

# THE WILDFOWLER

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## ***Back Bay Wildfowl Guild Memories*** ***Robert (Bob) Bishop October 21, 1942 – June 24, 2017***

I met Bob Bishop several years ago (20 or more) through his acquaintance with Charlie Seidel and Bud Coppedge. Bob was a long time member of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild and valued volunteer at the museum. Page, his daughter, said that, “The Tuesday visits to the museum were the highlight of Bob’s week”. He never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone about almost anything! Bob could tell a story and weave a tale better than most professional story tellers. He endeared himself to many a visitor at the museum.

He was born in Norfolk, Virginia and went to Granby High School. He also attended Old Dominion University. He enjoyed a long career as an outside salesman with the Bell Telephone Company where he fell in love with antique and unique old telephones which he collected. He later developed a love of old decoys which he also collected. He was a frequent visitor to local flea markets, yard sales, and auctions. He loved finding his little treasures at these events. He had many friends in the antique industry and enjoyed wheeling and dealing for antiques and memorabilia. He had his own space at the Barrett Street Auction Center and Antique Mall.



He was recently a featured guest on the Antiques’ Road Show when the show filmed some episodes here in Virginia Beach in 2016. Bob resided in Virginia Beach for more than 50 years. He is survived by his son, Ryan Bishop, of Virginia Beach; daughter Page Bishop; granddaughter, Camden Freer of Williamsburg; and cousins, Christine and Robert McArtor of Wilmington, S.C. and Jeffery and Carolyn Hammond of Chesapeake. Bob was 74 years old. We will miss him here at the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum.





## ***Upcoming Guild Events:***

07/04/2017: July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday

07/25/2017: Board Meeting  
6:00 pm

07/11, 18, 25/2017: de Witt Garden Club  
10:00 am, at the museum  
Meets every Tuesday  
No meeting Tuesday July 4th

08/15/2017: Board Meeting  
6:00 pm

08/01, 08, 15, 22, 29/2017: de Witt Garden Club  
10:00 am, at the museum  
Meets every Tuesday

09/05/2017 Back Bay Wildfowl Guild  
Membership Meeting 7:00pm, Social 6:00pm  
Speaker: TBA

09/05, 12, 19, 26/2017: de Witt Garden Club  
10:00 am, at the museum  
Meets every Tuesday

09/19/2017: Board Meeting  
6:00 pm

## **Save these Dates**

09/30/2017 Beer Tasting Festival

10/15/2017 AWHM Fall Barbeque

12/05/2017 Christmas Party

Dine Out for The de Witt 01/29/2017; 02/20/2017; 03/26/2017 & 04/24/2017

Lucky Oyster May 1, 2017



# DECOYS WANTED

WE BUY WOODEN OR CANVAS DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS & SHOREBIRDS...  
WHAT IS YOUR DECOY WORTH? IT COULD BE WORTH THOUSANDS!

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WE WILL PAY YOU **CASH** FOR ANY OLD DECOYS AND HUNTING ITEMS



**FREE** DECOY IDENTIFICATION  
AND EVALUATIONS  
*of Single Decoys or Entire Collections*  
**BY MARK CROMWELL**  
**(757) 721-2746**  
Member North Carolina Decoy Collectors Assoc.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fourth of July to everyone! I hope all of you are taking advantage of a great summer here in Hampton Roads. Now that our City Grant has been fully restored we can look forward to the start of a new fiscal year (July 1, 2017) with some optimism. We also have several fundraising projects in the works. We are collaborating with Back Bay Brewing Company to produce a Craft Beer Tasting Festival on the deWitt property during the Neptune festival. It will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017. More details about this event will follow as we get closer to the fall. We have also selected the date for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Barbeque; it will be October 15, 2017. Guild Member, Herb Culpepper, has graciously agreed to host all of us on his farm in Pungo. We have also set the date for our annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. I want to express my sincere thanks to all of the members of the deWitt Cottage Garden Club. The work they have invested into the gardens around the cottage is definitely paying off. The gardens are beautiful. Please enjoy your summer vacation and I look forward to seeing everyone again at our next membership meeting on September 5, 2017.




## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

DOCENT CLASSES TO CONTINUE IN JANUARY 2018

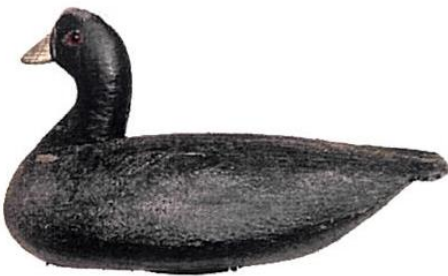
Stay tuned for details.







**Free Decoy  
Identification and Evaluation**  
 By Jeff Tinkham  
 President of The Atlantic  
 Wildfowl Heritage Museum  
 Call (757) 721-7131 or  
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### COLLECTOR'S SHELF

A lot of people, including many of our own Back Bay Wildfowl Guild members, are unaware that Mr. Bernard P. Holland was an avid duck hunter. When he built the "Brick House" he paid special attention to the design of the roof. He installed a cupola in the roof so that he could comfortably keep an eye out for migrating waterfowl as they arrived on Lake Holly. He also carved his own rig of decoys. In the pictures below is one of Bernard's decoys, in original paint, from his rig. If you look closely above the keel weight you will see the initials B P H punched into the bottom side of the decoy. This decoy is the property of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum.



For a free evaluation or identification of your decoys, contact Jeff Tinkham at

757-724-7131 or [jeff@tinkhamlaw.com](mailto:jeff@tinkhamlaw.com).

### FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

It's mid-summer, we are celebrating our nation's birth and the deWitt Cottage gardens are beautiful! You need to make the trip down to the museum to see the gardens and take in the new exhibits. We have three new video exhibits that have started playing in the museum on July 1, 2017. In August we will be installing a new large screen TV in our Board Room that will allow us to run multimedia displays of flat art and photographs. Our new video security system is up and running; allowing us to monitor the building and grounds more efficiently. We have two new summer part time additions to our staff. They are Joe Leo and Dorian Stewart. Joe is a longtime member of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild and retired Navy Chief. Dorian is a high school student at Ocean Lakes High School. Please stop by and visit with both of them. We also have a new intern joining us from Virginia Wesleyan University; Cynthia Griffin. She will be helping us with improving our website and improving our social media communications. Last Thursday we had a very successful visit from the children at the Granby Street YMCA. Special thanks go out to Al Brandtner, Pete Taylor, Jamie Champe, and Hank Grigolite for assisting me with this group. See the picture on next page.







DEWITT COTTAGE GARDENS



Thank You for all the hard work Lori, Jacky, Lena, and Lois





## BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Tinkham, President      Wayne Jarman, Vice President  
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Jamie Champe      Herb Videll  
Gentry Childress      Al Henley  
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Fletcher Bryant, President Emeritus

### MUSEUM CARVERS

Monday      Elaine Polizos  
Tuesday:      Pete DiPietro  
Wednesday:      Roy Carlson  
Ed Morrison, Herb Videll  
Thursday:      Hank Grigolite  
"The Boathouse Boys" Carving Club: Al, Jamie, John & Pete  
Friday:      OPEN  
Saturday:      Gentry Childress & Ben Purvis  
Sunday:      OPEN

## MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday:      OPEN  
Wednesday:      Archie Johnson 10a-2p  
Thursday      OPEN  
Friday:      OPEN  
Saturday:      OPEN  
Sunday:      OPEN  
Museum Grounds: Nancy Lekberg, Lori Bagley, Lois Stickles,  
Jacky Richards, and Lena Lindsay

### MUSEUM STAFF

Lynn Hightower, Director      Ann Smith, Gift Shop Manager

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**You can now pay your dues online at [awhm.org](http://awhm.org) !**

*Please understand that we depend on every dollar to operate the museum. If you have not paid your 2017 dues, please give serious consideration to sending them into the museum right away. Beginning March 1, 2017, any listed member who has not paid their dues will receive an invoice from the museum director requesting payment of their annual dues*

## 2017 DUES

\$25/YR INDIVIDUAL

\$35/FAMILY

\$200/YR CORPORATE

\$500/YR SPONSOR



## BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_

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*January 1, 2017 kicked off our Annual Membership Campaign. Each member is encouraged to find one new member to join the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild. Our very existence depends on growing the membership of the Guild. Please encourage everyone you know to become a member!*

**Please pass this newsletter**

**on to any potential new member!**

