not had duck needs in years but did business with your Company in the 80's and 90's. Still have many nice RW 1-10's Bob sold me.

I sold the balance of my stamp collection last year at the APS show in Grand Rapids but I saved the ducks.

Say hello to Bob for me and great job on the news magazine. He'll remember me.

Steve Harvey, CPA

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President's Corner

Collector Stamps



by Ira Cotton

My article this issue was triggered, so to speak, by an story I read in the March 6, 2006 *Linn's Stamp News* titled Vice President Dick Cheney cited for failure to buy \$7 game bird stamp. When I first read the story, I was annoyed by some factual mistakes on the part of the author (who I won't embarrass further by identifying) regarding the Texas Upland

Game Bird Stamp. The article begins by stating that the Vice President was given a warning citation for failure to buy this stamp, and later in the article says that "the stamps have largely been replaced by a validation endorsement on the hunter's license, but the stamps are still produced for sale to collectors."

In fact, the stamps have entirely been replaced by a license endorsement, and had the VP bought and affixed the stamp to his license he would still have been in violation because the stamps are not valid for any licensing function. Titled "Collector's Edition" stamps, they are precisely that: state sponsored charity labels to benefit conservation in Texas. Furthermore, they are only sold in a book-



2005 Texas duck stamp.

let of six different wildlife stamps, including the Migratory Game Bird Stamp that we collect as the Texas duck stamp.

This got me thinking about collector duck stamps and how many

states, after they convert to automated licenses, continue to issue stamps that cannot validate a license. It may be a little narrow to focus exclusively on ducks stamps that can't be used to hunt with, so let's expand the coverage to stamps that are primarily intended to be sold to collectors, even if they can also validate a license.

How would we know if a stamp had been intended primarily for sale to collectors? Well, if stamps in a different format were produced and shipped to license vendors around the state, that might be a giveaway! How strange

that we profess to collect waterfowl hunting license stamps, but consider "hunter" stamps to be a variety of the "collector" stamps we place in our albums.

Consider the federal duck stamp - the self-adhesive ATM pane that was introduced in 1998 is the stamp that is sent to sales outlets around the country for sales to hunters. In contrast, it's difficult to even find the (collector) sheet stamps at Post Offices anywhere. At least both are equally valid for licensing.

By my count, about 14 states issue duck stamps that are not valid for hunting: CO, IA, KY, LA, MI, OH, OK, OR, PA, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI. (I'm not certain of the status of a few states that I will mention later. Sometimes it's hard to tell unless you hunt in a state, so if I got some wrong, please let me know.) These states introduced electronic systems as the exclusive method for licensing, but kept the duck stamps for the extra revenue from collectors. Typically these collector-only stamps have the license value removed from the face of the stamp, as in the case of the IA examples below showing a valid and invalid stamp, or bear a legend on front or back that they are not valid for licensing purposes.



Iowa duck stamps.

Four states issue stamps that are valid but not mandatory for hunting: MD, MS, NE, NC. (I'm not sure if the stamps of ME and OR are valid for hunting, so the number could be higher.) In these states the hunter has the

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Ira Writes Again!

The April 2006 issue of *U.S. Stamp News* featured an article by NDSCS President Ira Cotton. The article on Two-Pole stamps continues Dr. Cotton's writing on duck and conservation stamps. Collectors can request a copy of the magazine and subscription information from the publisher: USSN, 42 Sentry Way, Merrimack, NH 03054-4407 or e-mail stampnews@aol.com

Secretary's Column



by **Tony Monico**

Spring is in full swing here on the east coast. The birds are chirping and the trees and flowers are all starting to sprout their new growth. The Canada geese are back nesting in the same spot near the building where I work. They have built the nest and we have started the "countdown" to the day the mom, pop and hatchlings will be crossing

the road to the pond. Not being a hunter, this affords me a close up look at the geese on the other end of the life cycle.

It won't be long until the official ceremony and sale of the new Federal Duck Stamp. In the earliest debut ever, on June 1, 2006, in conjunction with the Washington 2006 Stamp show, the First Day ceremony for the new Federal Duck Stamp will take place. Wes Miller, chairperson of the NDSCS representation and booth, will represent NDSCS at WA 06.

I saw a preview of the new duck stamp, RW73, recently and it turned out really nice. A copy of the stamp is featured in the lead article in this issue. The engraver did a great job adapting the artwork to the stamp. As collectors we always have opinions about the new duck stamp. Let me share my first impressions with you. The stamp presentation looks very interesting. I bet this stamp presentation generates as much discussion as the Adam Grimm stamp did back in 2000. The shadow box effect really accentuates the profile of the Ross goose and displays the artist's meticulous attention to detail very well. I also like the way the \$15 price is being pointed to by the geese's bill, as well as green border color choice. Each year the stamp presentation and presentation gets better and better and this year's stamp design raises the bar another notch.

The 2006 Duck Stamp Contest, judging held on October 6 and 7 in Memphis, Tenn., should prove to be a stiff competition.

Check out the Federal Junior Duck Stamp winner's art on the Federal Duck Stamp Office home page - fws.gov/duckstamps it is a very stunning piece of artwork

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Federal Duck Contest schedule set

The US Fish & Wildlife Service Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest migrates to Memphis again this fall. As one of the most successful conservation programs ever initiated, the contest and subsequent proceeds from Duck Stamp sales have raised more than half a billion dollars to conserve some 5 million acres of wildlife habitat in the U.S.

Make plans to visit Memphis and enjoy inspirational artwork while supporting the cause of conservation. Whether you collect Duck Stamps, or enjoy hunting, or admire art, or support wildlife conservation—these events are for you!

At Memphis College of Art in Overton Park 901-272-5100, www.mca.edu

Sept 25-Oct 7: Federal Duck Stamp 2006 Contest Entries and traveling Federal Duck Stamp Collection on display (free)

Sept. 28: Opening Reception for special sponsors (invitation only)

Sept. 30, 10 am - 2 pm: Family Day featuring duck calling, Junior Duck Stamp program information, performances and children's art activities (free)

Thurs. Oct. 5-Sat. Oct. 7: Rare memorabilia from the Federal Duck Stamp Collection of Jeanette Cantrell Rudy (free)

Fri. Oct. 6, 6-9 pm: Waterfowl Decoy Appraisals by Guyette & Schmidt, the world's leading decoy auction firm; Duck Stamp Contest Judging (free)

Sat. Oct. 7, 10-2 pm: Final Round Judging of Duck Stamp Entries and Live Call to Winner (free)

Other workshops, artists lectures & exhibit tours to be scheduled

At Memphis Brooks Museum of Art in Overton Park 901-544-6200 www.brooksmuseum.org

Sept 26-Oct 29: Paul Tudor Jones Waterfowl Decoy Exhibit on display

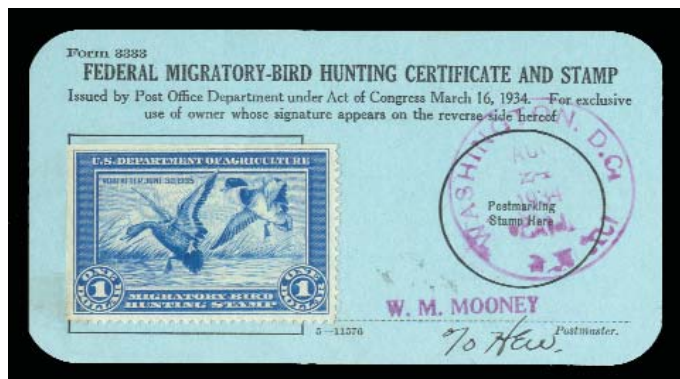
Thurs. Oct. 5, 6:30-8:30 pm: Paul Tudor Jones Special Reception (sponsors only)

Fri. Oct. 6, 12:30 pm: Lecture by Alan G. Haid, author of *Decoys of the Mississippi Flyway* (free, to be scheduled)

At Memphis Zoo in Overton Park, www.memphiszoo.org

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Jeanette C. Rudy Collection To Be Sold



RW1 FORM 3333, RARE 2nd Earliest Usage, August 24, 1934! This Form is extremely RARE, a magenta WASHINGTON, D.C. Aug. 24, 1934, issued at the main Post Office by W.M. Mooney by "HEW", and sold to Robert R. Graves.

The finest Federal Duck Stamp collection in existence is being broken for sale to collectors. Jeanette C. Rudy of Nashville, Tennessee, has selected Sam Houston Duck Company of Houston, Texas, to liquidate the collection built over the last 55 years.

Rudy's stunning, nationally renowned collection contains many unique duck stamp items including essays, proofs, original artist design sketches for duck stamps, artist signed stamps, a full set of federal sheets, many licenses, duck stamp rarities, and background data. The collection highlight is the very first duck stamp sold on August 22, 1934, which kicked off the 72-year run of stamps, is signed by the artist, J.N. "Ding" Darling, also a Pulitzer Prize winner, and regarded as the creator of duck stamps. The unique license, affidavit, and stamp are valued

at \$500,000.

Another remarkable item is a cover franked only with a single duck stamp, which left New York on the SS Europa, catapulted off the deck of the ship, and landed in Berlin the same day. It was then sent via airmail



RW1 Imperforate, block of 8 - the largest known multiple.

to Friedrichshafen, Germany, headed for Rio de Janeiro by way of Pernambuco, Brazil. The cover then followed conventional mail routes back to the sender. The greatest folly is the duck stamp has never been valid postage, but the newness of the issue possibly confused postal workers.

The Rudy Collection also includes a complete set of Federal Duck Stamps with the artists' original artwork on the selvage. While some artists were previously deceased, other notable stamp artists supplied their artwork as a tribute. The Jeanette C. Rudy collection is the most complete known in this area.

The collection is also replete with Indian Reservation and state duck issues, including many errors and rarities. Jeanette C. Rudy sponsored the Smithsonian Exhibit "Artistic License - The Duck Stamp Story" at the National Postal Museum, for ten years, to be completed June 30, 2006.

Rudy stated: "I love my duck stamps, and the conservation goal behind every dollar spent. My decision to allow other collectors to share in the happiness I felt while building this life-long collection brings both joy and sadness. My sincere thanks to all who helped with my efforts, and remember it's no accident there are still ducks in our skies."

Anyone interested in obtaining auction catalogs or items from the collection via direct sale, may e-mail shduck@aol.com or contact Bob Dumaine, Sam Houston Duck Co., 14780 Memorial Drive #110, Houston, TX 77079, 281-493-6386. In addition, items will be available at the Sam Houston booth during the WA 06 stamp show.



1975 Fort Peck bird with double frame line in the upper right corner (scarce).



RW2 block of 12, vertical misperforations.

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for a 15 year old, a redhead by Rebekah Nastav of Amoret, Missouri. A story about the Junior Duck Stamp contest and the wining artist appears on the cover of this issue. The best part of this work is that there is only the duck in the painting and the background is free of all distractions. The young artist uses a variety of color tones to accentuate the duck floating on the water. I am not knocking the use of "scenery" in the art, since I am partial to a lab or lighthouse here and there, just remarking on the beauty of this piece.

On to the society business items -

Check out our web site ndscs.org. Membership renewal by credit card and printing of membership forms for mail-in are available from this site. Our e-commerce affiliate web site allows for secure credit card renewals and general donations. We continually update the site with useful information so make it a point to check it out at least monthly.

Society membership business - Your **Duck Tracks** mailing label is the key to your membership expiration date. All memberships that have a note of EXPIRES: APRIL 2006 or earlier on the first line of their mailing label are now past due! The July 2006 renewals are next up for renewal. Please renew your membership as soon as possible to risk missing the next society newsletter or e-mail information message.

Using your mailing label as a guide, jot your membership number on your check and save the society time and money by renewing as soon as possible. The society also

Duck stamps show up in the strangest places!



Now you can enjoy your duck stamps while you splash on some hot sauce!

Gourmet Mike's Habenero Hot Sauce comes in a two-pack with the bottles picturing RW68 and RW69.

Suppose if you're going to eat that black scoter, you might need a bottle or two of this sauce to make it palatable!

accepts VISA and MASTERCARD for your renewal by using our on-line e-commerce site powered by BigStep.Com at this URL: <http://www.ndscs.bigstep.com/>. A reminder, your dues are fully US TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Membership Renewal Invoices - We completed a very successful extensive renewal campaign after the last **Duck Tracks** mailing to all 2005 member expirations and plan another membership renewal mailing reminder within a few weeks of this issue hitting your mailbox. So everyone please take a minute out of your busy schedules and renew your memberships while you are thinking about it and save the society some time and postage by renewing today.

Mailing Labels - The Membership Summary Table provides the details on the current membership by type. The mailing labels used for this issue of **Duck Tracks** were generated around May 10, 2006. All membership renewals received through that date are reflected on the mailing labels. If you feel there is something wrong with your membership expiration date - drop me a quick note and we will resolve it quickly. If your renewal arrived after that time, except our apology and the next mailing should reflect your update.

Address Changes - The recent Whole #44 Duck Tracks mailing had only 1 Postal Address Change. That is a record! Please continue to let us know when you move or change mailing addresses so your copy of **Duck Tracks** and any other society mailings can follow along with you without interruption.

E-Mail List - We continue to build our e-mail mailing list for society use only. If you want to receive timely electronic messages sent by the society, please keep your e-mail address up-to-date as well so this time sensitive information gets to you before it gets too old. E-mail your address changes to ndscs@hwc.org. We use a method to keep the mailing list secure so don't hesitate to join it at this time. We also mail a preview copy of **Duck Tracks** to this mailing list; if you prefer not to receive these relatively large PDF files, please let us know. (The advance e-mail and on line versions of the newsletter will always be in full color, even when the printed version is not.) Also, note that the NDCS does not sell our mailing list or e-mail list to anyone! Your personal information is used to only send duck stamp information and society mailings to you.

Continued success in your collecting adventures!

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efforts and awards for contest winners.

"I am so impressed with the skill of these young artists in depicting our Nation's waterfowl," said Lynn Scarlett, Acting Secretary of the Interior. "Equally impressive is their commitment to wetlands conservation and education. It is uplifting to see this next generation of citizen-conservationists apply their creative energies to the Junior Duck Stamp program. These students represent the future of the Federal Duck Stamp program and the vital wetland habitats the program secures."

Brett Cooper of Harrisburg, Nebraska took second place with an acrylic painting depicting a pair of canvasbacks called "Tranquil Morning".

Third place went to Brian Murillo, of Norwalk, Iowa for his rendition of a lesser scaup in flight done in acrylic.

The National Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest is the culmination of a year long Junior Duck Stamp conservation curriculum used by educators across the nation. Each State hosted competitions from February until mid-April where more than 34,000 Junior Duck Stamp design entries were judged by people active in the local wildlife art or conservation community.

State "Best of Show" winning designs were then sent to Washington, D.C., where the top three entries were chosen by a panel of five judges. The Junior Duck Stamp Contest

winner receives a free trip to Washington, D.C., along with the art teacher, a parent and the state coordinator to be honored at a First Day of Sale Ceremony in June. The first-place winner also receives a \$5,000 award. The second place winner receives \$3,000 and the third-place winner receives \$2,000.

Judges for this year's national Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest were Jaye Boswell, founder of the Florida Junior Duck Program; Sherrie Russell Meline, winner of the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp competition; Harry Burroughs, Staff Director of the U.S. Congress Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans; John Berry, director of the National Zoological Park; and Virginia Williams, former opera singer, patron of the arts and mother of D.C. mayor Anthony Williams.

The First Day of Sale Ceremony for the 2006-2007 Federal and Junior Duck Stamps will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 11 a.m. at the 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. It is free and open to the public. Both duck stamp artists will be available to sign stamps and covers at this event, and the U.S. Postal Service will have a special cancellation on-hand for collectors.

For more information and a complete list of images and contest results, please see the Duck Stamp Program's home page at www.fws.gov/duckstamps.

Blue-winged Teal chosen for 2007 Alabama

A blue-winged teal painted by David Nix is the winning artwork for the 2007 Alabama Waterfowl Stamp. Although Nix has been a runner-up several times in the past, this is the first time one of his paintings has won the competition.



The artwork was publicly displayed and judged by a panel of experts in the fields of art, ornithology, and conservation.

All licensed hunters are required to be in possession of state and federal migratory waterfowl stamps signed in ink across the face. Like the federal stamps, state issued stamps are popular with collectors.

Upcoming Shows & Events

May 27-June 3, Washington, D.C. Washington 2006 Philatelic Exhibition - washington-2006.org.

June 1, Federal Duck Stamp First Day Ceremony 11:00 am, Washington Convention Center, Rooms 146 A, B, C.

June 23-25, Santa Clara, California ASDA Postage Stamp Show. 516-759-7000; asdaonline.com.

July 7-9, Indianapolis, Ind. INDYPEX; indianastampclub.org.

July 21-23 Minneapolis, Minnesota Stamp Expo. 763-533-1860; stampsminnesota.com.

August 4-6 Independence, Ohio (Cleveland area). Americover, American First Day Cover Society; afdcs.org.

August 24-27 Rosemont, Ill. STAMPSHOW, American Philatelic Society, 814-933-3803 ext 217; stamps.org

September 1-3 Omaha (Nebraska) Stamp Show. 402-342-6896; omahaphilatelicsociety.org.

September 8-10 Philadelphia (Penn.) National Stamp Exhibition. 610-828-8631; pnse.home.att.net.

September 15-17 Greater Houston Stamp Show. houstonphilatelic.org. Sam Houston Philatelics Public Auction.

October 5-8, New York Postage Stamp Mega Event, Madison Square Garden. 516-759-7000; asdaonline.com

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choice of buying an electronic license with a printed validation or a traditional license with a stamp affixed. We probably shouldn't consider these as collector stamps, since they are valid for licensing. However, NC and OR also issue stamps in different formats specifically for hunters, so the sheet stamps from these states should be considered collector stamps.

By my count, 28 states have issued hunter stamps in formats different from the stamps sold to collectors when they order them from the state wildlife agency. In these cases, the basic or non-hunter stamps are the collector stamps. Even though they could be affixed to a license, they usually aren't because they're not the stamps that the license agents carry.

The hunter stamp formats fall in several general categories: labeling tabs, booklets, serial numbers and self-adhesive stamps.



Rhode Island hunter stamp.

Labeling occurs when either the collector or the hunter stamp is described as such on the face of the stamp. The TX duck stamp illustrated above has the designation "Collector Edition" printed on it. RI

provides the reverse example of a labeled for hunters. The stamp without the hunter label is the collector stamp.

Hunter tab stamps were generally sold in booklets with a tab or counterfoil where the hunter could record his/her name and address. This portion was normally retained in the vendor booklet for return to the state agency, but stamps were also made available to collectors with such tabs attached. Sixteen states have issued hunter stamps with tabs: AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, IL, IN, KY, MO, NV, NH, NM, OK, OR, RI, UT. Again, the sheet stamp also issued by these states is the collector stamp.



Alaska duck stamp with hunter tab.

Some states issued hunter stamps in booklets without such tabs. The booklet formats were either one or two stamps wide, with either straight edges or selvage on either

side. Seven states have issued hunter stamps in this format: KS, MT, NJ, ND, VA, WA, WV. Stamps with one or two straight edges from hunter booklets are easy to recognize.



New Jersey and West Virginia hunter stamps with straight edges.

Where the stamps were printed with margin selvage, it must be intact to confirm they came from a hunter booklet. Some of the great rarities in state duck stamps are the early ND hunter stamps in this format. Removing the selvage makes them indistinguishable from the more common collector sheet stamp.



North Dakota with selvage on two sides.



Connecticut hunter pair from booklet.

Where the hunter stamps are printed two across, they are commonly collected in pairs with selvage on both sides to prove their provenance. A stamp with selvage on just one side could have been a sheet margin copy.



Connecticut with an "C" prefix.

Serial number varieties are also used to differentiate between collector and hunter stamps. Since 1997, CT collector stamps have a "C" prefix to the serial number and hunter stamps have an "H" prefix.

Other states that distinguish through serial numbers include AR, DE, SC, VA. In the case of AR, the serial number range distinguishes the collector from the hunter stamps!

Finally, NC and OR have issued both a self-adhesive
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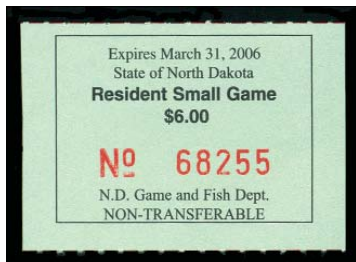
... And the winner is ...

The votes have been counted and here are the choices of NDSCS members for the best and worst of the 2005 duck stamps (see *Duck Tracks* #44).

A wide variety was selected, often the winner only prevailed by one vote!

Thanks to all who participated.

2005 Worst



No questions here - the largest number of votes for the worst stamp went to North Dakota. Last year North Dakota was in a three-way tie for worst state stamp.

Other cited for worst include some picked as favorites by others. "Dishonorable Mentions" go to: South Dakota (second place); California; Connecticut; Louisiana; Massachusetts; Pennsylvania; Vermont and Wyoming.

Voter Comments

A vote for North Dakota for Worst stamp received the comment, "So, what else is new?"

Mississippi received a best stamp vote with this note "The stamp maximizes the image and places focus on the subject. The duck isn't just sitting there, but preening its feathers ... a different and attractive change from the usual." *Editors note: the artwork for the Mississippi stamp is a photograph by Joe Mac Hudspeth.*

"Worst is Louisiana. It would be great if this was a dog stamp contest, but it is not."

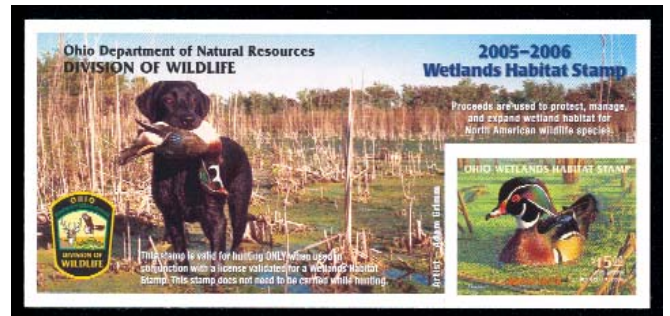
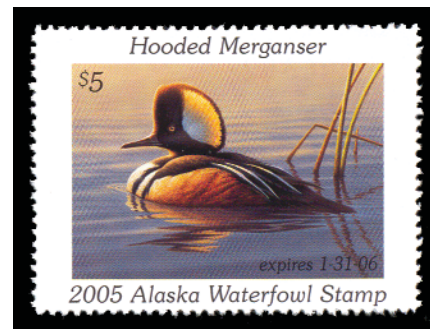
"Many artists are focusing so much on the background that the ducks get lost and the design is too busy."

Additional votes go to:

Most Crowded Stamp - Tennessee; Best Anniversary Stamp - Both South Carolina and Washington say it on the stamp ... the winner, South Carolina! Best King Buck Impersonation - Ohio; Best background scenery - Delaware

Please note the species was misidentified in the caption under Illinois. As it clearly states on the stamp, the 2005 Illinois features a green-winged teal (not wood duck).

2005 Favorite - A Tie!



A tie between Alaska and Ohio!

Second place was also a tie between Arkansas and Louisiana.

Other favorites included: Delaware, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

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hunter stamp and a "lick and stick" collector stamp in the same year. (MS and SD have also issued self-adhesives, but they were the only stamp issued that year and so served double duty for collectors and hunters.)

Many collectors collect just the ... collector stamps. I prefer to spice up my collection with the stamps that were really intended for hunter licensing. They come in many different varieties - even from a single state - and they provide something to pursue after you've accumulated all the easy collector stamps.

Happy hunting!



North Carolina self-adhesive stamp.

Makuchal Wins Maryland Contest

Paul Makuchal's "Cold Front" took top honors at the 32nd Annual Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest which was held at the 17th Annual Patuxent Wildlife Art Show on Saturday, April 1, 2006. The entry features a Canada Goose and was selected from a field of 43 entries from 25 Maryland artists.

Makuchal, of Pocomoke City, is not new to being a Maryland winner. His pair of pintails won him his first Maryland title in 1998 when he was just 21 years of age. As a 17 year old he placed third in the Junior Federal Duck Stamp contest.

The Makuchal name is well known in the world of duck stamps. Paul's father, Wally Sr., was a long-time commercial artist by trade. His brother, Wally, is an accomplished wildlife artist as well and won Maryland's duck stamp contest in 1999. Paul, who prefers to work using acrylics, does a lot of commissioned art and custom painting.

In addition to his past successes in Maryland, Paul won the 2000 Oklahoma Duck Stamp Contest, was named Maryland Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year" and has been featured in *Ducks Unlimited Magazine* and his work has graced the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Calendar.

The Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest, the 4th oldest in the United States, has been showcasing the talents of Maryland's artists since 1974. It serves as the selection mechanism for the Maryland Duck Stamp which is a required purchase by all those who hunt migratory game birds in Maryland. The stamps are also highly coveted by stamp collectors world wide. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps since 1974 have raised over \$4 million to create and improve habitats and conduct much needed research on migratory game birds.

For prints of his winning entry, which will be available later this year, call Mr. Makuchal directly at 410-957-0039 and you can visit his website www.paulmakuchalsart.com.

Delaware Duck Stamp, Trout Winners Chosen

Artist Richard Clifton's painting featuring the red breasted merganser with the Port Mahon Lighthouse will become this year's Delaware Duck Stamp, while the 2007 stamp will feature a painting of the surf scoter with the Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse by artist George Lockwood of Santa Ynez, Calif.

A painting of brown trout by Thomas Zidik of Hershey, Pa., will appear on the 2007 Delaware Trout Stamp.

The paintings won top honors in the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife's annual stamp art competition, held Saturday, April 8 at the Ducks Unlimited Greenwings Event in Greenwood. The 2007 Trout Stamp winner, Thomas Zidik, receives \$250 and retains the rights to reproduce and sell prints of the stamp.

The 2006 Duck Stamp winner, Richard Clifton, will receive a \$2,500 prize and 150 artist's proofs of the limited edition print series of his first place duck entry. A Milford native and self-taught artist who specializes in wildlife, Clifton has now won the Delaware Duck Stamp competition four times since 1992. He has also won competitions in several other states for a total of 25 wins, including this year's Ohio Duck Stamp in February.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with Ducks Unlimited, began the duck stamp and print program in 1980 to raise funds for waterfowl conservation, including acquiring and improving the wetland habitats that are vital for the survival of migratory waterfowl. To date, more than \$2 million has been raised.

The Division began requiring trout stamps the 1930s. Trout stamp art was first used in 1977. Duck stamps, which go on sale July 1 and cost \$9, are required when hunting migratory waterfowl in Delaware.

Duck and trout stamps are available at the Division of Fish and Wildlife offices in Dover, at license agents throughout the state or online at www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw. Collector stamps and prints are sold only at the Division's administrative offices.

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Sat Oct 7: Reception and Celebration Dinner Honoring Billy Dunavant (Tickets: \$1,000)

For more information on all of these events, call 901-578-2787 ext. 213 or visit www.memphisartscouncil.org.



24th Annual Wings 'n Water Festival

The Wings 'n Water Festival, one of the premier wildlife art festivals in the U.S. will be held Sept. 16-17, 2006.

Meet Sherrie Russell Meline, along with other duck stamp and wildlife artists, including the Junior duck stamp winner. Original art work, prints and duck stamps will be for sale. Funds from the sale of current Federal Duck Stamps are dedicated to purchasing and preserving wetlands.

For information about exhibiting artwork or selling merchandise at the festival, please contact Maira Kellett at maria@wetlandsinstitute.org. The Wetlands Institute, 1075 Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247-1424. 609-368-1211.

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Would you be interested in contributing to the Society newsletter, *Duck Tracks*? Yes No

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Steiner celebrates 25 years of duck stamps

2006 - 25th Anniversary Set of Duck Stamp Prints

For 2006, Bob Steiner has received the highest honor of his career - Steiner has been commissioned to paint his lifetime masterpiece by Alaska, Washington, and Oregon to celebrate his accomplishments as America's most accomplished waterfowl artist.

Since 1981, when Bob Steiner was awarded his first duck stamp contest, Bob Steiner's paintings have produced millions of dollars for wetlands preservation efforts across America.

The 2006 - 25th Anniversary Set of duck stamp prints will be offered as a five print set with three state duck stamp prints, a fourth print issued by the three states to recognize Bob Steiner's 25 years, and a fifth large composite print of the entire design.

The top left quadrant will be Alaska's 2006 duck stamp; the bottom left quadrant will be Washington's 2006 duck stamp and the bottom right quadrant will be Oregon's 2006 duck stamp.

In addition, the top right quadrant will be a stamp issued to celebrate Robert Steiner's accomplishments as America's most celebrated waterfowl artist.

Prints of the four individual stamps, as well as composite prints of the entire design, and sets of all five prints will



Top: Sketch of the Alaska/Oregon/Washington 25th Anniversary design. Inset: refined view of the Alaska portion of the design.

be available for purchase fall of 2006 from Steiner Prints at 800-225-3971.

**NDSCS offers their congratulations to
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