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*

10/07/2017 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
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 you 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!
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 Dr, VA 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.
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”!

FREE DECOY
IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION

By Jeff Tinkham
President of The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum
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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:________________________________ Communication:__________________________

ADDRESS:__________________________________________________________AMOUNT PAID________

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!