

# The Wildfowler



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Tom Beatty

August was a very interesting month for the Museum and I think it was due primarily to the article about the Museum that appeared in the August edition of Virginia Wildlife. It is one of the best articles written about the Museum and drew people from throughout Virginia and North Carolina and phone requests for Gun Clubs and Decoys of Back Bay & Currituck Sound from several states. The article was written by Emily Grey, a naturalist, outdoor writer, photo-journalist and attorney from Virginia's Eastern Shore. As I mentioned it

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 3  
BBBC birdwalk, Back Bay NWR

Sept 6 (TUESDAY)  
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

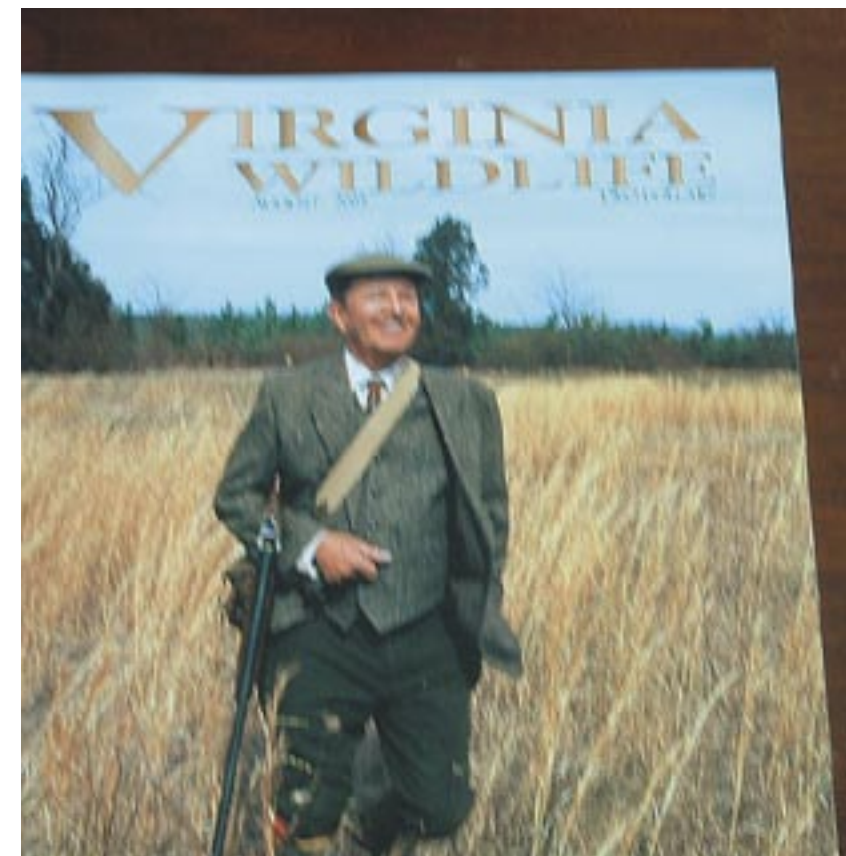
Oct 11  
Museum Management Committee meeting, 1:30pm, AWHM

Oct 18  
BBBC quarterly meeting, 7pm, AWHM

Nov 5  
BBBC birdwalk, Henricus/Dutch Gap

Nov 7  
General Guild meeting, 6pm social, 7pm program/meeting, AWHM

Nov 14  
Board of Directors meeting, 7pm, AWHM



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was extremely well written and I was surprised at the number of people who visited the Museum because they read her article. Lee Walker, editor of the magazine, was kind enough to send us a box of magazines to distribute to Museum members and visitors. I have only a very few copies left so if you'd like one, come by or call and we'll try to fill all the requests. I also found that many of our members have subscribed to the magazine for years. If you are interested in subscribing to Virginia Wildlife call toll free 800-710-9369.

Members of the Surf Rider Foundation gathered at the Museum August 18th to show vintage surfing movies. The event took place on the side lawn and had about 75 people in attendance.

Our Birds on the Beach event is still on track for the final week of the Neptune Festival September 30, October 1 & 2. It will be held here at the Museum and the cost for Guild members is \$50 per table for the three days. We are calling Guild members to give them first choice on tables. If you want a table and have not received a call, call me 437-8432 and I'll take care of it.

Tom



## GUILD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This month I'd like to recognize Elaine Polizos for her continued efforts in support of the Guild and Museum. Elaine is one of our longest serving volunteers and has a great rapport with all our visitors. In addition to volunteering in the Museum every Tuesday, Elaine has volunteered to serve as our representative in the VB 2007 Historic House Committee (part of the local festivities to be held in 2007 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown). As you saw in last month's newsletter the pictures of the Guild picnic, Elaine coordinated that event and provided door prizes for nearly every attendee. Thank you Elaine for all your help.



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## NEW MEMBER

Tom & Sandra Soderberg  
(Florida)

## 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 stand-by list by calling the Museum.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Plans for our 2006 show are underway. Although the show is over a year away, we are in a very extensive planning mode. Our show chairman, Lynn Hightower, is at the helm and ready to go. There are about a dozen other chairmen in place who oversee such areas as Artifacts, Artists, Carving Photography, and Setup/Takedown, to name just a few. With a few more of these vital positions still to be filled, we have volunteers coming forward and we expect to see more. Our shows are historically a time when our guild comes together to make this an exciting event. If you have never been involved in one of our shows, then you are in for a treat. We will have in excess of 200 vendors and artisans with seminars and children's activities.

Put this date and location on your calendar: October 6 & 7, 2006 at the Virginia Beach Law Enforcement Training Academy (VBLETA) at the corner of I-264 and Birdneck Rd. Make plans to attend and invite everyone you know. Remember Guild members are admitted free.

We are beginning our fall meetings on the first Tuesday of September, which will be a rare exception to our usual first Monday of the month schedule. Our September speaker will be Jerry Harris, a former guild president and an award-winning carver who has won ribbons in several shows. Some of Jerry's work is currently in the main gallery of the museum. Jerry has demonstrated at our past shows and is an interesting and informative speaker.

Our October speaker is John Orehovec, a photographer who was an invited carver at many of our past shows. Our November speaker will be Mike Steed, a carver who volunteers in the carving room at the museum and is also an award-winning carver. We hope to see you there.

Herb

## BACK BAY BIRDING CLUB

Migration has begun. Now is a great time to get out there and see birds that stop over in our area to fatten up for their trip south for the winter. Ed Richmond's trip to Back Bay in September and the annual eastern Shore Birding Festival in October is YOUR opportunity to see the migrating birds. Remember anytime you want to go on one of our birdwalks you can see our schedule on the Museum's website [www.awhm.org](http://www.awhm.org) and sign up for a birdwalk by e-mailing me at [bbcbirdwalks@aol.com](mailto:bbcbirdwalks@aol.com) or call me at 468-6997. If fall has you too busy to get out and enjoy the birds then pay a visit to [www.birdingonthe.net](http://www.birdingonthe.net) and click on regional mail then the state of Virginia to read all about the birds migrating through our state.

The BBBC is looking forward to planning some very exciting and different birding trips for our 2006 schedule. Be sure to come to our next quarterly meeting on October 18 and give us YOUR input on hot birding spots

Karen (BBBC Field Trip Coordinator)