

THE WILDFOWLER

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ATLANTIC WILDFOWL HERITAGE MUSEUM AT THE DE WITT COTTAGE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 / 2PM TO 8PM

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE THE MUSEUM

BEER TASTINGS FROM MULTIPLE LOCAL BREWERIES, LIVE MUSIC,
SILENT AUCTION, 2 FOOD TRUCKS (THE LUCKY PEACH & CAST IRON CATERING CO.)

TICKETS & SPONSOR PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE!!

SQUADUP.COM/HERITAGEFEST

Hundreds turn out to support The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum! (See page 3)



Upcoming Guild Events:

10/03/2017 Back Bay Wildfowl Guild
Membership Meeting 7:00pm, Social 6:00pm
Program: Member's "Show & Tell"

10/03, 10, 17, 24, 31/2017: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Tuesday
Bring your work gloves and tools

10/07/2017 Lynnhaven River Now Festival
Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Ct, VB 23455
11:00am – 3:00pm

Volunteer Carvers and Docents needed

10/15/2017 AWHM Fall Barbeque
BEER will be available otherwise BYOB
Bring a comfortable chair for sitting outside
Weather Permitting!

10/24/2017: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

11/07/2017 Back Bay Wildfowl Guild
Membership Meeting 7:00pm, Social 6:00pm
Program: Billy Crockett
Carver from Onancock, VA

11/07, 14, 21, 28/2017: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Tuesday
Bring your work gloves and tools

11/21/2017: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

Save these Dates

12/05/2017 Christmas Party 6:00pm – 9:00pm
FOP #8 961 S. Birdneck Road – Potluck Supper

Dine Out for The de Witt 01/29/2018; 02/20/2018; 03/26/2018 & 04/24/2018

Lucky Oyster May 1, 2018







DECOYS WANTED

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

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

On October 15, 2017 we will hold our 2nd Annual Fall Barbeque on Herb Culpepper's farm located at 2041 Indian River Road. It will be catered by Mr. Frank Craft, Jr. Tickets are now on sale for \$40 per individual or \$65.00 per couple. You can obtain tickets by contacting any Board Member, by calling the director at (757)437-8432, or by emailing the director at director@atwildfowl.org. There are also four sponsor packages available and I would encourage each of you to consider being a sponsor; the sponsor packages also include the renewal for your 2018 membership. We look forward to seeing everyone at this very enjoyable event. It is also a great opportunity to invite a potential new member and expose them to our wonderful organization.

I would like to encourage each of you to come out on Tuesday October 3, 2017 to the deWitt Cottage for the monthly membership meeting. The social hour starts at 6:00pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. This month's program is a "Member's Show and Tell". So bring out one of your carvings, paintings, photographs, or sightings and share them with your fellow members.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 will be the date for our annual Christmas Party. We will gather in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #8, 961 S. Birdneck Road at 6:00pm for dinner and the menu is potluck. So all you ladies need to bring out your best recipes. The museum will provide the meat (Ham and Turkey) along with Coffee and Tea. Setups will be available at the FOP bar. We will have live music and perhaps some surprise entertainment. Please make your plans now to attend and reserve your place by calling the director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org.

By the way look who just carved his first duck's head!



Save the Date Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival

Saturday, October 7, 2017

11:00 am- 3:00 pm

**Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Dr, VA Beach, VA 23455**

Hands-on Activities
Fun & Educational Exhibitors
Native Plants **Eco-Friendly Vendors
Artisans**Music**Local Food
Workshops and Vendors encouraging
Sustainable Living

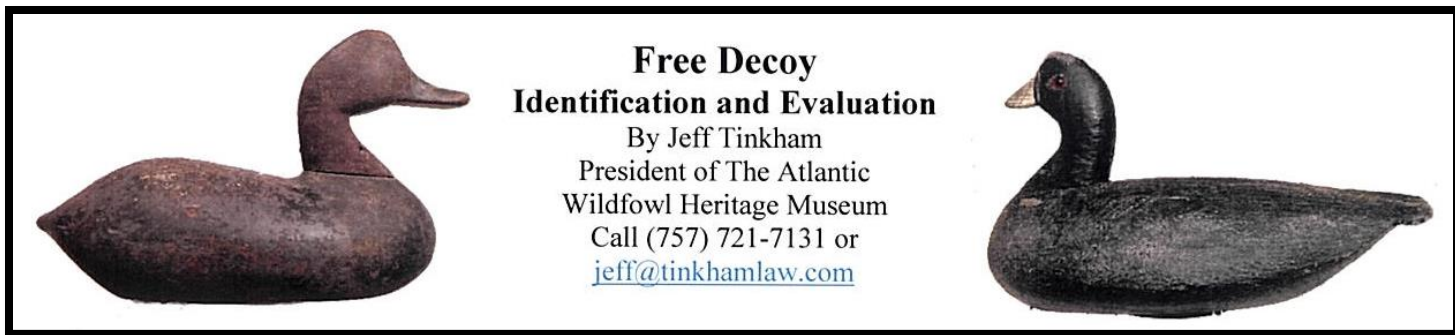
To register as a vendor please visit:

<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/LynnhavenRiverNOW/2016FF-1.html>

LYNNHAVEN RIVER NOW FALL FESTIVAL

The Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 11:00am until 3:00pm. It will be held at the Brock Environmental Center, 3663 Marlin Bay Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. We have rented space at this festival to demonstrate wood carving and other wildfowling arts. It is an opportunity to tell a couple of thousand people about the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum. If you or someone you know would like to demonstrate a wildfowling art or simply inform people about our museum, please contact the museum Director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org.





2ND ANNUAL FALL BARBEQUE

Our 2nd annual Fall Barbeque which will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 1:00pm until 5:00pm. It will be held on Herb Culpepper's property, 2041 Indian River Road and catered by Frank Craft, Jr. If any of you have ever been to the Knott's Island Hunter's Feast, then you are familiar with Mr. Craft's beef brisket. He will be providing pork barbeque and beef brisket at our event along with all of the trimmings. Tickets are available from any Board Member. They will be \$40.00 each or \$65.00 for a couple. There are also four sponsor packages available. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor, please contact the museum Director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org. We are also in need of volunteers to help with setup before the event and take down after the event.

DOCENT CLASSES TO CONTINUE IN JANUARY 2018

Stay tuned for details.

FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Yesterday, September 30, 2017, we successfully completed several months of hard work with the conclusion of our First Annual Heritage Festival. We estimate that about 350 people visited the historic grounds of the deWitt Cottage and visited the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum. This was the results of a history making partnership with Back Bay Brewing. I can't say enough nice things about Back Bay Brewing, their ownership and their staff. I want to personally thank Josh and Anna Canada, Cory Maggard, and Erin Holland (yes she is related to Bernard Holland!). They are all true professionals. They have already started planning for 2018 and they plan to make it bigger and better! I want to thank the following volunteers from our museum who worked tirelessly to help make this event successful. Wayne Jarman, Roger and Barb Shope, Jeff and Spencer Tinkham, Al and Ann Henley, Jim Mehne, Ben Purvis, Dorian Stewart, Linda Margiotta, Gentry Childress and Lavone Sanders. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the museum.

We are now only 15 days to our Fall Barbeque Auction, I will ask each member (that means you) of our organization, who has not contributed a silent auction item to please obtain just one (1) silent auction item. If everyone does this simple task we will have a great Fall Barbeque Auction! Please contact the museum Director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org to arrange for the transfer of any donated items.

I want to give everyone who has already donated to the silent auction a very heart felt "THANK YOU"!



BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Tinkham, President	Wayne Jarman, Vice President
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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 & Charlie
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
Joe Leo and Dorian Stewart	

MUSEUM CONTACT INFORMATION

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You can now pay your dues online at awhm.org !

January 1, 2018 will kick off our Annual Membership Campaign. A lot of changes in the dues structure have been approved by the Board of Directors for the coming new year. Each of you were mailed a brochure outlining the changes for the coming year. If you have any questions about the changes please call the Director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org .

2018 DUES

\$35/YR INDIVIDUAL
\$100/YR BRONZE
\$500/YR GOLD

\$50/FAMILY
\$200/YR SILVER
\$1,000/YR PRESIDENTS CIRCLE



BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ [CELL] _____

January 1, 2018 will kick 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!