

# *THE WILDFOWLER*

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**Hity deWitt on the beach in front of the deWitt Cottage, ca. 1915**

In 1910 The deWitt family constructed a gazebo on the Southeast side of the property. It was used for a gathering place for the family to sit and enjoy the ocean and the beach. The gazebo stood on the oceanfront for more than ten years. It was most likely lost to a coastal hurricane in 1924.

On November 25<sup>th</sup> we broke ground to begin the restoration of this historic structure. Jim Briggs is our general contractor and he is also a member of our Board of Directors. Jim will be working with a number of other contractors to get the gazebo built.



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1113 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451

## PRELIMINARY NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

Owner  
NEW GAZARO

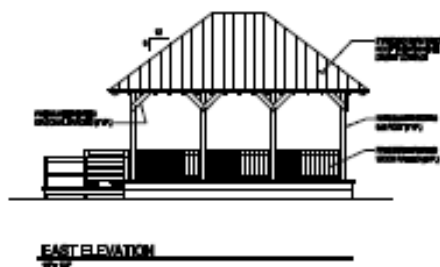
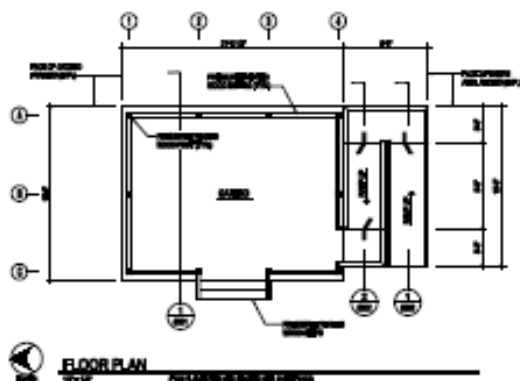


QUEST LIST			
Quest Number	Quest Name	Current Services	Current Service Co.
0001	Tree Care		
0002	Archie		
0003	Preparation		
0004	Finalized and Approved		
0005	Contract and Service		
0006	Subcontract		
0007			



Title Sheet

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

12/06, 13, 20, 27, 2021: de Witt Garden Club  
10:00 am, at the museum  
Meets every Monday  
Bring your work gloves and tools

No Board Meeting in December

12/11/2021 – Photos with Santa & the Red Truck  
11:00am-2:00pm

12/11/2021 – Holiday Craft Bazaar  
10:00am-4:00pm

Gingerbread House Exhibit  
November 20-December 18, 2021

01/18/2022: Board Meeting  
6:00 pm Hybrid  
In-person and on Zoom



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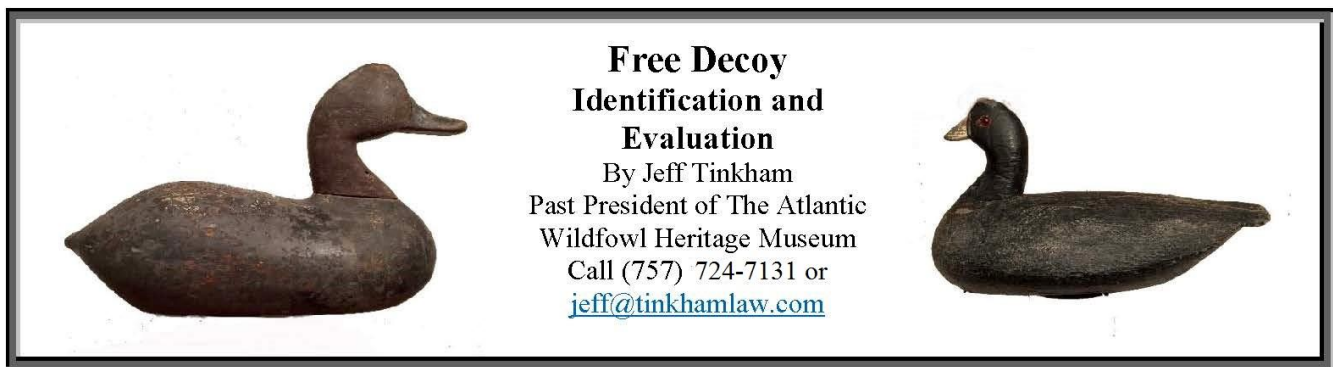
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## COLLECTOR'S SHELF

### Bennie Ansell Pintail

This month's Collector's Shelf highlights a bird from the Tinkham Collection. It is a Bennie Ansell Pintail used at the famed Flyway Club. Bennie was a market hunter, guide and caretaker at the hunt club. It is a rare decoy because most Flyway Club decoys were burned up in the 1958 fire that destroyed the main building. The building was rebuilt in 1961 by the original owner's son Ogden R. Reid. The Flyway Club is still in its original design and original location on the mainland of Currituck sound. The privately owned hunting lodge was built in 1920 by Ogden M. Reid, owner and editor of The New York Herald Tribune. The lodge overlooks the Currituck Sound where it meets the North Landing River. The Flyway is now owned by Ogden R. Reid family of New York. Reid was publisher of the former New York Herald Tribune and the ambassador to Israel during the John F. Kennedy administration. For more information about the Flyway Club you can go to this link: [The Flyway Club, Knotts Island, Currituck, NC - Bing video](#)





### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum at the deWitt Cottage, I hope my letter today finds you healthy and happy as we enter December. This time of year is so magical, as we gather to celebrate our families, friends, and communities. My warmest wishes to you over the holiday season.

Your support and generosity over the last year has allowed us to continue moving forward even during a very difficult time. Through memberships, donations, gifts, volunteer hours, and more, we have established ourselves as a premiere year-round destination in the heart of Virginia Beach. We offer visitors, renters, and others a glimpse into the past, while also celebrating the present, and looking ahead to the future. In the last year we have:

- Seen one of our busiest summers in recent years. Visitors were up. Donations were up. Sales in our gift shop were up.
- Become a premiere wedding and special events venue for Coastal Virginia. We have been featured on local news, as well as magazines and other publications.
- Honored service men and women through our *Salute To Heroes* wedding giveaway, which will continue for the future.
- Enhanced our online presence through revitalized social media platforms.

I am also excited to announce that we have finally obtained our much awaited building permit for our gazebo project and will break ground before the month ends.

All of this continues to be possible through your generosity. Your financial contributions are the driving force in our continued success. As we look towards the end of the year, I ask that you consider making a contribution to our wonderful cottage. Your tax deductible gift will ensure continued momentum forward as we look to our very bright future.

Giving is easy. We have several ways for you to make your gift.

- Check: Please make checks payable to, Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum or AWHM and mail to 1113 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451.
- Credit/Debit Card: You may make your gift using a VISA or MasterCard. Please contact us at 757-437-8432 or online at [www.awhm.org/donate](http://www.awhm.org/donate).
- Recurring: Your pledge may also be made as a sustaining monthly gift, by contacting the Director [director@atwildfowl.org](mailto:director@atwildfowl.org).

As always, I thank you for your time, your generosity, and your continued support. We have much to be thankful for.

Cheers.

Jason Seward  
President



## 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      Open  
Tuesday:      Open  
Wednesday:      Roy Carlson & Ed Morrison  
Thursday:      Open  
"The Boathouse Boys" Carving Club:      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](http://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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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ [CELL] \_\_\_\_\_

*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!***

