

# THE WILDFOWLER

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## *Back Bay Wildfowl Guild Memories*

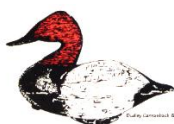
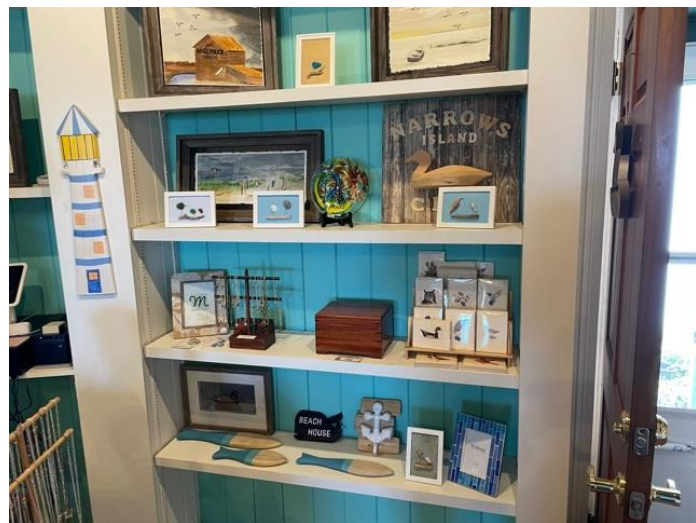


We are not fooling around. The Museum reopened to the public on Thursday, April 1, 2021. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 10:00-5:00 pm. Stop in and say hello. We can't wait to welcome visitors from near and far. Completely renovated Gift Shop filled with Local Art and Crafts. Lots of old and antique decoys for sale. Lots of new products like, all-natural lotions and soaps. We are finally open, and our garden is blooming and bursting with color.

NOTE: Current COVID guidelines will be followed including wearing masks and social distancing.















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

04/17/2021: Coto-Candelario Wedding

Wedding & Reception  
Tent and Chairs Outside  
12:00pm-8:00pm

04/20/2021: Board Meeting

7:00pm Virtual

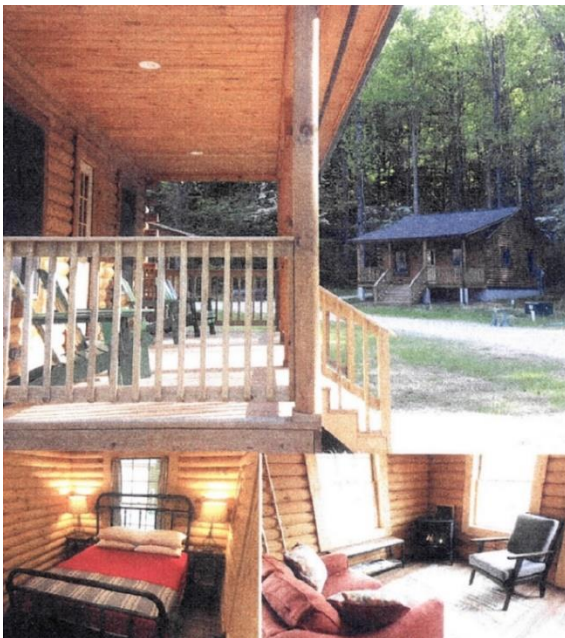
04/30/2021: Bizconnect Morning Coffee

Virtual Tour and Meetup  
Bizconnect Members Only  
8:30am-9:30am



### **Free Decoy Identification and Evaluation**

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

## COLLECTOR'S SHELF

**Leon White**  
(1860-1914)

### Hen Widgeon

Leon White was born and raised in the Currituck Inlet area of NC – South of Wash Woods. Leon and his wife Maggie had fifteen children. Leon ran the Currituck Inlet Club, owned by his family for almost eighty years. His wooden widgeon decoys have a very attractive style. The bodies of the decoys are short and thick with flat bottoms. The decoy bodies are approximately 10-12 inches long with a height of 4 to 5 inches giving them a tall appearance. The heads of the decoys taper in at the neck and the bills point straight forward. Upholstery tacks were used for the eyes. These decoys are very hard to find and are nice additions to any decoy collections.



### FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

What a wonderful feeling it is to be able to reopen the museum to the public again. It has been a deep and very dark winter indeed. As I gaze through the window of the deWitt Cottage onto the garden; I see signs of Spring and a complete renewal of faith in humanity emerging all about us! I have renewed energy and hope for a brighter future. Please plan a visit soon and stay in touch as we begin to plan for our Summer and Fall events. We are practicing all of the Pandemic protocols and masks are required inside the museum building.

We have an all-new gift shop with lots of art, photographs and carvings by local artists. We have an array of new products like all-natural soaps and lotions by Daisy Blue, and even a Duck Headcover for your golf clubs.





## BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jason Seward, President      Parke Atkinson, Vice President  
Jim Mehne, Secretary      Larry Davenport, Treasurer  
Jim Briggs      Mark Cromwell  
George Powell      Tom Richards  
Jeff Tinkham      Phil Davenport  
William Walsh, Jr., Curator  
Fletcher Bryant, President Emeritus

### MUSEUM CARVERS

Monday      Elaine Polizos  
Tuesday:      Open  
Wednesday:      Roy Carlson & Ed Morrison  
Thursday:      Open  
"The Boathouse Boys" Carving Club:      Al, Jamie, John, Pete  
Friday:      Susan Moritz  
Saturday:      Open  
Sunday:      Open

**Carvers are not demonstrating due to Covid-19**

## MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday:      OPEN  
Wednesday:      OPEN  
Thursday:      OPEN  
Friday:      OPEN  
Saturday:      OPEN  
Sunday:      OPEN  
Museum Grounds: Jacky & Tom Richards, Martha Davenport

### MUSEUM STAFF

Lynn Hightower, Director      Joe Leo, Operations Mgr.

### MUSEUM CONTACT INFORMATION

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*Please understand that we depend on every dollar to operate the museum. If you have not yet paid your 2021 dues, please give serious consideration to sending them into the museum right away. Beginning January 1, 2021, Membership cards will have an expiration date. Each member will receive an invoice from the museum director requesting payment of their annual dues after the expiration date. Memberships run for 12 consecutive months from the date annual dues are paid.*

## 2021 DUES

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

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



## BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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*January 1, 2021 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!***

