

The Wildfowler



JULY/AUGUST 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- July 1**
FY 2011 begins for Museum
- July 4**
Independence Day
- July 12**
Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, AWHM
- August 9**
Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, AWHM
- August 18**
Museum Management Committee Meeting, 10:30am, AWHM
- September 7th**
General Guild Meeting, 6pm social hour, 7pm meeting/program. Speaker:TBD
- September 13**
Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, AWHM
- October 1**
Museum closes on Mondays until Memorial Day

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Tom Beatty

It's that time again. The summer season is in full swing and the beach and boardwalk are once again drawing in large numbers of tourists. With any luck I hope I see our share

of visitors. In early June we had a bus tour visit the museum. Over forty people from Iowa and Missouri spent the better part of an hour in the cottage and library. Upon their departure, several expressed their thanks for such an interesting and informative visit. Thanks to Elaine Polizos and Pete DiPietro for their help making the tour such a success.


I had a pleasant surprise when I read the local section of the newspaper on June 8th. The article was about the best boardwalks in America according to Travel & Leisure Magazine. Virginia Beach was listed as one of the top eleven boardwalks. The article went on to state that the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum, the 15th street amusement park and Catch 31 restaurant were great boardwalk perks. Comments like these from such a popular magazine like Travel & Leisure Magazine are great in getting the word out about the Museum and all we have to offer. I've always felt we have a great place for locals and visitors to come and learn about the history of wildfowling while touring the oldest structure on the oceanfront. What could be better... visiting an historic home and

library, watching experienced carvers in action, enjoying excellent wildfowl art, and viewing vintage photos of "Old Virginia Beach"... and it's all FREE!

Our new exhibit is in place featuring several antique decoys from Back Bay and Currituck Sound, part of the collection of Mark & Margie Cromwell. I did



keep the large wooden sculpture "Black Gold, Black Death". The piece features an eagle with its talons in a human skull. The inspiration for the carving was the oil spill by the Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound, AK over 20 years ago. The carver, Martin Gates from Gainesville, FL in describing his piece said, "I needed to express my feelings about how rotten we treat the world and all its creatures. I wanted the female eagle to be crying in pain and sorrow for what we've done to the world, ours and hers. I put the skull into the composition to shock people into realizing that each time we damage our

Printed on recycled paper

 Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum
 Back Bay Wildfowl Guild
 1115 Atlantic Avenue
 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

 **peter kwick, inc.**
 PRINTING • Copying • Graphics
SERVING THE TIDEWATER AREA SINCE 1967.

Stop by today and let our sales staff help you with:

- Business Cards
- Letterhead & envelopes
- Wedding Invitations
- Brochures
- Carbonless forms
- High speed copying
- Engineering copies
- Color copies

... and many, many more services.

In addition to our friendly, professional sales staff, we have state-of-the-art equipment

3253 VIRGINIA BEACH BLVD. • VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23452
486-3011
 www.peterkwick.com / Email: pkwickink@yahoo.com

Published by the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum at the deWitt Cottage
 1115 Atlantic Avenue
 Virginia Beach, VA 23451
 (757) 437-8432
 atlanticwildfowl@rcn.com
 AWHM.ORG
 Under the auspices of:
 The Back Bay Wildfowl Guild, Inc.
 (A not for profit organization)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tom Beatty, President	437-8432
Ken Wilson, Vice President	427-0516
C.J. Burns, Treasurer	587-2303
Ira Abbott, Secretary	596-0159
J. Fletcher Bryant	422-5025 (W) 422-5111
Jamie Champe	426-2277
Gentry Childress	422-0125
Charlie Hurd, Newsletter Editor	460-0551
	(HurdsWordsandBirds@cox.net)
Jim Mehne	340-7702
Ed Morrison	463-0891
John Mazach	428-2878
Kelly Bridgman	673-4786
Roy Carlson	486-7686
Herb Videll	363-2722
William M. Walsh, Jr.	498-9410

STAFF

Tom Beatty, Director	437-8432 (atlanticwildfowl@rcn.com)
Ann Smith, Business Manager	437-8432
Back Bay Birding Club	BackBayBirdClub@aol.com

www.AWHM.org

world, we're killing ourselves."...and now we see the devastation in the Gulf of Mexico.

Thanks to all who donated money to purchase a memorial plaque in memory of Bill Johnson. I am pleased to say



enough funds were received and the plaque is in place. Thanks to those who also made donations to the Museum in Bill's memory.

The Cottage painting project has hit some delays, but I don't think it has had any adverse impact on sales or visits. The painting should be completed soon and then work will begin on the roof. By mid-summer all exterior paintings should be complete and the Cottage will



really look like "The Gem of the Oceanfront".

Tom

GUILD ACTIVITIES

Thanks to Sharon Meade and Wayne Jarman for taking time out of their busy schedules to serve as guest speakers at our May & June General Guild meetings. The June Guild meeting was the last one for the summer. The next General Guild meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th. Be sure to make that note on your calendar. A new group of guest speakers for the next year will begin with the September meeting. Our annual auction is scheduled for October 23rd at the FOP Lodge on Birdneck Road. I hope you and your friends are making plans to attend. We're looking for NICE items to auction and if you have items to donate let us know.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Noel D. Silverman & family
(Portsmouth, VA)

DONATIONS

C.J. Burns
Roy Carlson
Larry Lambert (in memory of Bill Johnson)
Bill & Alice Walsh (in memory of M. Peebles)
Jackie Stains (in memory of Bill Johnson)
Dr. & Mrs. C. Alison Drescher (in memory of George E. Hogan, Jr.)
Addison & Deborah Igleheart
Fletcher Bryant (in memory of Julia Cashion)

HELP NEEDED

Anybody with carpentry skills that can help fabricate display cases.....call the Museum 437-8432

FALL 2010 ROAD TRIP

This fall the Guild would like to offer the opportunity for our members to take a bus trip up the Eastern Shore and into Maryland with the destinations being The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art and Chesapeake Classics, LLC. We would reserve a charter bus and are looking at a Saturday at the end of September or first of October. The itinerary for this day trip would be to leave from Virginia Beach early on a Saturday morning with the first stop being the Ward Museum which is located in Salisbury, Maryland and features the world's largest and finest public collection of decorative and antiques decoys, check out www.wardmuseum.org. We would then head over to Cambridge, Maryland to Chesapeake Classics, LLC (www.Chesapeake-Classics.com) which is located in the downtown area. This store is not only a blast from the past but it would interest anyone in waterfowling and wooden decoys. We would also plan on stopping for lunch and would plan on being back in Virginia Beach late afternoon. There would be a charge for transportation and each participant would be responsible for their meals and museum entry fee. At this time we would like to find out if there is an interest and if we could fill a bus. Please give you feedback to Kelly Bridgman by July 30th at rkbridgman@aol.com or call 673-4786. Once we determine if we have enough interest we can provide more specifics.

ATTENTION CARVERS

In partnership with Ducks Unlimited, the Guild will continue the 'BBWG Classic Series' of decoys. Carvers are invited to donate a decoy for this special fund raising endeavor by September 7, 2010.

Decoys should be "working style" and rigged to self-right in the water. Decoys should also be equipped with a means with which to attach an anchor line, should the purchaser desire to actually hunt over a unique, hand-carved work of art. Carvers may submit any species or style as long as it approximates life size.

The decoys will be specially branded and auctioned at local Ducks Unlimited dinners. Just like last year, all proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Guild and Ducks Unlimited. This partnership increases not only visibility but also good will for the museum throughout the state. Additionally, it produces revenue for the museum and for the benefit of waterfowl conservation throughout North America.

Please contact Jim Mehne (340-7702) or Jamie Champe (426-2277) for more details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Guild has a storage shed in Pungo that is basically used to store items we used for the annual Wildfowl Festival. Since it is unlikely we will ever use these materials again we are going to go through the contents of the shed and dispose of items that are no longer needed. If you have some time to spare, Saturday, July 10, 10am, meet at the Pungo Storage facility behind the 7-11 in downtown Pungo. I will keep a sign-up list at the museum (437-8432) so we'll know if we have enough people to do the job. Your help will be appreciated.

Parking is available at the Raven Restaurant across the street and the Newcastle Motel next door for members during meetings and gatherings at the cottage.

AWARD WINNERS

2010 Ward World Championship Carving Competition

Spencer and Clay Tinkham & Gentry Childress



WWW.AWHM.ORG