

Chesapeake Wildfowl Expo

Expo is the Ward Museum's annual celebration of waterfowling events that are such an important part of the history of the Delmarva Peninsula. Bird carving was declared Maryland's official pastime in 1968. Expo pays tribute to the works of the old decoy makers and encourages the continuation of decoy carving by contemporary carvers and hunters.

CHESAPEAKE CHALLENGE

The Challenge was started in 1998 to promote and preserve the art of decoy making and the tradition of decoy contests by offering decoy makers an opportunity to compete with each other.

ANTIQUA DECOY COMPETITION

This is a special competition for collectors of antique decoys which were made prior to 1950. The importance of the decoy is no longer on its use as a hunting tool, but as a collectable object with historical value.

BUY, SELL AND TRADE

Collectors, appraisers and vendors set up shop in the parking lot. You can find this activity at many decoy competitions and exhibitions throughout the Mid-Atlantic. It provides an opportunity for the vendors and public to learn more about collecting waterfowling antiques.

WATERFOWLING EVENTS

Various activities are incorporated into Expo to promote and preserve waterfowling traditions and decoy carving traditions. Examples of these are decoy head carving competition, hatchet carving demonstrations, and waterfowling food demonstrations.

