

# The Wildfowler



**AUGUST 2006**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Aug 16  
Museum Management Committee meeting, 10:30, AWHM

Sept 2-3  
Chincoteague Island Decoy & Art Festival

Sept 11 (TUESDAY)  
First Guild meeting of the season, Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Academy, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program

Sept 7  
Surfrider Outdoor Movies, AWHM, 7-10:30, side lawn

Sept 9  
BBBC birdwalk, Old highway 17, SE VA

Sept 11  
Board of Directors meeting, AWHM, 7pm

Sept 15  
Wedding reception, 5:30-8:30 AWHM, side lawn

Oct 2  
General Guild meeting, AWHM, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program

Oct 7-8  
28th Wildfowl Festival!

Oct 17  
Museum Management Committee meeting, 1:30, AWHM



Tom Beatty

It's hard to believe that June and July have passed so quickly, or so it seems. Work on the wildfowl sculpture continues, albeit slower than some of us would like. If you haven't purchased a commemorative plaque or paver there is still time to do so. Applications are available at the Museum, or call me and I'll send you one in the mail. The first group of sixty bricks is in place and we are rapidly approaching the installation of the second group of sixty. I would encourage you to buy your

brick or plaque now so it will be in place when the sculpture is dedicated. As I write this the curb to our parking lot has been cut. Now it has to be removed and a new entrance built. It will be nice to have a parking lot available for members and visitors to use during their visits to the Museum.

I'd like to thank Stan Van Etten, editor of Hunting & Fishing Collectibles Magazine for the fine article he did about our new exhibit. I was able to e-mail Stan some pictures and descriptions of some of Ken Trayer's factory decoys. Stan was kind enough to include them in the July-August edition. The magazine has a very large circulation so maybe we'll get some additional visitors. I also sent similar information to Decoy Magazine, so we'll have additional information in their next edition.

I'm truly appreciative of all the help we get from our corps of volunteers. Without their help we couldn't function as we do. We recently lost three volunteers and I really hated to see them go. Hugh Travis who volunteered in the Library, Theresa Cook, also a Library volunteer and Roger Lee our regular Tuesday morning carver. To all three I thank you for your time and sharing your talent. Hugh is still in Virginia Beach and we hope he'll stop by periodically, Theresa is moving to North Carolina to be close to family and we wish her all the best. Likewise, Roger is moving to the Emporia, Virginia area, close to family, but Roger intends to come back one Saturday a month to carve and keep track of his works on consignment. This leaves open Tuesday morning for a carver to volunteer his/her services.

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We're planning on having the "Birds on the Beach" again this year, but with a different twist. Since we hold the event during the Neptune Festival week. We will use the "Birds on the Beach" to promote our show. Volunteers will be needed to man the tents and help promote the show. Call the Museum to reserve your time to volunteer. Dates: September 29 – October 1, 2006.

Finally, some hearty members gathered at Red Wing Park for our annual picnic. The weather was warm but not unbearable with a nice breeze. All had a good time with good food and good friends. Thanks to Gentry Childress, Karen Beatty, Bud Coppedge and Bev Abbott for the raffle items and a GREAT BIG THANKS to Elaine Polizos to organizing the picnic and donating door prizes for each person attending!

I hope all of you are having a great summer.

—Tom



Good Food, Good Friends!



Shirley Buchanan with raffle prize

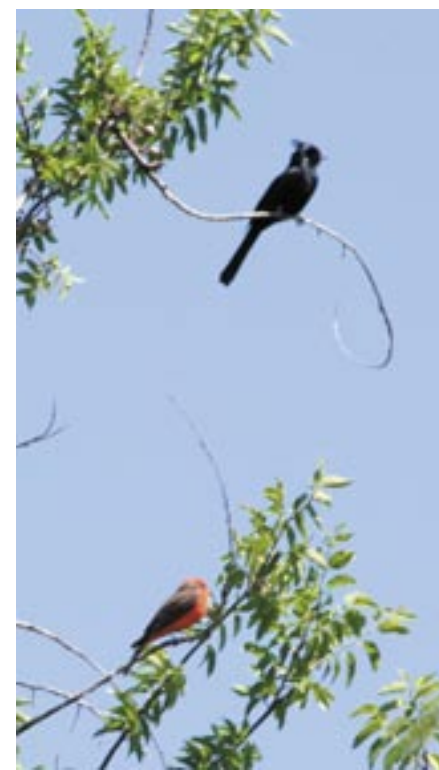
## BACK BAY BIRDING CLUB

I am happy to say we have our fall bird walk schedule all set up. On September 9th, Herb & Ann Verhaagen have set up a bird walk along old highway 17 toward the Dismal Swamp. On October 14th Jim & Linda Mehne are arranging several places on the Eastern Shore. On November 18th, Tom and I are planning a trip to Chincoteague and several stops along Seaside Rd. Finally in December we will join up with the VSO for their annual Virginia Beach weekend. We would love to have YOU join us for the bird walks. E-mail me at BBBCbirdwalks@cox.net to sign up or call me at 468-6997.

We have another traveling bird report. This one comes from Bill & Eileen Byman who spent a week in AZ and went to the Madera Canyon and some other wildlife preserves. Bill & Eileen were able to enjoy many birds we can't see in our area such as: Townsend's Warbler, Western Tanager, Phainopepia, Vermillion Flycatcher, Black-headed Bunting, Mexican Jay, Hooded Oriole, Lazuli Bunting, Western Flycatcher, Gila Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker and finally a fairly rare bird, an Arizona Woodpecker. Bill said it was the only black and brown woodpecker. It certainly sounded like a great trip and I am already hounding Tom on when WE can go west! Bill sent several pictures they had taken and I hope you will enjoy seeing this picture of the Phain-

opepia (on the top branch) and a Scarlet Tanager. The Phainopepia is an all black bird with a red eye. When it flies you can see white on the primary feathers of its wings. It is in the flycatcher family and can mimic other bird songs. Thanks again Bill & Eileen for sharing your findings with us. I wonder who we will hear from next?

—Karen



Phainopepia  
(on the top branch)  
and a Scarlet Tanager.

## DONATIONS

Pete Taylor  
Turner Sculpture

## NEW MEMBER

Baker Miller (Blackwater,  
Virginia Beach)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ANNUAL PICNIC



Herb  
Verhaagen

About 40 people attended our picnic this year and I would like to thank Elaine Polizos for her hard work, coordinating and thoughtful planning. She is largely responsible for its success and enjoyment. We had door prizes for just about everyone and also a raffle with 5 different items for fund raising, (a basket with a Gentry Childress shore bird, paintings by Bev Abbott and Karen Beatty and two decoys by Bud Coppedge).

Thank you Bev, Bud, Elaine, Gentry and Karen

### DEMOS AT BASS PRO SHOP

We will have Guild members giving carving demonstrations at the Bass Pro Shop Aug 4th, 5th and 6th to help promote the show and museum. I will send out an email before to announce who they are and a schedule. Stop by and help support our folks.

### CHANGE OF MEETING DATE AND PLACE

Our next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th at the site of our 28th Wildlife Festival, the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement training Academy, at the intersection of I-264 and Birdneck road. We will tour the site and explain what volunteers are needed (we've got a job for everyone who wants one). The success of our show has always been the involvement of our membership and their willingness to help. We will be giving out show prints for Guild members at this meeting, a limited addition by Bev Abbott.

—Herb

**REMINDER: No Guild Meeting in August**

## NEEDED

Recently several Guild members have donated carving and reference books that I would like to make available to other members. I'm looking for a bookcase 4'x4'x15" D to store the books. If you have something similar in size please let us know, we sure could use it and it would benefit all members, not just carvers.



Raffle tickets for a full-size decorative Wood Duck carved and painted by Al Brandtner are still available.

## TUPELO WOOD AVAILABLE

Guild member Sam Esleek has tupelo for sale. Various sizes. Call 468-0913 for information or visit him at Feathers-n-Wood in the Country Side Shops on Dam Neck Road near the Farmers Market.

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