

2011 | Wildlife Art Festival

Federal Duck Stamp Story

The top entries from the Federal Duck Stamp art competition will be exhibited at the museum during the Wildlife Art Festival. “Duck Stamps” are purchased by waterfowl hunters to validate their hunting licenses. The proceeds from stamp sales are the single largest source of funding for wetlands habitat conservation and enhancement. The stamp design, new each year, is chosen through a prestigious, federally-sponsored art contest. This year’s winner will be selected in late October. He or she will meet with festival visitors on Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

Since 1934, the “Duck Stamp” program has raised \$770 million to preserve wetlands acres within 186 national wildlife refuges. These refuges are used by one-third of our threatened and endangered species, two-thirds of our most important commercial and sporting species of marine fish, and songbirds, shorebirds, and countless other species. Birdwatchers, photographers, fishermen, and others who enjoy wildlife can contribute to the conservation of wildlife habitat by purchasing Duck Stamps at most post offices, wildlife refuges, and many licensed hunting retail stores.

