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WOODCARVING
CHAMPIONSHIP
COMPETITION



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June 2, 3, & 4, 2023

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WIDGEON GUNNING DECOY

carved by
**Master Carver
Robby Matherne**
(\$1,500 value)

\$1.00 per ticket

**Drawing held during auction
Sunday, June 4, 2023**

For more information or to purchase tickets call (985) 228-0845



FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. REGISTRATION AND TABLE SET-UP
 6:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. WINE & CHEESE DEDICATION SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

***** FESTIVAL STARTS *****

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION
 9:00 A.M. DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC
 10:30 A.M. JUDGING BEGINS
 3:00 P.M. DUCK CALLING CONTEST
 6:00 P.M. DOORS CLOSE

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

9:00 A.M. DOORS OPEN
 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. DUCKHEAD WHITTILING CONTEST
 11:00 A.M. AWARDS PRESENTATION
 1:00 P.M. DECOY AUCTION BEGINS
 4:00 P.M. CARVERS MAY PICK-UP PIECES

*THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR
 VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP MAKE THIS
 SHOW A CONTINUED SUCCESS.*

Duck decoy carving is an American art form that has its roots in the heart of Cajun Country. Like Cajun music & Cajun cooking, decoy carving is part of the culture of south Louisiana. Since 1976 the Cajun heritage festival has kept that wonderful tradition alive. Our members have traveled throughout Louisiana & the U.S. promoting our unique heritage. Our annual Festival gives carvers a chance to promote their talents, & show their work. Collectors attend with an opportunity to meet new carvers & expand their collections. Visitors from around the world have attended to experience our food, people, & beautiful artwork. Our festival & club is supported by volunteers & sponsors who love our Cajun way of life. The Cajun Heritage Festival would like to say thank you to all those who have helped continue this unique tradition for the past 40 years, & looking forward to the next 40.

DEDICATION



Honoring Thaddeus “Tee” Zeringue

Thaddeus “Tee” Zeringue fell in love with the art of duck decoy carving at an early age. He would often watch in wonder as his grandfather skillfully and carefully crafted wood decoys out of tupelo gum from the swamp. The process was fascinating and he knew that one day he would like to continue the tradition.

In 1987, Tee began carving his own duck decoys. To see a block of wood come out as a work of art was a thrilling prospect for him and he wanted to learn as much as he could. After several years of honing his craft, he began to take carving lessons with his father, Jerry Zeringue, and brother, Jerome Zeringue, who both became notable and accomplished carvers in their own right. Under the tutelage of Mr. Carl Danos, Tee learned the nuances of carving and the intricacy of replicating patterns and textures found in feathers and the finer details of how to make his carving take a near-realistic replica of the living animal. It was also during this time that weekly carving classes became a ritual bonding experience with his father and the two enjoyed each other's company while making lifelong friends in the process.

While he set a goal to make a male and female of every species, he discovered that he enjoyed both the process of making and the discovery of details that accompanied each duck he set out to carve. In doing so, he made a name for himself as a distinguished carver both locally and nationally. Tee's ducks have won numerous awards including Best of Show in the World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition held in Ocean City, Maryland. However, as much as he appreciated the art of carving, he would often say that the friends he made and the camaraderie they shared would be some of his most cherished memories. To Tee, his fellow carvers were more than just friends—they had become an extended family.

Throughout his years as a carver, Tee has always shared his love of carving with his family. His wife, Theresa, his two children, Trisha and Toby, and his grandchildren would often accompany Tee to the local carving competitions and celebrate with him whenever his duck decoys received notable recognition. Tee taught his children the value of tradition that comes with carving duck decoys and they would often discuss what duck would be the next one to be carved around the dinner table.

During his many years of carving Tee has given back by serving on the Cajun Heritage Festival board, and as Judging coordinator. Tee has also spent many years as Vice President of SLWC IN Houma, LA.

To be recognized for his efforts at this event is an esteemed honor and privilege for Tee. He feels as though there are many who also deserve this honor as well for keeping the tradition of duck carving alive and well in South Louisiana.

NEW RULES - PLEASE READ THE RULES CAREFULLY! JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL!

Definition of Classes:

YOUTH "A":

Ages 15 to 17

YOUTH "B":

Ages 14 and under

NOVICE:

One who is new to the art and is considered to be at the entry level to competition.

AMATEUR:

One whose work has established oneself beyond Novice Level. (Best of Show Placements at the Novice Level Consistent would certify one to advance to Amateur status.)

PROFESSIONAL:

One whose carvings rank at the highest level of Artistic skill and expertise.

OPEN:

Highest level of competition, the standards for judging are the most demanding in this category. Usually reserved for Purchase Awards. (Competition is open to all levels of carvers.)

GENERAL RULES

1. It is the responsibility of all carvers to select the category for their work. It is also the responsibility of the carvers to see that his or her entry is placed in the proper registered category.
2. Any carvings that do not conform with the rules will be disqualified if brought to the attention of the judging committee before any of the divisions are judged.
3. All registered entries will remain on the competition tables during judging. No entries will be moved or handled by anyone but the Festival Committee.
4. Any objections to proceedings during the judging shall be immediately brought to the attention of the judging coordinator.
5. All registrations are final.
6. Once a carving has been entered it cannot be touched up with paint, weights or keels added, moved or otherwise altered. This will result in disqualification.
7. No machine made carvings will be allowed. Also, no reworked birds. If they are suspected by the judges, they will be eliminated from competition.
8. Carvings can be entered by any documented team, and must be registered as such, with all names on the registration form.
9. The Festival will not be responsible for lost or damaged pieces!
10. All entries must remain on the competition tables until close of festival Sunday afternoon.
11. The Best of Show will be selected from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers from each division or category. The Best of Show will be one of the Best in Division or Category entries.
Replacement rules applies for all contests.

12. Cast feet are not eligible in any contest except Novice and Amateur. Feet must be manufactured by the artist and if molds are used they must be made available to the judging committee.
13. Any member donating an original decoy, carved by the donor, for 100% auction donation, the registration fees for all other entries will be waived except for purchase award fees.
14. Members who donate a decoy for the raffle will have membership dues for one year waived.
15. The Judging Committee has the final Say on any interpretation of any rule in all competitions. The Judging Committee's decision is final!

DIVISION "A" COMPETITION GRADE DECORATIVE DECOY 3 CATEGORIES (IN TANK) MARSH DUCKS, DIVING DUCKS, CONFIDENCE & GEESE

A highly decorative carving that features extreme detail and likeness to the specie. Raised primaries, authentic bill size and detailed painting are required. These decoys will be required to float perfectly, but need not self-right. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd & 3rd and Honorable Mention for each specie. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Best of Categories. Medallion, Ribbon and \$30 for 1st Place Best of Show. Ribbon and \$20 for 2nd Place Best of Show. Ribbon and \$10 for 3rd Place Best of Show. Awarded each in Novice, Amateur, and Professional.

DIVISION "B" DECORATIVE LIFESIZE WILDFOWL CARVING CATEGORY (NOT IN TANK)

The entry will consist of one or more birds of any species with emphasis on creating an innovative and artistic composition. Entries are to be made of wood. Other materials may be used for habitat and structural purposes. They are to be hand-formed with the exception of eyes. Entries will be judged on craftsmanship, accuracy, essence of the species and artistry. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in "Professional", "Amateur" and "Novice" categories. Medallion, Ribbon and \$30 for 1st Place Best of Show. Ribbon and \$20 for 2nd Place Best of Show. Ribbon and \$10 for 3rd Place Best of Show. Awarded each in Novice, Amateur, and Professional.

DIVISION "C" DECORATIVE MINIATURE WILDFOWL CARVING CATEGORY (NOT IN TANK)

The entry will consist of one or more birds of any species with emphasis on creating an innovative and artistic composition. Entries are to be made of wood. Other materials may be used for habitat and structural purposes. They are to be hand-formed with the exception of eyes. Decorative Miniature Wildfowl shall be one-half life-size or less. Entries will be judged on craftsmanship, accuracy, essence of the species and artistry. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in "Professional", "Amateur" and "Novice" categories. Medallion, Ribbon and \$30 for 1st Place Best of Show. Ribbon and \$20 for 2nd Place Best of Show. Ribbon and \$10 for 3rd Place Best of Show. Awarded each in Novice, Amateur, and Professional.

DIVISION "D" INTERPRETIVE SCULPTURE (OPEN CLASS)

This is for entrants who may be interested in creating an interpretive piece rather than following the more traditional style of realism. Subject may be of entrant's choice, a Medallion and Ribbon for 1st Place Best of Show. 2nd Place Best of Show Ribbon and 3rd Place Best of Show Ribbon.

DIVISION "E" BEST ON GULF COAST - STICK BIRD (OPEN CLASS)

Any species of Shorebirds, doves, etc. is identified in the Audubon Field Guide to identifying shorebirds. One live-size bird is required, either male or female. All decoys must be hand made of wood. Glass eyes may be used. Decoys must be slick and may have raised primaries. A highly decorative paint job is desired. Pieces must be mounted on a stick or dowel on a base, no habitat required.



DIVISION "F"
CAJUN OPEN
WORKING DECOY (OPEN CLASS)
(BIRD MUST BE DONATED)

An open class division (any specie) in tank. 1st Place Medallion and Ribbon, 2nd and 3rd Place Ribbons. Number of entries are unlimited. No entry fee! Best of Show Ribbons.

RULES:

1. Carving must be made strong and durable and have the ability to self-right.
2. Keels are allowed, but no swinging weights are allowed.
3. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
4. Raised primaries allowed.
5. Bill must be sturdy, but may be dressed up.
6. Tail must be thick and durable.
7. Feather groups allowed.
8. Painting left to individual's discretion.

DIVISION "G"
LOUISIANA STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
DECORATIVE HEAD
(OPEN CLASS)

An open class division (any specie).
1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10.

3 Categories: Puddlers, Divers and Geese - Confidence.

A highly decorative carving that features extreme detail and likeness to the specie.

DIVISION "H"
LOUISIANA STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
MINIATURE BOAT
(OPEN CLASS)

1. Contest will be comprised of 3 main categories:

- A. Heavy Industrial type boats (tugs, supply boats, crew boats, lift barges, etc.)
- B. Commercial fisheries (trawler, oyster, tuna, etc.)
- C. Pirogues and canoes (any accessories may be included)
(Example: paddle, pushpole, etc.)

2. Boats must be hand crafted only. No kits.
3. All types of boats eligible.
4. No glass or plexiglass display case allowed during judging. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention Ribbons will be awarded in each of the 5 categories. All the 1st place winners in each category will be judged for Best of Show. 1st Place Best of Show Medallion and Rosette, 2nd and 3rd Place Rosettes. Best in Category and Best of Show Ribbons to be awarded.

1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

DIVISION "I"
JIMMY LYNCH MEMORIAL
(OPEN CLASS) FEATHER CARVING

1. Carving may be a feather from any specie of wildfowl.
2. The carving must be mounted on a plaque, along with the real feather from which the carving was copied. Both must be viewed from front & back.
3. Carvings must be 98% wood.
4. Contestants may enter as many feathers as they wish.

1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

DIVISION "J"
CAJUN CLASSIC WORKING DECOY

3 Categories: Puddlers, Divers and Geese - Confidence. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in each category. Medallion for 1st Best of Show, Ribbons for 2nd and 3rd Best of Show.

Professional - Amateur - Novice classes.

1. Carving must be made strong, durable and have the ability to self-right.
2. These decoys should be designed to be hunted over and be rugged enough to withstand the rigors to which gunning decoys are subjected.
3. All weights or keels used for self-righting or ballast must be practical and non-fouling in nature. No swinging weights are allowed.
4. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
5. Raised primaries allowed with NO undercutting. STRAIGHT CUT ONLY, NO ANGLE. SLICK BIRD ONLY!
6. Bill detail other than indentation to define nostril not allowed. There will be no carving under nostril, no upper or lower mandible details, "no carving to show upper and lower mandible".
7. Painting will be traditional & have no extreme detail. Practical, simplified patterns which are easily reproduced will be allowed.
8. No blending or stipling to be viewed as vermiculation.
No hand formed vermiculation. Block painting only.
No feather splits or breakage.
9. Any decoy which is determined by the judging committee to be in violation of any of the rules will be removed from this class and entered in division "K".

DIVISION "K"
CAJUN CLASSIC
DECORATIVE GUNNING DECOY

3 Categories: Puddlers, Divers and Geese - Confidence. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in each category. Medallion for 1st Best of Show, Ribbons for 2nd and 3rd Best of Show.

Professional - Amateur - Novice classes.

RULES:

1. Carving must be made strong & durable and have the ability to self-right.
2. Keels are allowed.
3. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
4. Raised primaries allowed with undercut.
5. Bill must be sturdy, but may be dressed up.
6. Tail must be thick and durable.
7. Feather groups allowed.
8. Painting left to individual's discretion.

DIVISION "L"
LOUISIANA STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP
FISH CARVING COMPETITION
(OPEN CLASS)

All fish will be entered in 3 categories. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Ribbons in categories.
1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

Freshwater fish - Saltwater fish - Exotic fish categories. A highly decorative carving that features extreme detail and likeness to the specie raised.

DIVISION "N"
STAINED OR NATURAL
FINISH WILDFOWL CARVING
(OPEN CLASS)

Subject may be of entrant's choice.

Medallion for 1st Place Best of Show, Ribbons for 2nd and 3rd Place Best of Show.

DIVISION "O"
YOUTH "A" 15 to 17 years
YOUTH "B" Ages 14 and under

This category is for our youths that are 17 and under. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Ribbons.

No entry fee for each category.

Categories: A-Waterfowl, B-Songbirds, E-Any Gunner, F-Miniature, G-Miscellaneous.

1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

DIVISION "P"
BACKYARD CARVERS

This category is for the carver who doesn't go to any class. This is what they do on their own at home. There will be no rules. It will be shelf judging "only". No floating. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Ribbons.

No limit to entries.

Categories: A-Waterfowl, B-Songbirds, E-Any Gunner, F-Miniature, G-Miscellaneous.

1st Place Best of Show Medallion, 2nd and 3rd Best of Show Ribbons.

1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

DIVISION "Q"
DECORATIVE SHELF DECOY

These decoys will not be floated. Same standards as Division "A". Professional, Amateur and Novice. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Ribbons.

Medallion for 1st Place Best of Show.

3 Categories: Puddlers, Divers & Geese - Confidence.

DIVISION "R"
ANYTHING GOES
OPEN COMPETITION

Professional - Amateur - Novice classes. It can be anything that is not in the brochure. Anything goes. Example: Carrousel Horses, Chip Carvings, Caricatures, Figure Carvings, Animals, etc.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Ribbons.

Medallion for 1st Place Best of Show.

DIVISION "V"
FLOWER CARVING COMPETITION

An open class division. Open to any species of flower. Carving, painting, base & habitat left to carver's discretion. No size restrictions.

DIVISION "W"
HUNTING PAIR

Open contest to be judged in 3 categories: Puddlers, Divers & Geese - Confidence.

1st, 2nd and 3rd Best of Show.

One Male and Female of the same species is required.

Carving and painting left to carver's discretion but will be judged as a hunting decoy. Decoys will be floated.

DIVISION "S"
"CAJUN COCKTAIL CLASS"
- Open To All Carvers -
(Decoy must be donated)
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Rule #1 - Subject may be any specie of waterfowl and must be carved as a decoy.

Rule #2 - Subject decoy must not exceed 2 ½ inches in length. (From tip of breast to tip of tail. Tailpin feathers of species such as Pintail, Old Squaw, etc. will not be included in this measurement.)

Rule #3 - Decoy must float. Decoys will be floated in their respective wine glass. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Best of Show (Medallion for 1st). These decoys will be displayed and judged Friday night and will be voted on by the Public attending the "Wine & Cheese Dedication Social". These decoys will be auctioned Sunday with 75% of sale going to the carver. \$100.00 - 1st Place, \$50.00 - 2nd Place, \$25.00 - 3rd Place.

DIVISION "X"
ANTIQUÉ DUCKS

Entries can be inspired by old decoys from geographic areas. Must be the carver's original design and interpretation of an 'old' decoy. Decoys should be made to look old by the manner in which they are carved, painted and finished. Shorebirds and Wading Birds must be mounted on a dowel and have a simple base. Will be judged in 3 categories.

3 categories: Waterfowl, Shorebirds and All others.

Medallion and ribbons awarded for 1st Place Best of Show, 2nd and 3rd Best of Show Ribbons.

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We suggest you arrange for a friend to register your entry.

For further information,
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Call after 5:00 p.m.



DIVISION "T" HERITAGE TEAM CARVING

This contest is designed to introduce a younger generation into decoy carving.

Each entry is to be carved by an adult carver, then painted by a youth carver 9 years old or younger. This is designed for children not yet ready to hold a knife, but want to begin working on decoys. The youth carver can assist in the carving process if they so choose (sanding, measuring, etc.). The painting should be entirely done by the child. The adult may assist with mixing colors, layout, etc. Entries will be judged in 2 categories; gunning decoys and slick on a stick. Decoys are to be smooth and be between 6-8 inches in length. Paint is left up to the carvers, but should be simple and easy to duplicate. Slick on a stick carvings can be of any specie of songbird, gamebird, shorebird, etc. They must be mounted on a dowel with a simple base.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each contest. No entry fee.

This contest was designed with 2 things in mind;

First, to allow our youngest generation a chance to participate in the festival.

Secondly, this allows all of our carvers to invite their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. into their shop & make long lasting memories!



PURCHASE AWARDS LISTED BELOW

HENRY MAYET MEMORIAL DIVISION 1 DEEP SOUTH DECORATIVE HEAD PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

1. Carving must be Mallard Drake.
2. Head must be mounted with a dowl on a base.
3. Carving & painting is left to carver's discretion, but a decorative carving is desired.

1st Place - \$275 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

ALL 3 PLACES ARE PURCHASE AWARDS ALL WINNING CARVINGS WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF THE CONTEST HOLDER

DIVISION 2 BEST IN LOUISIANA DECORATIVE DECOY SHOVELER PAIR (OPEN CLASS)

Species will be judged to the live bird. Must float in lifelike attitude but need not self-right.

1st Place - \$3,300 Purchase Award, Ribbon & Medallion
2nd Place - \$2,600 Purchase Award & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$1,800 Purchase Award & Ribbon

Rules serve as Div. A.

Entry Fee \$20.00 per entry.

DIVISION 3 BEST IN LOUISIANA WORKING DECOY PIED BILLED GREBE PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

Entry Fee \$5.00 per entry. No limit to entries.

RULES:

1. Carving must be made strong and durable and have the ability to self-right.
2. Keels are allowed, but no swinging weights are allowed.
3. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
4. Raised primaries allowed.
5. Bill must be sturdy.
6. Tail must be thick and durable.
7. Feather groups allowed.
8. Painting left to individual's discretion.
9. Remember this is a working decoy.
10. No cork decoys.

1st Place - \$300 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon



DIVISION 4 BEST ON BAYOU OLD STYLE DECOY PAIR (OPEN CLASS)

Open to any specie of waterfowl. One mated pair of decoys is required. Decoys should be carved in an 'old style' and can be inspired by historic decoys, but must be an original design (NO COPIES).

Carving & painting will be left to carver's discretion. This pair will not be floated.

1st Place - \$800 Best of Show Ribbon & Medallion
2nd Place - \$75 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$50 & Ribbon

DIVISION 5 BEST ON FOURCHON GADWALL PAIR (OPEN CLASS)

The subject is a Miniature Pair Hen & Drake. Same rules as Division "C", except that they will be floated. Entry Fee \$5.00 per entry.

Size of carving between 6-8 inches from tip of chest to tip of tail (excluding pin feather)

1st Place - \$300 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

DIVISION 6 STEVE CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL WALKING CANE CONTEST (OPEN CLASS)

RULES:

1. This is an Open Competition
2. Any form & style of walking cane is acceptable.
3. Creativity is encouraged & will be factored as a criteria when judging.
4. Carving & painting is left to carver's discretion.
5. Canes do not have to be functional.

1st Place - \$400 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30
3rd Place - \$20

DIVISION 7 BEST IN GRAND ISLE "SLICK ON A STICK" SHORE BIRD PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

Entry Fee \$5.00 per entry.

Any species of shore bird may be selected that is identified in the Audubon Field Guide to identifying shorebirds. One live-size bird is required, either male or female. All decoys must be hand made of wood. Glass eyes may be used. Decoys must be slick and may have raised primaries.

A highly decorative paint job is desired. Pieces must be mounted on a stick or dowel on a base, no habitat required.

75% at auction if donated

1st Place - \$250 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

DIVISION 8 BEST IN LOUISIANA HUMMINGBIRD PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

This category is open to all carvers. Carving can be of any specie of Hummingbird. Life-size decorative carving, with the live bird as the model. The bird should be depicted in it's natural surroundings, habitat.

Winning carving will be auctioned at the Festival, with 100% of the proceeds going to the Festival. \$5.00 Entry Fee.

1st Place - \$150 Purchase Award, Ribbon & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

All other carvings are eligible for 75% auction, if donated.

DIVISION 9 DEEP SOUTH SONG BIRD PURCHASE AWARD RULES OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)

One life size decorative Song Bird is required. Bird should be depicted in it's natural surroundings, habitat. Any species except Blue Jay.

1st Place - \$300, Best of Show Ribbon & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

NOTE: All purchase award entries MUST be signed.

PURCHASE AWARDS LISTED BELOW

DIVISION 10 OLD STYLE DECOYS PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

One full sized puddle duck is required.

All decoys will be judged based with a special emphasis given to form. All entries must be "Louisiana Style" decoys. Duplication of old master carvings is not acceptable. No copies or replicas. Decoys will not be floated. Decoys are not to be physically distressed. Artificial aging of paint is acceptable. Weights are also acceptable, but no keels.

1st Place - \$400, Best of Show Ribbon & Medallion
2nd Place - \$150 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$100 & Ribbon

DIVISION 11 DEEP SOUTH DECORATIVE DECOY PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

Open to any species of waterfowl. Rules same as Div. "A". 75% of Decoy must be wood burned.

1st - \$1,200, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20
Entry Fee - \$20.00

DIVISION 12 GREATER SCAUP DRAKE PURCHASE AWARD RULES

1. Carving must be made strong and durable and have the ability to self-right.
2. Keels are allowed, but no swinging weights are allowed.
3. No cork decoys.
4. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
5. Raised primaries allowed.
6. Bill must be sturdy.
7. Tail must be thick and durable.
8. Feather groups allowed.
9. Painting left to individual's discretion.

1st Place - \$400 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

SOUTHERN 13 SOUTHERN CLASSIC DECORATIVE GUNNING DECOY MALLARD DRAKE PURCHASE AWARD RULES

1. Carving must float naturally in tank but does NOT need to self right.
2. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
3. Raised primaries allowed with undercut.
4. Tail and back feathers also allowed to be stepped down with undercut.
5. Feather groups allowed.
6. Bill must be dressed up.
7. A highly decorative paint job is required.

1st Place - \$1000 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$50 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$25 & Ribbon

NEW FOR 2023! DIVISION 14 DEEP SOUTH MINIATURE PAIR PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

1. This contest is for a miniature pair of decorative Pintails.
2. Subjects are to be no longer than 8 inches in length (excluding pin feather).
3. Extreme detail in carving and painting is required.
4. Entries will be judged in shelf.
5. No turned head or sleeping decoys.

1st Place - \$500 & Medallion
2nd Place - \$50 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$25 & Ribbon



DIVISION 15 BEST IN SOUTH WIDGEON DRAKE PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

1. One life size pintail drake is required. Rules same as Div. "A".
2. The decoy's position must be with a head turned, exposed wing, open tail, and with a highly decorative paint job.
3. Decoy will be judged on the shelf.

1st Place - \$3,500
2nd Place - \$200
3rd Place - \$100

DIVISION 16 SOUTHERN CLASSIC DECORATIVE GUNNING PAIR PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

Excludes Ruddy Duck, Cinnamon Teal, Mallard, Green Wing Teal, Scaup, & Canvasback

1. One mated pair of ducks is required.
2. Decoys will be judged on shelf.
3. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
4. Raised primaries allowed with undercut.
5. Bill must be dressed up.
6. Tail & primaries may be thin.
7. Feather groups allowed.
8. A highly decorative paint job is desired.

1st Place - \$2,000 Purchase Award & Medallion
2nd Place - \$150 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$50 & Ribbon

DIVISION 17 IN MEMORY OF GIL GAUDET RACELAND, LA GULF SOUTH GUNNING DECOY PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

One life-size Gunning Decoy is required. Open to any specie of waterfowl except Ring Necked Drake, Gadwall, & Blue Wing Teal.

1. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
2. Bill must be dressed up.
3. Raised primaries allowed with undercut.
4. Feather groups allowed.
5. A highly decorative paint job is desired.
6. Tail & primaries may be thin.
7. Decoys to be judged on shelf.

1st Place - \$1,200 Purchase Award & Medallion
2nd Place - \$100 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$50 & Ribbon

DIVISION 18 BEST IN LOUISIANA YOUTH GUNNING DECOY OPEN TO AGES 18 & UNDER PURCHASE AWARD RULES (OPEN CLASS)

Open to any specie of gunning decoy.

1. No burning or stone texturing allowed.
2. Bill may be dressed up.
3. Feather groups allowed.
4. Tail & primaries may be thin.
5. Painting is left to carver's discretion.
6. Decoys will be floated & must have the ability to self-right.

1st Place - \$250 Purchase Award & Medallion
2nd Place - \$30 & Ribbon
3rd Place - \$20 & Ribbon

CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

TABLE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE _____

PLEASE INDICATE: CARVER CRAFTS ARTS OR PRINTS

Table Fee is \$30.00 for members and \$60.00 for Non-Members

Reserve Table(s) At \$ Each. Tables are 2 x 8 ft.

Please fill out this form and return it with your payment to:

CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, INC.

C/O Robby Matherne
211 BAYOU CROSSING DR.
RACELAND, LA 70394

For Further Information

Call: (985) 228-0845

Tables will be reserved on a first come / first serve basis. You must fill out this form to assure your table will be reserved. No food items will be sold at any display tables. Absolutely NO LIVE ANIMALS will be allowed on festival grounds without prior approval!

All competition entries must remain on the competition tables during the festival and may not be removed until close of the festival Sunday evening. We will have a designated area layout at the show. You will not be allowed to move from your area! Becoming a member before the festival begins will assure you of membership rates on a table. If you wish to become a member, please include the membership fee with this form.

Cajun Heritage, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to wildfowl carving, development of artists, and the preservation of historical and educational aspects of our Cajun way of life.

Please indicate information on form and return with membership fee to:

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, INC.

P.O. BOX 582

CUT OFF, LA 70345

Renew Membership New Member

Membership Rates:

\$50.00 - Family (Kids under 18)

\$40.00 - Couple (Husband & Wife)

\$30.00 - Single Membership

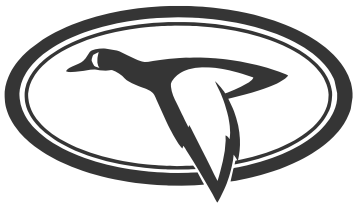
\$10.00 - Student Membership (K-12)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE _____



CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Registration Number _____

Processed By _____

2023 COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

ENTRY FEES: **MEMBERS:** \$5.00 each entry, not to exceed \$30.00
Non-Purchase Awards **NON-MEMBERS:** \$40.00 for first entry and \$5.00 thereafter
NO MAXIMUM

CLASSIFICATIONS: _____ Professional _____ Amateur _____ Novice _____ Youth

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PURCHASE AWARDS LISTED BELOW - DIVISION 1-18

Additional \$30.00 charge for purchase awards for non-members.

DIVISION 1
DECORATIVE HEAD
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
75. \$275 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 2
BEST IN LOUISIANA DECORATIVE DECOY
OPEN CLASS - (\$20 ENTRY FEE)
76. \$3,300 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 3
BEST IN LOUISIANA WORKING DECOY
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
77. \$300 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 4
BEST ON THE BAYOU OLD STYLE DECOY PAIR
OPEN CLASS - (\$15 ENTRY FEE)
78. \$800 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 5
BEST ON FOURCHON - MINIATURE PAIR
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
79. \$300 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 6
WALKING CANE CONTEST
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
80. \$400 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 7
BEST IN GRAND ISLE - SHORE BIRD
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
81. \$250 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 8
BEST IN LOUISIANA
DECORATIVE HUMMINGBIRD
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
82. \$150 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 9
DEEP SOUTH SONGBIRD
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
83. \$300 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 10
OLD STYLE DECOYS
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
84. \$400 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 11
DEEP SOUTH DECORATIVE DECOYS
OPEN CLASS - (\$20 ENTRY FEE)
85. \$1,200 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 12
DEEP SOUTH
OPEN CLASS - (\$5 ENTRY FEE)
86. \$400 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 13
SOUTHERN CLASSIC GUNNING DECOY
OPEN CLASS - (\$10 ENTRY FEE)
87. \$1,000 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 14
DEEP SOUTH MINIATURE PAIR
OPEN CLASS - (\$20 ENTRY FEE)
88. \$500 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 15
BEST IN SOUTH
OPEN CLASS - (\$20 ENTRY FEE)
89. \$3,000 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 16
SOUTHERN CLASSIC
DECORATIVE GUNNING PAIR
OPEN CLASS - (\$20 ENTRY FEE)
90. \$2,000 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 17
GULF COAST GUNNING DECOY
OPEN CLASS - (\$20 ENTRY FEE)
91. \$1,200 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

DIVISION 18
BEST IN LOUISIANA YOUTH GUNNING DECOY
AGES 18 & UNDER
92. \$250 PURCHASE AWARD.....[]

CAJUN HERITAGE FESTIVAL REGISTRATION SHEET (CONT.)

DIVISION "A"

LIFE-SIZE DECORATIVE DECOY (IN TANK)

MARSH DUCKS

- 1. MALLARD.....[]
- 2. BLACK DUCK.....[]
- 3. PINTAIL.....[]
- 4. GREEN WING TEAL.....[]
- 5. BLUE WING TEAL.....[]
- 6. CINNAMON TEAL.....[]
- 7. SHOVELER.....[]
- 8. WIGEON.....[]
- 9. GADWALL.....[]
- 10. WOOD DUCK.....[]
- 10a. ALL OTHERS.....[]

DIVING DUCKS

- 11. BUFFLEHEAD.....[]
- 12. CANVASBACK.....[]
- 13. RED HEAD.....[]
- 14. SCAUP.....[]
- 15. RING NECK.....[]
- 16. RUDDY DUCK.....[]
- 17. MERGANSER.....[]
- 18. GOLDEN EYE.....[]
- 19. ALL OTHERS.....[]

GEESE AND CONFIDENCE DECOYS

- 20. CANADA GEESE.....[]
- 21. ALL OTHER GEESE.....[]
- 22. COOTS.....[]
- 23. ALL OTHERS.....[]

DIVISION "B"

DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE CARVING (NOT IN TANK)

- 24. CAT. A - WATERFOWL.....[]
- 25. CAT. B - SONG BIRDS.....[]
- 26. CAT. C - GAME BIRDS.....[]
- 27. CAT. D - BIRDS OF PREY.....[]
- 28. CAT. E - SHORE BIRDS.....[]
- 29. CAT. F - MISCELLANEOUS.....[]

DIVISION "C"

MINIATURES

- 30. CAT. A - WATERFOWL.....[]
- 31. CAT. B - SONG BIRDS.....[]
- 32. CAT. C - GAME BIRDS.....[]
- 33. CAT. D - BIRDS OF PREY.....[]
- 34. CAT. E - SHORE BIRDS.....[]
- 35. CAT. F - MISCELLANEOUS.....[]

DIVISION "D"

INTERPRETIVE SCULPTURE OPEN CLASS

- 36. STAINED INTERPRETIVE.....[]

DIVISION "E"

BEST IN LAFOURCHE

- 37. STICK BIND.....[]

DIVISION "F"

CAJUN OPEN WORKING DECOY

OPEN CLASS - (NO FEE)

- 38. ANY SPECIES - DONATED.....[]

DIVISION "G"

LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DECORATIVE HEAD COMPETITION

OPEN CLASS

- 39. ANY SPECIES.....[]
- 39a. PUDDLERS.....[]
- 39b. DIVERS.....[]
- 39c. GEESE & CONFIDENCE.....[]

DIVISION "H"

LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MINIATURE BOAT COMPETITION

OPEN CLASS

- 40. CAT. A - HEAVY INDUSTRIAL.....[]
- 41. CAT. B - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES.....[]
- 42. CAT. C - SPORTING TYPE.....[]
- 43. CAT. D - PIROGUES & CANOES.....[]
- 44. CAT. E - LAFITTE SKIFFS.....[]

DIVISION "I"

JIMMY LYNCH MEMORIAL

FEATHER CARVING COMPETITION

- OPEN CLASS.....[]

DIVISION "J"

CAJUN CLASSIC - WORKING DECOY

- 46. CAT. A - PUDDLERS.....[]
- 47. CAT. B - DIVERS.....[]
- 48. CAT. C - GEESE & CONFIDENCE.....[]

DIVISION "K"

CAJUN CLASSIC - DEC. GUNNING DECOY

- 49. CAT. A - PUDDLERS.....[]
- 50. CAT. B - DIVERS.....[]
- 51. CAT. C - GEESE & CONFIDENCE.....[]

DIVISION "L"

LOUISIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FISH CARVING COMPETITION

OPEN CLASS

- 52. CAT. A - FRESHWATER FISH.....[]
- 53. CAT. B - SALT WATER FISH.....[]
- 54. CAT. C - EXOTIC FISH.....[]

DIVISION "N"

STAINED OR NATURAL FINISH DECOY OPEN CLASS

- 55. ANY SPECIE.....[]

DIVISION "O"

YOUTH ONLY (NO FEE)

- 56. CAT. A - WATERFOWL.....[]
- 57. CAT. B - SONG BIRDS.....[]
- 58. CAT. C - GAME BIRDS.....[]
- 59. CAT. D - BIRDS OF PREY.....[]
- 60. CAT. E - ANY GUNNER.....[]
- 61. CAT. F - MINIATURES.....[]
- 62. CAT. G - MISCELLANEOUS.....[]

DIVISION "P"

BACKYARD CARVERS

- 63. CAT. A - WATERFOWL.....[]
- 64. CAT. B - SONG BIRDS.....[]
- 65. CAT. C - GAME BIRDS.....[]
- 66. CAT. D - BIRDS OF PREY.....[]
- 67. CAT. E - ANY GUNNER.....[]
- 68. CAT. F - MINIATURES.....[]
- 69. CAT. G - MISCELLANEOUS.....[]

DIVISION "Q"

DECORATIVE SHELF DECOY

- 70. ANY SPECIE.....[]
- 70a. PUDDLERS.....[]
- 70b. DIVERS.....[]
- 70c. GEESE & CONFIDENCE.....[]

DIVISION "R"

ALL OTHERS

OPEN CLASS

- 71. ANYTHING.....[]

DIVISION "S"

- 72. COCKTAIL DECOY.....[]

DIVISION "T"

HERITAGE TEAM CARVING

- 73. GUNNING DECOY.....[]
- 73a. SLICK ON A STICK.....[]

DIVISION "V"

- 74. FLOWER CARVING.....[]

DIVISION "W"

- 75. HUNTING PAIR.....[]

DIVISION "X"

ANTIQUÉ DECOY

- 76. HUNTING DECOY.....[]
- 76a. SHOREBIRDS.....[]
- 76b. ALL OTHERS.....[]

I have read all rules concerning my entries and certify that my entries comply with the rules and regulations as stated and are of my own craftsmanship. If contrary to the rules, I agree to forfeit any award.

Please Print Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____

# OF ENTRIES	_____
MEMBERSHIP	_____
TABLE	_____
ENTRIES	_____
TOTAL	_____

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Auction

Sunday at 1:00 pm

Approximately 200 works of Art available to the highest bidder

Contemporary Decoys • Antique Decoys • Songbirds
Miniatures • Paintings • Miniature Boats • and more

Contact:

Robby Matherne at
(985) 228-0845

or

Carl Danos at
(985) 693-7462

for more information or
to receive an auction brochure

AUCTION NOTES

75/25 split for all original carvings donated to the auction with the donor receiving 75% of final price. 80% if final sale is \$1000.00 or greater.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

1. Any carver wishing to have his or her carving to be auction can do so.
2. Carver has the option of setting a minimum bid for his or her piece.
3. Final auction price will be split of 75% towards the carver and 25% to the festival.
4. Every piece entered into the auction must have an auction entry number. This is the responsibility of the donor to check in his or her donations for registry.
5. Cajun Heritage Festival does not assume responsibility on the Authenticity of Decoys and Art Work in the Auction.
6. Auction Items must be registered by 11:00 am on Sunday. Club is not responsible to register auction items for the carver.



Duck Calling Contest

*Saturday Afternoon
at 3:00 p.m.*



5 Divisions

Adults · Women · Teenage 13-17
Youth Age 8-12 · Children 7 & under

Free entry fee for all Divisions

*Free Carving, Texturing and Painting Seminars
both Saturday and Sunday*

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Seafood Gumbo,
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Decoy Auction on Sunday
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DUCK CALLING CONTEST
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HEAD WHITTLING CONTEST



2023 Festival Queens Laila Zirlott & Bryenna Theriot