

The Wildfowler



AUGUST 2005

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Tom Beatty

After a slow start in May, due to inclement weather, both attendance and sales have been on the rise. The period May-September is crucial for the Museum and the time when most of our visitors come through. Thus far the new exhibits have been a real success. Archie & Johnny Johnson and Bill Walsh have loaned us some vintage decoys to compliment the pictures and artifacts for the exhibit of gun clubs of Back bay, Virginia and Currituck Sound, North Carolina.

The Jerry Harris exhibit has also received some very complimentary remarks from visitors. This exhibit features some of Jerry's work completed years ago and some award winning recent carvings. Several of Jerry's friends have stopped by to see his work. The best comment thus far has been: "These are really beautiful pieces. I know he golfed a lot, but I didn't think he had time to do all this." The pieces are quite impressive and would be worth coming to the Museum to view. The art gallery now contains some antique hunting posters used by various companies to promote their products. These posters are very unique and part of the collection of Bud Coppedge and his son, Jim. We're still looking for some summer volunteers. If you're interested, give us a call.



Wildlife poster from the collection of Bud Coppedge and his son, Jim.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Aug 17
Museum Management Committee meeting, 10:30am, AWHM

Sept 3
BBBC birdwalk, Back Bay NWR

Sept 6
First Guild meeting of the new season, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program

Sept 12
Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, AWHM

Sept 23-26 (tentative)
Museum 10 Years Anniversary

Sep 30-Oct 2
Birds on the Beach, AWHM

Oct 3
General Guild meeting, 6pm social, 7pm program/meeting
Oct 7-9
Eastern Shore Birding Festival

Oct 11
Museum Management Committee meeting, 1:30pm, AWHM

Oct 18
BBBC quarterly meeting, 7pm, AWHM

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GUILD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This month I'd like to recognize Shirley Atwood as the Guild member of the month. Shirley has been the driving force organizing members of the Princess Anne Garden Club to keep the garden surrounding the Museum in such pristine condition. Often working alone in hot and cold weather, Shirley has spent five years keeping the garden one of the most beautiful spots on the oceanfront. We are lucky to have such a dedicated member. Thank you Shirley for all your hard work.

BACK BAY BIRDING CLUB

The BBBC is on summer break from walking the birding trails in the hot sultry days of summer. Our bird walks will resume in the fall beginning September 3rd at Back Bay NWR. Ed Richmond will lead this walk. There has been a change in the October bird walk. You can see in the calendar area of the newsletter the Guild will be participating the annual "Birds on the Beach" in conjunction with the Neptune Festival. So, instead of a birdwalk on the Eastern Shore on October 1st the BBBC is urged to participate in the Eastern Shore Birding Festival that will take place the following weekend October 7, 8 & 9. To view a full schedule of events and register for any of the bird walks go to the ESBF website: <http://www.esvachamber.org/birding.html>. Don't forget our next quarterly meeting will be October 18th.

-Karen



1st Raffle Winner

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DECORATIVE CARVING CLASS

Al Brandtner will conduct a decorative carving in October. The bird will be a Wood Duck drake. Cost for the class will be \$250 and will be limited to six persons. **Presently this class is FULL. If you are still interested you can get on a standby list by calling the Museum.

NEW MEMBER

Stephen Lafond
(Virginia Beach)

DONATIONS

(In memory of Edgar Brown)

Mary Reid Barrow
Bill Walsh, Jr.
Will Rylance
Vince & Elizabeth Thomas
John & Arlene Ingram, Jr.
Ware Company
Fielding Tyler
Ellis & Frances Brown
Anne Henry
Doug Kincaid
Ed & Glenda Morrison
Dick Pittman
Eddie Copeland
Bud & Julie Coppedge

(In memory of Ronald Rue)
Tommy & Cheryl O'Connor, III

Bud Coppedge
(monetary for Museum
operations)



Back Bay Decoys

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, Ann and I just got back from a very enjoyable evening, renewing acquaintances, talking with old friends, eating great food and having an all around good time. In case you haven't guessed by now we were at the picnic. We were there with about 40 of our friends from the guild. Our picnic like our guild defies an exact description because of the wide variety of folks that are in our organization, Artist, Birders, Carvers, Collectors, Historians, Photographers, centering around wildfowl. An affable group and always very interesting. Take advantage of these folks if you care to, They won't mind and would more than likely enjoy your company because of the interest you have shown.

I would like to thank Elaine Polizos for her hard work, coordinating and thoughtful planning of this year's picnic. She is largely responsible for its success and enjoyment. We had over 30 items for door prizes, including 3 baskets with decoys carved by Gentry, almost everyone won something. Thank you Elaine.

Karen Beatty has spent a lot of time writing specifications to revise our web site, making it easier to navigate and also reflect more of what our organization is about. The changes went into effect mid July and worthy of note, see for yourself at www.awhm.org. Thank you Karen.

Herb



Picnic gathering



Food at the Picnic