

THE WILDFOWLER

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Gingerbread Extravaganza

By Martha Davenport

It's November and the Inagual Gingerbread Extravaganza is underway. What exactly is a Gingerbread Extravaganza? That is a very good question. It is a new contest to challenge your ability to bake, build and decorate a gingerbread house to be displayed in the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum for the Holidays.

In order to participate in this years event you must register before 5:00pm, Monday, November 15, 2021 at thedewittcottage@gmail.com or director@atwildfowl.org or by calling the deWitt Cottage at (757) 437-8432. You can accept this challenge by yourself or form a team with neighbors, friends, or co-workers. The contest is also open to bakeries, commercial kitchens, restaurants, and culinary school programs. It is a chance to be recognized for a unique and delicate skill!



The finished projects will be delivered to The deWitt Cottage between November 16th and 18th and will be displayed to the public November 20, 2021 until December 12, 2021. Cash prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories: Peoples Choice, most creative building material, best attention to detail, and most whimsical. All of the rules can be found at: [Gingerbread House Contest & Exhibit - The Historic de Witt Cottage \(thedewittcottage.org\)](http://thedewittcottage.org)





Upcoming Guild Events:

11/01, 08, 15, 22, 29/2021: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Monday
Bring your work gloves and tools

11/10/2021 – Photos with Santa & the Red Truck
11:00am-2:00pm

11/10/2021 – Holiday Craft Bazaar
10:00am-4:00pm
11/16/2021: Board Meeting
6:00 pm in person

11/19/2021: Gingerbread House Exhibit
Preview Party 6:00pm
November 20-December 18, 2021 – Gingerbread House Exhibit

12/21/2021: Board Meeting
6:00 pm Hybrid
In-person and on Zoom

Save this Date

12/07/2021 – Annual Christmas Party
6:00pm-9:00pm
VB Wedding Company at 2014 Atlantic Avenue
We expect this to be a well attended event
Please RSVP at director@atwildfowl.org or
Call the Museum at (757) 437-8432
We will need a headcount before the event



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FREE DECOY IDENTIFICATION
AND EVALUATIONS
of Single Decoys or Entire Collections

BY MARK CROMWELL
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Member North Carolina Decoy Collectors Assoc.



COLLECTOR'S SHELF
Edward "Ned" Burgess
10/16/1868 - 10/13/1958

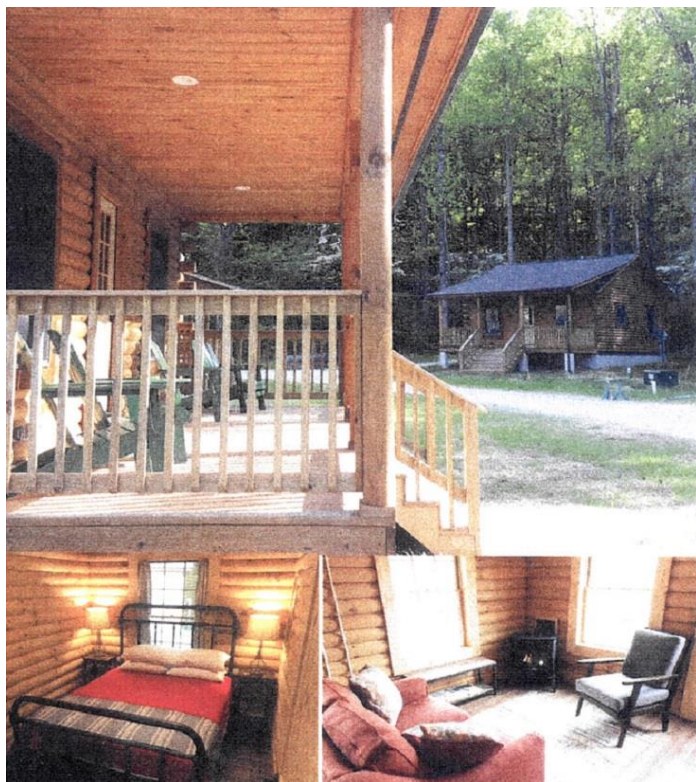
Born in Duck, NC and raised in Currituck County NC.

Ned was a prolific decoy carver and carved more decoys in his lifetime than anyone in North Carolina. Ned was orphaned as a young boy and had to fend for himself by hunting, fishing and trapping and he also became a sailor at the young age of nine years old. He began carving decoys on the long voyages to pass the time. Ned was injured by a neighborhood girl who threw sand in his face and caused him to lose eyesight in one eye.

Ned was a man of modest means who never owned a band saw but used simple tools to carve his decoys including a hatchet and a rasp. His style remained constant throughout his years of carving into his 80s and it is estimated that he carved five to ten thousand decoys in his lifetime. He retired in Waterlilly, NC in a simple tar papered home which was said to be covered with wood shavings scattered everywhere.

The Ned burgess ruddy ducks pictured are approximately 8 inches long with squared off tails and dark brown paint with white cheek patches.





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MUSEUM HOURS HAVE CHANGED

**AFTER THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 THE ATLANTIC WILDFOWL HERITAGE MUSEUM
WILL ONLY BE OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY 10:00AM - 5:00PM
UNTIL MONDAY MAY 30, 2022 WHEN WE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**PRIVATE TOURS CAN BE ARRANGED AT ANY TIME BY
CONTACTING THE DIRECTOR, AT director@atwildfowl.org.**



**Free Decoy
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By Jeff Tinkham
Past President of The Atlantic
Wildfowl Heritage Museum
Call (757) 724-7131 or
jeff@tinkhamlaw.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friends of the AWHM,

I send my warmest greetings as we enter this season of thankfulness. As I have shared before and as you will see from this newsletter, we have much to be thankful for at the de Witt cottage.

Things continue to progress on our gazebo project. This process has taken much longer than anticipated. After a productive conversation with City representation and approved revisions to the building plan, we continue to move towards the issuing of our building permit. Again, the gazebo project is a key piece to so many opportunities for our organization.

Financial stability for today and the future has remained a focus of mine and the rest of the board. COVID-19 has continued to impact our ability to fundraise. We are at a crucial point in our efforts and must have a productive spring and summer season.

All for now. I look forward to our time together at our upcoming Holiday Party.

Cheers.
Jason Seward



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Do you have a student home from college?

Do you know someone that is looking for work?

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FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Spring forward, fall back. Two phrases every American is familiar with. **Daylight saving time (DST)** takes place this year on November 7, a time that some, or many, people dread, because it gets darker much earlier in the evening, however, you do gain an hour of sleep. When you spring forward you lose an hour of sleep, however, you gain an hour of daylight. When you fall back, the opposite occurs. Falling back occurs each year on the first Sunday in November. Springing forward occurs each year on the second Sunday in March. Both events happen at 2 a.m. Hawaii, most of Arizona, and the U.S. territories including American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time. March 19, 1918, Daylight Saving Time was established to create an extra hour of light to preserve energy and coal at night, according to historians. Laws were passed in the U.S. during World War I as a means to extend the workday and conserve fuel for war industries, according to the U.S. Library of Congress. It was replaced when the war ended but came back during World War II. President Lyndon B. Johnson established DST as a policy in 1966 with the Uniform Time Act.

December 7, 2021 will be our first big event since before the pandemic. It will be our annual holiday party. We will gather at the Virginia Beach Wedding and Event Venue located at 6:00pm in 2014 Atlantic Ave. This is a very large newly renovated event space, it is gorgeous. The party is free for all Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum members and their guests. There will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before dinner, followed by a delicious potluck supper. Each member or guest is encouraged to bring their best recipe to share with the rest of the party. The museum will provide the ham and the turkey. We will have live entertainment provided by the Tiki Bar Band, featuring Billy Kendra. There will be a large silent auction that will take place throughout the evening. If anyone has items, they would like to donate to the silent auction please contact the director at: director@atwildfowl.org or call the museum at (757) 437-8432. If you are not a member at the museum and you would like to attend the holiday party simply contact the director to make arrangements.

We are asking everyone to please RSVP for the Holiday Party to the director director@atwildfowl.org or the museum (757) 437-8432 so that we can have an accurate head count prior to the event.

Tuesday November 30, 2021 is "Giving Tuesday". We humbly ask that you consider The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum to make a donation. You can make your donation by sending a check or by going online at awhm.org to make your donation online.

Friday, November 19th is the start of the Asda merry mile of lights along the Virginia Beach boardwalk. We are fortunate to have the giant digital Christmas tree located next to the deWitt cottage. Please come visit us to view the tree and see the Gingerbread Extravaganza

Thank you all for your continued support,
Lynn Hightower





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Monday Open
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

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

Please understand that we depend on every dollar to operate the museum. If you have not paid your 2021 dues, please give serious consideration to sending them into the museum right away. Beginning March 1, 2020, any listed member who has not paid their dues will receive an invoice from the museum director requesting payment of their annual dues

2021 DUES

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

\$50/YR 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!

