"Second Chance" 1999
by Herb Simeone (1941-2016)
— Lot No. 2
Framed oil painting of a Hawk sitting on an old barbed wire fence post. Sprigs of wild grass shoot up the fence post. The hawk is created with great details in the feathers, face, and feet. Autographed with a plaque on the frame with the title of the piece.

Condition: Excellent
Medium: Oil on Canvas
Dimensions: Framed 37.5" x 33"

Pre-Bidding opens February 11th.
Live Auction - March 4th.
First lot closing at 1:00 pm

REGISTER NOW
Upcoming Guild Events:

03/07, 14, 21, 28, 2022: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Monday
Bring your work gloves and tools

03/04/2022, Friday Live Auction
Blue Box Auction Gallery
5823 Ward Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
https://bid.blueboxauction.com/ui/auctions/76348

03/12/2022 Back Bay-Knotts Island Waterfowl Festival
Saturday 9:00am-6:00pm
Creeds Ruritan Barn 1057 Princess Anne Rd
We need Volunteers

03/15/2022: Board Meeting
6:00 pm in person and on Zoom
At deWitt Cottage

3/31/2022 Salute to Heroes Contest
ends and a winner will be selected
be sure to nominate someone soon.

04/04, 11, 18, 25, 2022: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Monday
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04/19/2022: Board Meeting
6:00 pm in person and on Zoom
At deWitt Cottage

Free Decoy
Identification and Evaluation
By Jeff Tinkham
Past President of The Atlantic
Wildfowl Heritage Museum
Call (757) 724-7131 or jeff@tinkhamlaw.com
Nominations for the 2022 Salute to Heroes Wedding Venue Giveaway are now open!

Do you know a hero bride-to-be or groom-to-be who deserves an amazing wedding venue—or are you one yourself? Then this is the contest for you! Read full rules and qualifications, then submit your nomination using the form below. For more information: Salute to Heroes - The Historic de Witt Cottage (thedewittcottage.org)

The contest is open from February 1, 2022, until March 31, 2022. Best of luck to all entrants!

FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Now that restrictions on indoor dining and mask wearing are being lifted we are going to plan a big Spring Celebration in May at a location to be determined.

Our newly restored Gazebo is now 90% complete! We are waiting for the painters to finish and have our final inspections. A huge thank you to Jim Briggs (Board Member and General Contractor) for his help in getting this historic structure rebuilt.

The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum has remained open five days a week all winter. The Spring operating hours will be Wednesday through Sunday 10 AM to 5:00 PM. On Memorial Day the museum will begin being open seven days a week 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM until Labor Day.

When we count our blessings, we count you twice!

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK’S DAY!
We would like to thank Mark and Margie Cromwell for their very generous donation to the operation of our Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum.
On February 10, 2022. We ha 20 Pocomoke Middle School Students arrive from Pocomoke, Maryland, to see our Ocean Friendly Garden and to learn about Surfrider Foundation’s Ocean Friendly Garden Program. The seventh graders were educated in Conservation, Permeability of soil, and the Retention of runoff. The CPR for garden integrity. After being educated, these young garden entrepreneurs volunteered to pull weeds from our gardens. They then took a tour of the museum and then the Surfrider Foundation fed them lunch. A great big thank you to Aimee Rhodes of Surfrider: and now one of our Board Members, and Mike Mauch, owner of Harvest Restaurant, for feeding the students.
Please understand that we depend on every dollar to operate the museum. If you have not yet paid your 2022 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.

### 2022 DUES

- $35/YR INDIVIDUAL
- $100/YR BRONZE
- $500/YR GOLD
- $50/FAMILY
- $200/YR SILVER
- $1,000/YR PRESIDENTS CIRCLE

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**January 1, 2022 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!*