

# THE WILDFOWLER

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FINE ART  
  
Auction

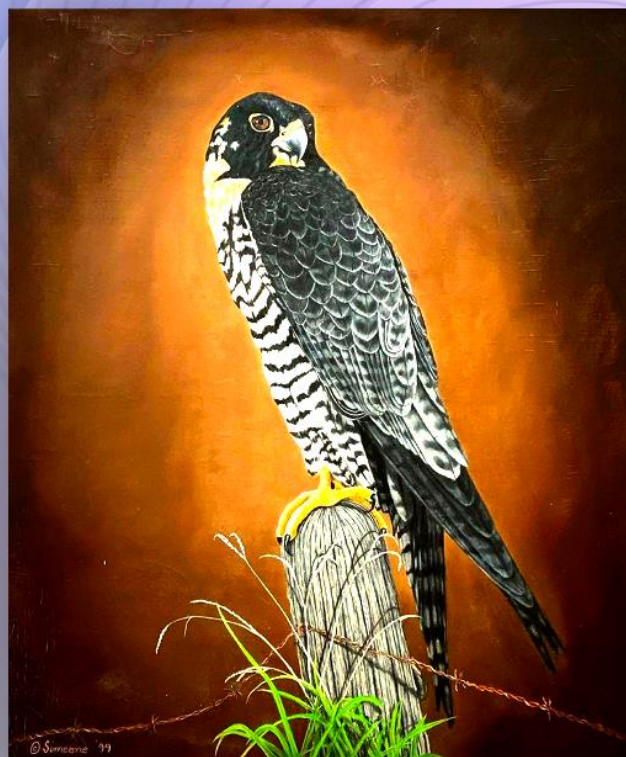
**"Second Chance" 1999  
by Herb Simeone (1941-2016)  
— Lot No. 2**

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**

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***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

Bring your work gloves and tools

**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

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## 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 \(thedewittcottage.org\)](https://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!**







# DECOYS WANTED

WE BUY WOODEN OR CANVAS DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS & SHOREBIRDS...  
WHAT IS YOUR DECOY WORTH? IT COULD BE WORTH THOUSANDS!

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WE WILL PAY YOU **CASH** FOR ANY OLD DECOYS AND HUNTING ITEMS



FREE

DECOY IDENTIFICATION  
AND EVALUATIONS  
*of Single Decoys or Entire Collections*

BY MARK CROMWELL

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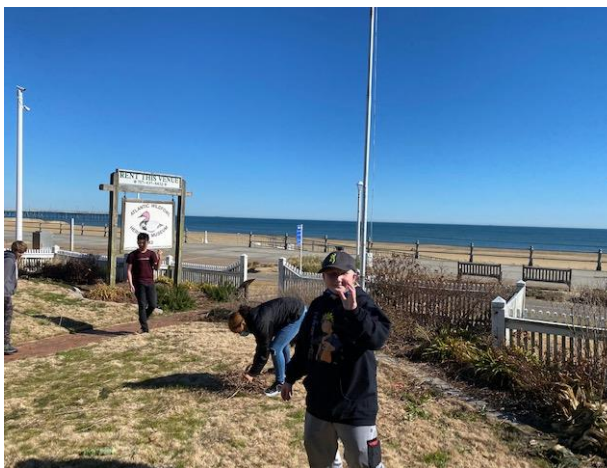
**We would like to thank Mark and Margie Cromwell for their very generous donation to the operation of our Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum**





## *Pocomoke Middle School Visit*

On February 10, 2022. We had 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.



## BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Phil Davenport, President	Parke Atkinson, Vice President
Jim Mehne, Secretary	Larry Davenport, Treasurer
Jim Briggs	Mark Cromwell
Tom Richards	Jason Seward
Jeff Tinkham	William Walsh, Jr., Curator
Aimee Rhodes	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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*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



## BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT PAID \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

*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!***

