

# The Wildfowler



MARCH/APRIL 2006

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Apr 3  
General Guild meeting, AWHM, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program
- Apr 7-8  
East Coast Decoys Collectors Swap, Best Western, St. Michaels, MD
- Apr 8  
BBBC birdwalk, Stumpy Lake & Nature Conservancy area (Blackwater)
- Apr 8  
Bus tour, AWHM, Kenwood United Methodist Church
- Apr 12  
Museum Management Committee meeting, AWHM, 10:30am
- BBBC quarterly meeting, AWHM, 7pm
- Apr 28-30  
36th Annual Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition, Ocean City, MD
- May 1  
9:00 am Bus tour, 40-50 people, seniors, Camden Co., NJ
- General Guild meeting, AWHM, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program
- May 6  
BBBC birdwalk, Merchants Millpond, NC
- May 8  
Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, AWHM
- May 10  
Bus tour-40 people, Signa Tours (YMCA)
- Jun 5  
General Guild meeting, AWHM, 6pm social, 7pm meeting/program
- Jun 13  
Museum Management Committee meeting, 1:30pm

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Tom Beatty

This is the last of our bi-monthly newsletters. In May we will publish monthly newsletters until November. We're beginning to see some major changes around the Museum. Work on the wildfowl sculpture is well under-way and we hope to have a picture on the website so you can see the progress and final pictures upon completion.

The Cottage may be painted in the very near future. Weather will play a major role on when the work can begin. A freshly painted Museum along with a new sculpture will certainly make a most attractive oceanfront landmark.

We have three bus tours scheduled to visit the Museum in April and May. In the past these group tours have been a very enjoyable experience for both the Museum personnel and those who visit. Each group will consist of about 40-50 people. We hope they keep us busy and give us a good head start on the upcoming summer season.

You should have found six raffle tickets included with the newsletter. This is our first attempt at such a fundraiser but with your help it will be successful and provide the Museum with offsetting some operating expenses and provide some lucky winner with some very nice prizes. First prize is a beautiful hand carved, life size Wood Duck by Al Brandtner pictured in the last newsletter, second prize is a miniature bronze Dudley decoy from Turner Sculpture and third prize is a framed print of the Gunning Clubs of Back Bay and Currituck Sound. I hope you'll be generous and return your ticket stubs with a check to the Museum.

Don't forget membership renewals. We still have about fifty members who have been multi-year members who have not yet renewed. The renewals have been steady, but we sure would like to see those fifty members renew.

The main exhibit on Gun Clubs of Back Bay and Currituck Sound will be coming to a close in May. Our current plan is to have an exhibit on factory decoys be the featured exhibit in the main gallery. Well known factory decoy expert and collector, Ken Trayer has been kind enough to offer us some of his decoys to display. Mr. Trayer is the author of North American Factory Decoys. We would like to have him on hand when the exhibit opens and even plan a book signing if schedules can be arranged. In the past we've focused on clubs, decoys and artifacts of local clubs but in any event this exhibit has potential of being one of the most unique exhibits we've had in recent years.

Tom



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### Museum operations/programs

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 Tom East (Potomac Decoy Collectors  
 Association)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Roe Terry was our speaker for March. Roe, from Chincoteague has been carving for 37yrs mostly antique style ducks and birds and gunning decoys. He has won over 300 ribbons for working decoys (100 1st place) and has several best of shows. He won best of show in our show in working shorebirds and in the duck division. His presentation was well attended and well received

Our speaker for April will be Jane Brown a graduate in music from Shenandoah Conservatory. She is a retired public school teacher and since her retirement, she and her husband have spent much her their time traveling throughout th U.S., Europe and South America. She has presented many programs on their travels to members of the Institute for Learning in Retirement. She will present on her recent trip to Antarctica that was arranged through the Audubon Society.

-Herb

*Roe Terry at our March Meeting*



## GUILD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

For the March-April time frame I'd like to recognize the generosity and support the Museum has received from Tom East and the Potomac Decoy Collectors Association (PDCA). Tom is president of the Association and made the most recent donation in support of Museum programs and youth carving activities. This is not the first donation the PDCA has sent the Museum and we are truly appreciative of their continued support.

## BACK BAY BIRDING CLUB

February is typically the month the BBBC migrates south of the border to North Carolina's Outer Banks and Lake Mattamuskeet and we flew the Virginia coop again this year. The predicted snow stayed north of us and we were able to enjoy a cold but nice weekend on February 18th & 19th. We were able to identify 70 species of birds at Bodie Lighthouse, Pea Island NWR, the private grounds of Wingspread Lodge with the help of Bill Walsh & Skip Margiotta and Lake Mattamuskeet NWR with the help of Bio-tech, Jason Bolenbaugh. You can read the full trip report on the Museum's website ([www.awhm.org](http://www.awhm.org)) by clicking on the BBBC button and then the trip report button.

Mary Richmond is planning our next outing at Hog Island in Surry County on March 25th. Janet Schmitt is planning the April 8th birdwalk at Stumpy Lake and the Nature Conservancy area on Blackwater Rd. and Peggy Waterfield is planning our May 6th birdwalk at Merchants Millpond. If you are interested in attending any of these birdwalks e-mail Karen at [BBBCbirdwalks@aol.com](mailto:BBBCbirdwalks@aol.com) or call Karen at 757-468-6997.

Our next quarterly meeting is Wednesday, April 12 (7pm) at the Museum. Don't forget the parking lot is small and additional parking is available at the Raven Restaurant across the street.

## NEW MEMBERS

Nils & Carol Bahringer,  
 Virginia Beach

Eddie Ewell,  
 Virginia Beach

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



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