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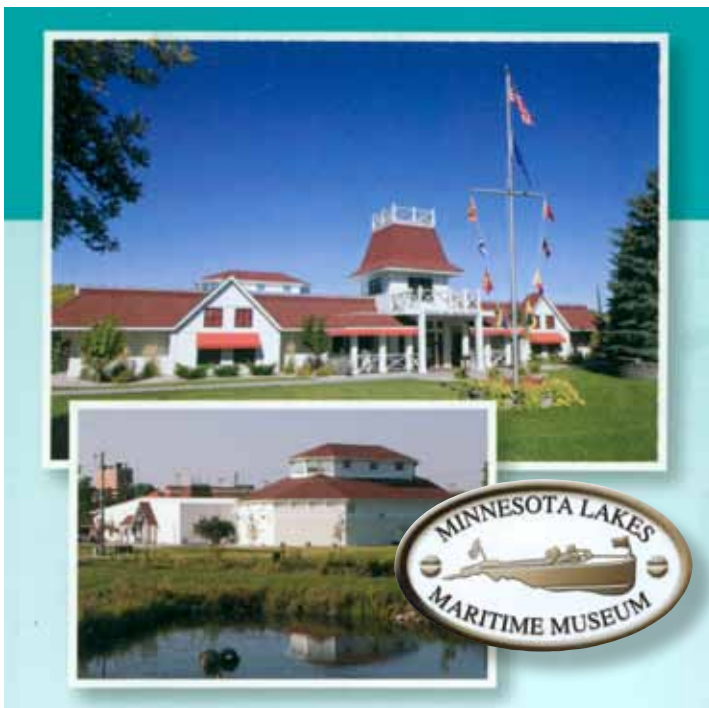
The Official Newsletter of the Minnesota Decoy Collectors Association

May, 2011

GOT BOATS? – MDF to Exhibit at the Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum

2011 Show Highlights

this year's exciting show included:



Ole Gunderson Decoys – displayed and discussed at the 2010 MDCA annual show.

-  Room to Room starting on Wednesday
-  Big show Friday and Saturday
-  Auction Friday night
-  Best Bird Contest Saturday
-  Youth Carving Contest Saturday
-  Hospitality room for exhibitors Friday night
-  Several authors signing their books
-  Minnesota Display Friday and Saturday
-  Great socializing with fellow decoy collectors

The **Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum** of Alexandria, Minnesota is currently in the collecting stages of what promises to be a fascinating display of vintage waterfowling boats and related equipment. The exhibit is scheduled to run from May through mid-October 2011, and will feature several historically significant duck hunting boats from private collections around the upper Midwest as well as many factory and other one of a kind craft.

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Preserving and collecting the folk art of decoy carving

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The "High-Ball" thoughts from our President



Greetings Members.

Usually when we discuss what the weather was like during our annual decoy show, the discussion usually consists of some snow, and cold. This year was a surprise for everyone in the Midwest except us here in Minnesota. Our weather was very nice, but our members in neighboring states had quite a challenge to get to our show, because of the big snow and ice storm that really hit that area.

When the hotel room sales started on Wednesday, we knew we were missing some of our regulars. On Thursday, things started to get back to normal, as a lot of the out-state members started arriving. Better late than never!

Our room sales were quite busy on both days, and a lot of the rooms reported pretty good sales. We are very fortunate, as we have a pretty good amount of curious, interested, non-collectors that show up to see what their grandfather left them, or if the old decoys they used to hunt with are worth anything. It always makes for a fun time, and very informative for the people that come in for that part of our show.

On Thursday evening, we hosted the Evans Decoy Society meeting. We had about twenty interested collectors attend. The discussion and presentation of various decoys made for some fun conversation. Anyone interested in Evans decoys is welcome, and urged to attend.

Again this year, we started the show earlier than in past years. It seems to be very popular with everyone, and surely gives us more time to enjoy our love of decoys. The attendance at this year's get together was good, despite the absence of some of our snowbound out of towners, the locals again proved to be interested, and many made it to our show, much to our delight. We have a very good number of the public that attend our event, and it seems as though more come every year. Not only do we have plenty of collectibles for all to see, but with our best bird contest, our small auction, and carving demonstrations, people have plenty of different things to enjoy.

This year, we had a special display of teal decoys from the collection of Dick and Jo Brust. What a spectacular exhibit of one of our founding member's collection, which he acquired from many years of collecting. Thanks Dick and Jo, for sharing some of your prized teal.

Your Board of Directors, want to thank all of you who attended to make this one of the most successful decoy shows in the country. To our exhibitors, we thank you for making our get together a big success. We need you here to make this whole thing work, and also the folks that set up in their rooms for our Wednesday and Thursday event, we thank you! It was a very fun event, with good friends, good food, lots of decoys, and other sporting collectibles.

Plan on attending next year, and try to go to as many other local decoy shows that you can. They all need our support to carry on this wonderful hobby of collecting decoys.

Don't Forget!
Early Bird Admission for only
\$20.00 + reg. admission
gets you in at 11:00 AM

Best Regards,

John Southworth

John A. Southworth

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Look Who Was Here in 2011...



...Where Were You?

2011 Minnesota Display showcases contemporary decoys featured in Minnesota decoy book.

The purpose of the Minnesota Display is intended to be an integral part of the learning experience of the public attending the yearly Minnesota Decoy Collector's Association show. The display is a venue for Minnesota makers of decoys, carvers and factories – contemporary and vintage.

This year's Minnesota Display showcased decoys featured in Doug Lodermeier's book: *Minnesota Duck Decoys – yesterday's and today's folk artists*. This year's display consisted of contemporary decoys and was well received by those attending the 2011 show.

Next year's 2012 display will showcase *Minnesota Factory Decoys* also featured in the Minnesota decoy book.



Table Talk



**Table Chairman
Bob Sauer**

Greetings from snowy Minnesota! A very recent snowfall broke records for Madison 20", Bloomington 19.6", and Eden Prairie 19" here in Minnesota. It was nice the snowfall came after our show. Only a few collectors missed our great 2011 show due to bad weather and cancelled flights.

I sold out all tables three different times as I had a big waiting list. There were five "new" table exhibitors set up this year. They heard of our outstanding show through the decoy collectors' network. Over 22 states, from coast to coast to coast, were well represented here in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Room and table traffic were pretty steady for me Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

The openness of our big room was improved greatly with the addition of hanging icicle lights and brighter ceiling lights shining on our tables. Please continue to send in your membership and table fees to me early for our 2012 show. This helps me get the table roster completed and lets me know how many tables I can rent out to new members. I cannot reserve any tables until I have your check or money order with your completed registration. At our 2012 show, you cannot set up until your membership and table fees are paid. Thanks for your continued promptness.

Do not delay making your table reservation. The decoy community knows we have a sell out quality show. Good luck hunting for old decoys.

Bob

Best Bird Contest Results - Coot

One of the fun events of the show is the best bird contest. It is open to all members of the MDCA and their families. We have five divisions. They are antique factory, antique hand carved, modern working, modern decorative, and a relatively new division which is for young carvers ages 18 and under.

This year our show species was the Canvasback. The judges had their hands full trying to pick the winners in all categories. After the judging was over, the winning decoys were put on display with their well earned ribbons. The members flock around the display area looking to see which decoys won. We had a total of 79 entries and were fortunate to have 3 excellent judges in Peter Marsh, Joe Engers and Jon Deeter.

Start looking at your decoys on those shelves – 2012 Best Bird Contest will feature the Bluebill.

The Winners Are:

Antique Factory:
Mason Challenge – Jim Krebsbach

Antique Hand Made:
Elmer Crowell – Jim Krebsbach

Modern Working:
Marty Hanson – Marty Hanson

Modern Decorative:
Marty Hanson – Marty Hanson

Youth Carving Competition:
Luke Rooney – Canvasback gunning bird

Congratulations!

Mason Challenge
Jim Krebsbach



Elmer Crowell
Jim Krebsbach

Marty Hanson
Marty Hanson



Marty Hanson
Barb & Marty Hanson

Thank You!

Jay Rendall, one of MDCA's own member and outstanding water color artist has graciously donated his talents to the MDCA.

His beautiful rendering of the Cabin Camp Coot decoy is featured on the 2011 show button.

The original artwork based on a Ole Gunderson decoy was auctioned on Friday night of the annual show and gaveled at \$265.00.

We are very fortunate to count Jay as a member and for his very generous contribution. We would also like to thank Paul Mikkelson for his continued efforts in coordinating the project and for the outstanding results year after year.

Proceeds from the auction and button sales are vital to the MDCA's ability to finance the yearly show.

This year's button as well as past buttons are available for sale. See the bulletin board on page 6 for details.



Auction Highlights

Wally Wegleitner

The annual Friday night decoy auction set new records for success. Over 120 bidding cards were filled out by very active and anxious bidders.

There were 70 decoys consigned with many rig mate pairs. A nice variety of decoys consisting of lower end novice decoys to some of the very best advanced veteran collector birds. Some of the excitement came from the many Heron Lake decoys and other Minnesota made birds in the mix.

Others included a Gresser mallard hen, Marty Dahl wigeon, Richard Schiebel canvasback, Marv Meyer blue bill, Danz goose, Mike Borrett mallard pair and many others. If you were looking for quality Minnesota made duck decoys, the 2011 MDCA decoy auction was the place to be. The top decoy was a beautiful mason Chesapeake drake canvasback bringing \$2,700.

Jay Rendall did the fabulous show button art work. The original piece of art work depicting an Ole Gunderson



drake canvasback brought \$265. Jay, on behalf of all the members of the MDCA we thank you for this wonderful contribution.

It takes many hours of time and effort to have a successful auction. Many thanks to all the members that participate every year to make this a very smooth running event. Just a quick reminder to consignors for next year.

Get your decoy list in early! The auction has become a very popular venue bringing in many new collectors and antique dealers. Better decoys are bringing top dollar with a very, very low \$15 consignment fee. For more information about the decoy auction, contact Wally Wegleitner at 651-771-8926.

Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum, cont. from page 1

Other important attractions of this exhibit are:

1. An extremely meaningful and educational conservation story from **Ducks Unlimited** showcasing their critically important "Living Lakes Initiative".
2. An historic collection of decoys assembled by the **Minnesota Decoy Collectors Foundation** featuring dozens of decoys carved by Minnesota carvers.
3. A fascinating display of vintage hunting photos from the **Oxley Collection**.

4. The unveiling of an exciting new original oil painting by acclaimed artist **John House** to commemorate this event.

If you own a vintage duck boat or any other item of interest relating to waterfowl hunting, and would consider loaning it to the museum for this event, please contact Terry Niedenfuer at (612) 991-0410 or email to: glastron@gctel.com

The Minnesota Lakes Maritime Museum is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of antique and classic watercraft, resort memorabilia and

sporting equipment used on Minnesota lakes.



2010 Skipper's Award – our own MDCA board member Paul Mikkelson won this Classic Boat Show category with his Falls Flyer & "VWFlyer." Engine: Evinrude Golden Javelin. He will be displaying his Larson duck boats and Larson decoys.

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Youth Waterfowl Decoy Carving Contest



held in conjunction with the

MDCA Annual Decoy Show

- Held the First Saturday in February •

Sponsored by the Minnesota Decoy Collectors Association (MDCA)

- and -

The Minnesota Waterfowl Association (MWA)

STARTING AT 9:00 AM AT THE

Ramada Mall of America

2300 East American Boulevard • Bloomington, MN 55425-1228

2012 Featured Species: **Bluebill**

Rules:

- Must be carved from wood or cork in likeness of the featured species
 - Must be registered by 10:00 a.m. the Saturday of the show
- Must be 18 years or younger
- Must be painted
- No "KIT" Decoys
- One entry per person
- Judges decisions are final

RIBBONS • PRIZES • FUN!

The carving contest is sponsored by the MDCA and MWA to promote the great waterfowling heritage in Minnesota and introduce young waterfowlers to the fascinating hobby of decoy carving and collecting.

For more information contact the MDCA: Jeff Hedtke – (952) 467-2486 evenings
or the MWA: 952-767-0320 daytime

NOTE: Please use this page or copies and post where young people can read!

Preserving and collecting the folk art of decoy carving



Marv Bernet – was on hand to talk decoy carving and give demonstrations. Marv was honored at the Minnesota Waterfowl Association dinner held in conjunction with their annual Waterfowl Symposium. Marv was elected into the MWA's Minnesota Waterfowler's Hall of Fame. Also so honored was Harold Dubbert, another decoy carver and member of the MDCA, among his other many achievements. Last year Paul Englund was elected as part of the inaugural class.

MWA Co-Sponsors Youth Carving Contest

The Rooney family of Andover mopped up all three places at the Minnesota Waterfowl Association (MWA) and the Minnesota Decoy Collectors Association (MDCA) co-sponsored youth decoy carving contest this past February 5th. Luke, age 6, captured the first place ribbon with a carving patterned after a 1890's Dudley Brothers' canvasback from North Carolina. Taylor, age 12, won second place with a carving patterned after a classic Heron Lake canvasback, and Olivia, age 8, placed third with a carving patterned after a canvasback from the Oscar Quam Company. Their brother, Hunter age 13, received an honorable mention. All four youth are the grandchildren of noted Minnesota decoy carver Dave Taylor of Marshall. The canvasback was the featured specie for the 2011 contest. The top winners received ribbons from the MDCA and art prints and other prizes from the MWA. This was the 8th year for the contest started by the MDCA.

The MDCA holds their annual decoy show at the Ramada Mall of America in Bloomington the first Saturday in February and the preceding Friday afternoon and evening. But, serious collectors and dealers arrive on Wednesday for the start of the ever popular room-to-room trading. Dealers buy, sell and trade antique and contemporary waterfowl decoys, hunting and other sporting collectibles in their room.

To continue and promote the great heritage of decoy carving in Minnesota, the MDCA holds a youth carving contest on the Saturday of the show. The MWA again participated by promoting the upcoming contest at state and local chapter events and by word of mouth and provided prizes for the carvers.

The feature duck for the February 4, 2012 contest will be the bluebill (scaup). Any boy or girl age 18 or younger can participate in the contest. Why not join the fun and plan now to carve a bluebill decoy for the next year's contest. For more information about the MDCA carving contest contact the Dale Eggert at the MWA at 952-767-0320 or Jeff Hedtke at 952-467-2486.



Olivia, Luke, Taylor and Hunter Rooney – swept the 2011 youth carving contest. Good job gang!

Outdoor News Visits 2011 MDCA Show!



At Left – Nick Ronning, a contributing writer to Outdoor News, visited with MDCA board member and founder Dick Brust. Nick wrote a great feature following the show for the weekly outdoor periodical.

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MN Decoy Foundation

Who We Are

The Minnesota Decoy Foundation was formed as a nonprofit organization in 1991 to encourage the preservation of decoys from Minnesota carvers. The foundation accepts donations of decoys, and related hunting collectibles, artifacts and documents as well as monetary donations to expand and fund a permanent exhibit.

Anyone interested in helping to promote the foundation's goals should contact any of the foundation contacts listed on page 2 or any of the contacts listed on the enclosed show flyer.

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