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41ST ANNUAL
**OLD TIME BARNEGAT BAY
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TO THE 41ST OLD TIME BARNEGAT BAY DECOY & GUNNING SHOW

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation welcomes you to the 2023 Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show.

Every year the show has gotten better with the help of you, the participant. There will be more than 300 exhibitors' spaces.

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Find a parking place at the High School on Nugentown Road or Freedom Fields County Park on Route 539. Once you park, the free shuttle buses will drop you off at the show sites from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM both days. Our show hosts will greet you with a warm, friendly smile and explain the events of the day.

We have something for everyone, including decoys, dogs, boats, wildlife art, wildlife carvings, gunning supplies, antique fishing and hunting paraphernalia, duck and goose calls, clothing,

carving supplies and decoy/boat lumber.

For music lovers, Basement Musicians Guild and Gary Struncius & Debbie Lawton will grace us with their musical talents.

More than 50 contests and seminars will be held at the show sites during two action-packed days.

Don't miss the New Jersey Duck Calling Championship. The winner will represent New Jersey at the world championship in Stuttgart, Arkansas, in November.

Join us for lunch as our numerous food vendors tempt your appetite with the mouth-watering aromas of delicious treats.

The show is a great family event, with activities for all age groups. So bring the family and come on down to Tuckerton for the 41st Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show.

The staff, volunteers, and participating organizations hope you enjoy the show! Be sure to visit us again next year on **September 28 & 29, 2024!**

AT THE SHOW

Contests

Skeet Shooting, Duck Calling, Retrieving and Decoy Carving, Art and Photo

Exhibitors

Decoys, Boat Builders, Wildlife Art, Antiques, Sportsmen's Supplies

Music

Music of the Pine Barrens

Food

Tastes of the Bay, Burgers, Chicken & a Whole Lot More!

Retrievers

Watch the dog and puppy retriever contests!

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The 41st Annual Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show Sponsored by:



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Asst. Show Coordinator, Amanda Truhan

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CONTEST SCHEDULE

**NOTE: All contest entries must be checked in at event site by 10:00 AM the day of the contest.
*See show program for exact schedule.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Preliminary Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox
- Women's Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox
- Youth Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox
- Retriever Contest - Puppy
- Retriever Contest - Novice
- Preliminary Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox

SKEET/DOG AREA

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM
10:30 AM
11:00 AM
12:30 PM
1:30 PM
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

DECOY TENT

- Traditional Shorebird Rig Contest
- Delaware River Gunning Decoy Contest
- Contemporary Gunning Decoy Contest
- Youth Shorebird Contest
- Youth Decoy Contests
- Shorebird Decoy Contests (Decorative Slick & Traditional)
- Miniature Decoy Contests
- Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest - Traditional

10:30 AM
11:00 AM
12:00 PM
12:00 PM
12:30 PM
1:00 PM
1:30 PM
2:00 PM

PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- Art & Photo Contests
- Decorative Contests

11:00 AM
12:00 PM

PARK

- Boat Building Contests (Judging)

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

STAGE

- Duck & Goose Calling Contest - Adult

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Preliminary Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox
- World Championship Skeetshoot Finals
- Retriever Contest - Advanced

SKEET/DOG AREA

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
11:30 AM
1:00 PM

DECOY TENT

- Working Fish Decoy Contest
- Delaware River Gunning Decoy Rig Contest
- Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Rig Contest
- Cork Gunning Decoy Contest
- Head Whittling Contest
- Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest - Contemporary

8:30 AM
9:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:00 AM
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
11:00 AM

PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

- Model Boat Contest

10:00 AM

PARK ATHLETIC FIELD

- Archery Contest - Youth
- Archery Contest - Adult

10:30 AM
11:30 AM

STAGE

- Duck & Goose Calling Contests - Youth
- Awards Ceremony & Conklin Presentation

10:00 AM
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Demonstration & Activity Schedule

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Carving & Craft Demonstrations
Tuckerton Creek Boat Rides

TIME

All Day
9:00, 10:00, 11:00
1:00, 2:00, 3:00

LOCATION

Heritage Tent Park
Tuckerton Seaport

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Music by The Pines

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Gary Struncius & Debbie Lawton
Basement Musicians Guild

TIME

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

LOCATION

Park
Park

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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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LOCATION

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Retriever Contest - Puppy

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Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest-
Traditional

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Thomas R. Beaton: Hurley Conklin Award

Paul N. Smith: Hurley Conklin Award

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World Championship Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox

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Youth Gunning Decoy Contest - Ages 14 & Under

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- Archery – Waterfowl Shoot
- World Championship Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox
- Best Model Boat
- Barnegat Bay Feather-Edged Sneakbox Contest – Traditional
- Barnegat Bay Sneakbox Contest – Traditional Development Class
- Barnegat Bay Sneakbox Contest – Contemporary Class
- Antique South Jersey Gunning Boat Restoration Contest
- Contemporary Gunning Boat – Development Class
- South Jersey Pond Box Contest
- South Jersey Traditional Hunting & Working Boat Contest
- Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest - Decorative Slick
- Bird of the Year – Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest – Traditional
- Miniature Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest – Traditional
- Miniature Barnegat Bay Gunning Decoy Contest – Decorative Slick
- Miniature Delaware River Gunning Decoy Contest
- Delaware River Gunning Decoy Rig Contest
- Head Whittling Contest
- Traditional Shorebird Decoy Contest
- Decorative Slick Shorebird Decoy Contest
- Traditional Shorebird Rig Contest
- Working Fish Decoy Contest
- Decorative Fish Contest
- Best Decorative Bird Contest
- Retriever Contest - Novice
- Retriever Contest - Advanced

- Barnegat Bay Hunters Duck Calling Championship
- New Jersey Goose Calling Championship - Open
- Art Contest
- Photo Contest
- Youth Championship Skeetshoot from a Sneakbox
- Youth Barnegat Bay Goose Calling Contest
- Youth Art Contest - Ages 11 to 13
- Youth Art Contest - Ages 14 to 17
- William de Rouville Jr.: Hurley Conklin Award
- Robert Beloff: Hurley Conklin Award

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- Bass River State Forest
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- Dave's Workshop
- Decoy Dux
- Decoy Magazine
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- First United Methodist Church
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- New Gretna Volunteer Fire Company
- Pinelands Youth Jersey Shore Baseball
- Ptesan-Wi Council #1
- St. Theresa's Church
- Tuckerton Library Association
- Tuckerton Seaport
- VFW 12173

OPEN FIELD

- Barnegat Bay Sportsman Club
- Barnett's Pond Boxes
- Bass Pro Shops
- Bellport Decoys
- Bells Decoys
- Birds & Bees Honey Farms
- Birdcall Decoys
- Blanchette Decoys
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- Robert Keeney, Jr.
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- Marty Kristiansen
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- John Shores
- Team Pyton
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- Tommy Duck Decoys
- Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum
- USCG Flotilla Aux.
- Wetlands Wildlife Photography
- Wharton Decoys

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For a complete list of vendors, please pick one up at the Front Gate.

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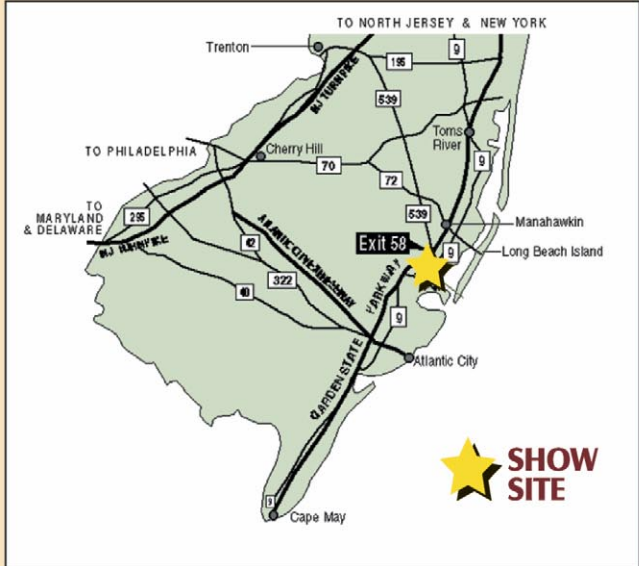
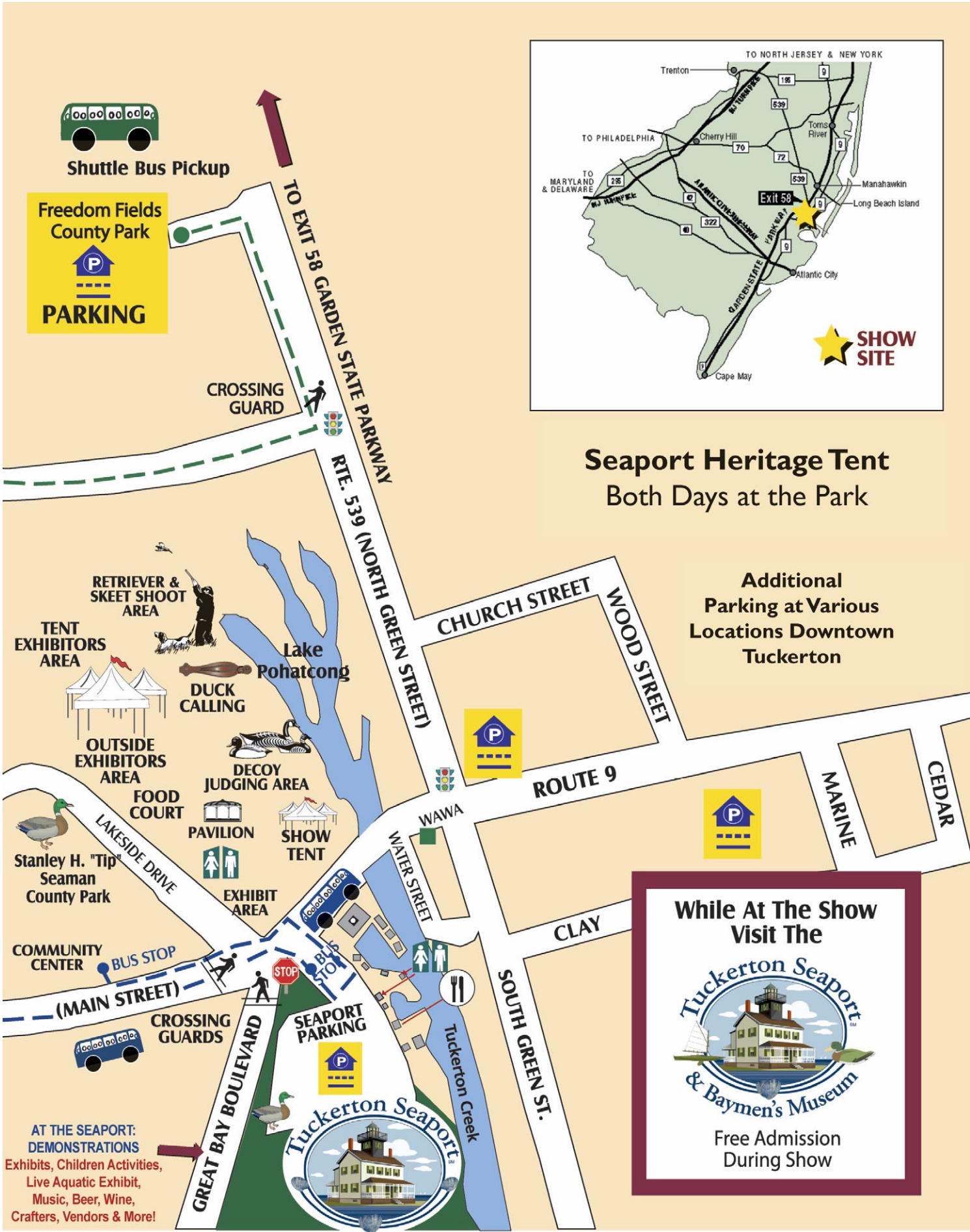
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ROUTE 9



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Hunting Shanty

Captain's House
& Tea Room

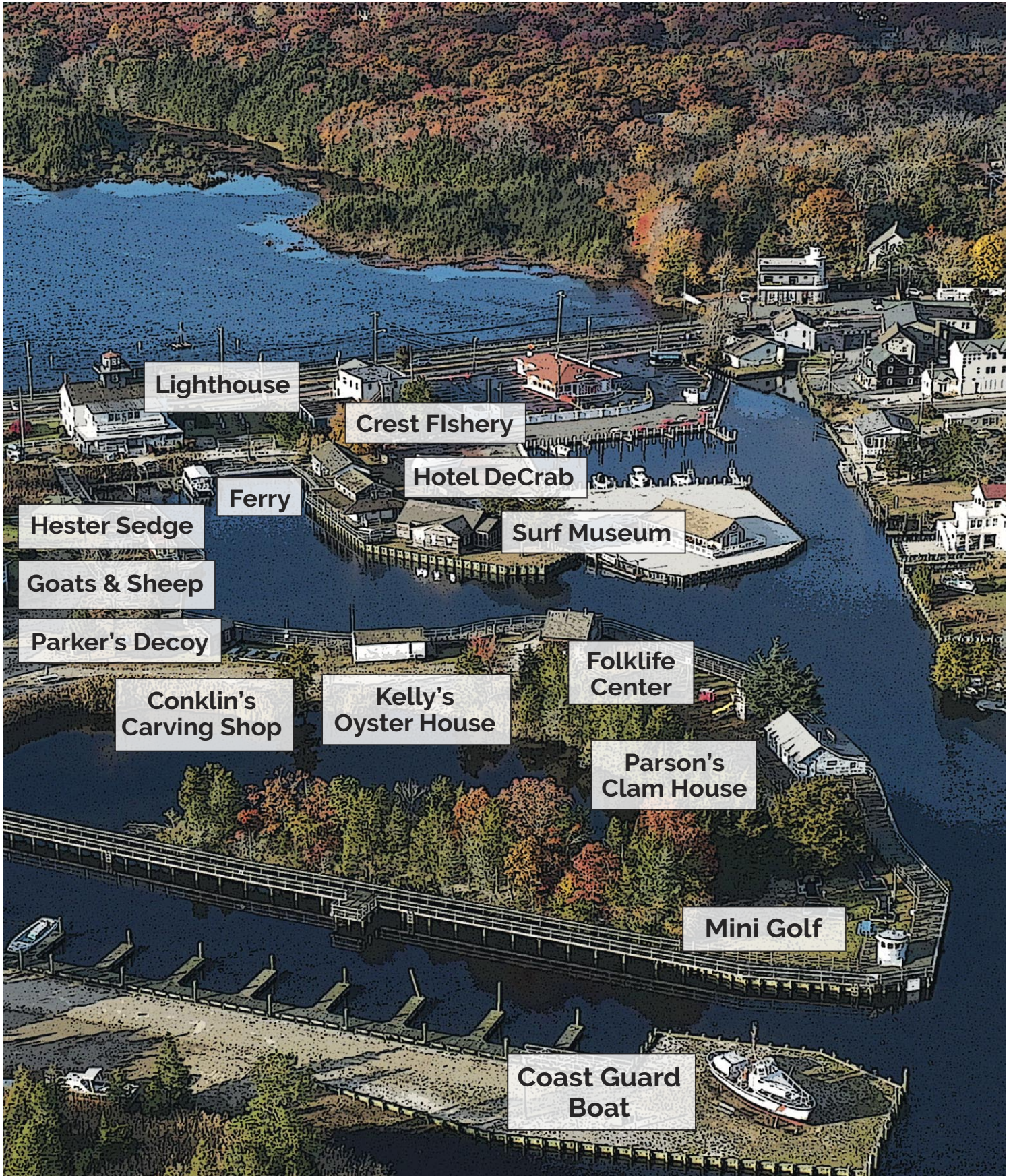
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Boatworks

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The Long-Tailed Duck

Clangula hyemalis

By Joshua Gant



Long-tailed Ducks, historically called Oldsquaw, are a species of sea duck that visits New Jersey in the winter. They can be found locally in and around inlets and in the surf. This species is one of the deepest diving ducks in the world, with regularly recorded dives over 200 feet in search of food. Due to their diet of crustaceans and shellfish they are not generally regarded as good table fare. During the spring, flocks of this species will fly north to polar regions where they breed. Long-tails are quite vocal gathering in noisy rafts in the hundreds before departing from New Jersey around March. They have a distinctive appearance that is not likely to be confused with any other local species.

The population of Long-tailed Ducks had been stable for many years. In recent years, they have been threatened by food source contamination and chemicals such as lead. Gill nets have been another documented threat. Organizations have been established to keep track of waterfowl populations. The Sea Duck Joint Venture started in 1999 as part of North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Partners include but are not limited to: the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, and National Audubon Society. Organizations such as this help establish and monitor bag limits and annual take for different sections of the country.



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The 2023 commemorative pins feature
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**Long-Tailed Duck ~ Modeled after a decoy
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Hurley Conklin Award

Presented to people who have lived in the Barnegat Bay tradition. This award has been named in honor of the last of the Great Old Time Barnegat Bay Carvers, Hurley Conklin.

This year's recipients:

Thomas R. Beaton

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Robert Beloff

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Paul N. Smith

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William de Rouville, Sr.

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Thomas R. Beaton

as told to
German Georgieff

Tom Beaton is the 3rd generation boat builder to own Beaton Boatworks located on Barnegat Bay in West Mantoloking. The boat works has a history of meeting the needs of both Barnegat Bay clammers and duck hunters plus the wealthy summer people that enjoyed racing on the shallow bay.

“My grandfather, David, emigrated from Scotland in 1925. He was a boat builder and he came here for more opportunity and a better life, which he said he did get,” said Tom Beaton. “He had friends here already so he came over first and brought the family over once he was settled.”

David Beaton started work at Morton Johnson Boatworks of Bay Head. In 1928 David Beaton started his own boat building business with partners in Bay Head, but that broke up in the 1930s. Then he went to Mantoloking in 1937 and built David Beaton and Sons Boatworks.

He had six sons and he put them all to work. They built all the buildings themselves. The oldest building still standing is the carpentry shop built in 1937, said Tom. “It’s on cedar pilings -- they drove the cedar into the ground, put a string around it and framed up the building. This was way before building codes,” he noted. “They started to build boats -- skiffs and then sailboats.”

According to Tom’s late father Lochlan, a 1993 Hurley Conklin awardee, everything was done by hand at first -- there were no power tools as there were no poles in place to carry electricity to the shops. They had an automobile gasoline engine to run the big bandsaw. Later, a wealthy client paid to have the poles put in.

Beaton Boatworks made approximately 200 sailing sneakboxes (duck boats) that were not just employed by baymen and duck hunters but also young sailors, particularly young women who joined in local racing derbies.

Wooden boat building was the main business until the late 1960s when fiberglass came on the scene and seemed to be a kind of miracle material, explained Tom. “My father realized at the time that we would have to change the business and started to make it more of a boat yard and marina-type operation. That seemed to



Photo Credit: Awardee's Family

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Tom Beaton from from page 12

work -- we had lots of winter storage and dockage (fees). We never gave up building boats but we didn't depend on it. We did it in the winter -- we built sneakboxes and a few A-cats, plus a bunch of row boats."

Tom was eager to follow in the family business.

"I'll be here 50 years next year," he said. "I used to come here after school and scrub boats, we didn't have a power wash -- we had a brush. We'd rub it in the sand and scrub the boat (to remove barnacles). We didn't have a travel hitch -- we had just one lift. I liked it once I started working. It's nice in the fall around here -- we're always a little more casual, low key. Plus, I was helping my father and we had a good relationship. --It's a nice way of life."

On the other hand, running the business doesn't leave much time for doing traditional boat building work. "I always say you're more tired running your computer and doing paperwork than you are doing physical work in the yard. "I'm always hoping I can do more building -- I've got all my tools sitting over there...but we don't have the help.

"I have a son who likes the business. He graduated college and is going for his MBA. I don't encourage or discourage -- he's only 22 so he has to figure out what he wants to do. I want to build a double-ender when my son is home more."

Although Beaton skimmed over the importance of the Boatworks in the resurgence of A-cat sailing on Barnegat Bay, his legacy is well noted.

Catboats, with a shallow draft and wide hull, were traditionally used as work boats on the bay, employed as fishing boats, charters and even in the salt hay industry. Baymen might sometimes race them to the harbor when work was done. Then in the early 1900s yachting architects reconfigured the workhorse into a sleek design to add to the sport of sailboat racing. Historically, the first A-cat was commissioned by a Philadelphia judge in 1922 to compete in the Toms River Yacht Club Challenge Cup. The *Mary Ann* and other early A-cats such as the *Lotus* in 1925 and *Spy* in 1924 were built at the Morton Johnson boat works, where David Beaton first learned his trade.

By the 1980s some of the early A-cats were ready for the scrap heap unless a boat works could be found to do the heavy restorations. Tom Beaton was able to restore both the *Lotus* and the *Spy* at his boat works. Then, in 1993 the boat works built a new A-cat to ply the Barnegat Bay -- *Ghost*.

"The problem now is getting the materials. We get our cedar, when we can get it, out of Virginia. And you have to be a pretty wealthy guy to pay for a wooden boat these days," said Tom. "But we do a lot of repairs. So we're still here."

Editors Note: The Beaton family is credited with modifying the design of the duck boat to prevent its bow from submerging when sailing with the wind. Most of the Barnegat Bay yacht clubs used the Beaton duck boats. Currently, that tradition is celebrated at the annual World Championship Duck Boat Race at the Mantoloking Yacht Club, which is held every August. Tom Beaton is the official duck boat evaluator for the race.

Robert Beloff

by German Georgieff

Robert Beloff was born in 1941 in the Pinewald section of Berkeley Township, in the hospital that was previously the Royal Pines Hotel. His parents lived on New Bridge Road, in the Nugentown section of Little Egg Harbor. The road was later renamed Nugentown Rd. Off of that road is Beloff Drive, named after his family. His grandfather worked for the Tuckerton Railroad. His father was a bricklayer, doing union work when available, and working for himself at other times.

Bob had plenty of hunting opportunities within walking distance of his home while growing up. He hunted rabbits on the old Frasier peach orchard where Pinelands High School now stands. He remembered there being a still out there, operated by some men from Hammonton, until it was discovered by the revenuers and they busted it up. He hunted ducks in the Otis cranberry bogs behind the present school site. He remembered there being an artesian well feeding the reservoir but he's not sure what happened to it. His favorite wood duck pond was off of Bridge Rd., which was unnamed back then. Houses built on either side of the pond ended his hunting there.

During summers while in high school Bob worked for Rands U-Drive Boats, on Seven Bridges Road. He would handle the rentals and clean the boats when they returned. Each boat had a bait board but nobody seemed to use them, instead cutting the bait atop the engine box. A constant challenge was trying to slow the boats down as they rushed back, usually ignoring him and slamming into the dock. The job was worse when a summer thunderstorm would bring close to 50 boats back at the same time. He'd no sooner tie one off when another was right behind it. He remembers seeing all 53 boats go out most weekends, and 20 or so on weekdays, all coming back full of fluke, many of them undersized. And that didn't include the private boats docked at the marina. He thinks all of this is the reason we have so many regulations today. In any case, Hurricane Sandy destroyed Rands, and it was never re-built.

One unique Pine Barrens tradition Bob used to make extra money doing was what locals called "pineballing", which was the gathering of pine cones for the florist trade. He picked cones in the pygmy pines along Route 539, where the dwarf trees had cones within easy reach. A buyer would come along every so often to collect his cones.

Another source of income for Bob was trapping. He used to trap muskrat on the salt meadows at the end to Mill Creek Road in Manahawkin. It was a dirt road back then, and he could drive all the way to the meadows. The Beach Haven West lagoon community put an end to trapping on that marsh. While living in an apartment in West Creek he trapped the meadows behind them, where the Cox family used to cut salt hay. That land is now part of Forsythe Refuge and can't be trapped. He jokes how he hates the refuge for the limitations it placed on traditional activities while his wife loves it for all the land it's protected from development. He does agree that building has ruined much of the way life used to be in the region. While muskrats were always his main quarry, he also trapped fox, raccoon and mink. He recalls taking several mink where Seacrest Nursing Home now is located. He eventually worked on construction of that nursing home for Joe Palermo.

Bob trapped right up to the early 1960s, when union brickwork began taking up more of his time. Tending a trapline was time consuming, and he didn't miss hauling a heavy burlap bag full of wet muskrats off the meadows. Overall, however, he did enjoy trapping. If duck season was in, he'd bring his shotgun along while tending his traps and jump shoot ducks out on the meadows if the opportunity presented itself. He claims money can't be made trapping anymore.



Photo Credit: Awardee's Family

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Too much of the meadows have been lost to either development or the refuge.

He did clam a few times with his neighbor, Bill Driscoll, although he never considered himself very good at it. He said Bill would catch 2,500 while he caught 250 during the same time. He did enjoy doing it however.

A favorite pastime of Bob's was rabbit hunting with his beagles. He hunted the woods around Amasa Landing and the old farm where Atlantis Golf Course now is. He hunted the woods around his present house in Parkertown too, until building eventually put an end to that. More than once, when a hound ran off chasing a deer, he had to use the old hunter's trick of leaving his hunting coat behind, coming back in the morning to find the lost dog curled up on it.

It's been twenty years since Bob last hunted rabbits, and his hounds are all gone. He's spent his years since doing side work and helping his wife breed Labrador Retrievers. Their pups have always earned praise from buyers, but that is starting to be too much work. While they still have a few dogs, they don't know if they will produce any more litters. Considering all the growth in the surrounding area, Parkertown is still relatively peaceful. Bob now enjoys the quiet, his time with his family and his memories of what has been a wonderful area to grow up and live in.

Paul N. Smith

as told to German Georgieff

Boat Carpenter Paul Smith is one of the few artisans left with the skills to work on wooden boats. Smith was fitting trim to the edge of a boat hull when this interview took place at Beaton Boatworks. His career at Beaton Boatworks in Mantoloking began in 1963 when he was 18 years old. He was born in New York City during World War II in 1944. His family moved to South Jersey in 1950 and he attended the Bay Head Elementary School and Point Pleasant High School where he was friends with Tom Beaton's older siblings.

He was primed to go on to college at Rutgers University but suddenly his father died and his mother fell ill, and so he started work at Beaton's in the spring of 1963. "I had a couple of other jobs and I thought all this was temporary, but one year led into another and here I am." That was sixty years ago.

"You learn the business a little bit at a time," he said. "Once I was here awhile and got into all the aspects of it I really enjoyed it," Smith said. "We built mainly small sailboats and when I started there was five or six people working on boats. Now I'm the only carpenter here. Now the marina is the dominant part of the business."

Working on wooden boats requires a jack-of-all-trades ability. "Some things are a real challenge, some things you may only do once -- things that are particular to the design. Some of the boats we made 15 or 20 years ago, the pieces were standard so it was almost a production line. But then we had class racing boats where everything had to be made to certain specifications."

"During the summer, when it's slow, marina customers come in with all kinds of requests. I've made caskets for cats, old wooden water tanks for toilets -- nothing I'd put on a resume. But if you can make something as complicated as a wooden boat you can probably handle it. Last year I made a bunch of Adirondack chairs."

The last wooden boat he made from scratch was a little 10-foot lapstrake pulling boat or dingy. "It was a replica of an early 1906 boat. They had the original in pieces that came on a trailer so I had to redraw the plans and patterns for it. It was small but very fancy."



Photo Credit: Awardee's Family

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“But we don’t do too many wooden boats anymore -- we don’t have the people who can do it. Tom [Beaton] can do it but he has to do the office stuff.”

Besides the lack of skilled labor, getting wood to restore old boats is difficult. “Getting wood of all kinds is terrible and if you can find it, it’s expensive. It’s like restoring an old house, restoring a wooden boat is more work than making a new one,” he said. “I live in a house built in 1893 so I know all about that.”

At 78 years old, Smith is starting to slow down a bit, he said. “I enjoy doing it but my knees are shot. If I can stand up and not climb a ladder -- great. It’s just a function of age. If my health stays good, I’ll continue to work part-time.”

“It’s a job, there’s nothing too exciting about it. I was fortunate in growing up around here at the tail end of the traditional ways. If someone has a boat now they just roar up and down the bay with the radio going full-blast. They’re not doing what we enjoyed doing on the bay -- fishing, clamming, just being out there and seeing what’s out there. Well, times change.”

William de Rouville, Sr.

by German Georgieff

Bill de Rouville’s destiny was set early in life. He grew up in Brick and his father, Matthew, was an avid boater. As early as Bill can remember, he was sanding, painting or otherwise working on boats. Most of his childhood memories were filled with sailing and fishing on the northern end of the bay or going out the Manasquan Inlet to catch bluefish.

He always seemed to have a boat of his own under some stage of repair or restoration. Some of them would have been considered basket cases, but he enjoyed the work and the challenge. He’d often spend the summer working on a boat and only have it ready to go into the water by Labor Day, just in time for him to go back to school. One boat was a 25 foot sailboat he bought from Beaton’s Boat Yard. It was in such bad shape when he got it that it was close to being busted up and discarded. He worked on it for about two years, finally getting it into the water. He had a lot of fun sailing it and learned quite a deal during the restoration project.

Around the time Bill graduated from high school he approached Lochlan “Lolly” Beaton for a job but they didn’t need any help at the time. A friend told him of a man in Toms River who was looking for workers. So he came down to the Toms River Boat Works and met Lance Chambeau, who hired him. He was attending University of Rhode Island at the time, following in his father’s footsteps studying engineering. But after several summers working at the boatworks, he decided that was the career path he wanted to follow, rather than one in engineering. He has never regretted that decision.

After working for him for a number of years, Chambeau gave Bill the opportunity to lease the repair shop from him, which he established as his own business about 1987. However, the boat works was eventually sold to some local businessmen, who had other plans for the property. So in 1997 he moved his business, setting up shop in Lanoka Harbor, again under a lease arrangement. He was at that location for about seven years, doing a lot of restoration work. It was here where he built the *Witch* in 2002, one of the new A-Cat boats. Unlike Beaton’s, however, which has had a long family tradition of boat building, it has never been a major part of Bill’s work. His focus has been more on the repair and restoration end of the business.



Photo Credit: Awardee’s Family

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Bill stated that leased shops have always been a risky proposition. Owners' plans change and properties are sold, and that is exactly what happened to the Lanoka Harbor shop. So in 2004, he moved back to the Toms River, obtaining a long-term lease at his present location in Bayville. His business has thrived there for 19 years now. Like most businesses, Bill has had to adapt to changing times. As recent as 10-15 years ago, a large part of his work was major restoration on wooden boats, such as reframing, replanking, rebuilding cabins, etc. But now it's more minor repairs and maintenance work, such as painting and varnishing, but still mostly on wooden or traditional boats. His is one of the few yards still doing that work. The biggest part of his work has been on the A-Cats. They are still regularly raced, and raced hard, often requiring a repair after a collision or other mishap.

One especially satisfying aspect of the job is working with owners of the Cats, tweaking them for faster speed or better handling, all within the rules and guidelines of the class. And since the races take place virtually within sight of Bill's shop, he enjoys viewing how they perform after any modifications.

One of his favorite restoration projects was on the *Whitecap*, for Tuckerton Seaport. *Whitecap* is a 33-foot sloop built by Morton Johnson in Point Pleasant in 1924, which was damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The restoration was exacting, as it involved several historic organizations which were involved in setting up the guidelines, requiring it to be restored to its exact original appearance. He found it an extremely satisfying project.

Bill says that while business is still good, it is sometimes challenging to get an owner onboard with the actual amount of work a boat brought to him may require. Another challenge has been the increasingly unfriendly business environment in the state. The work can also be physically demanding, and sometimes even dangerous. Once, a large boat fell on him, breaking his back, leg and several ribs. As soon as he left the hospital, six days later, he was back at the boatyard checking on things. So, after 48 years in the business, he is getting closer to retiring. Despite that, the business isn't expected to end with him. Bill's son, Bill Jr., works on the boats with him, and his niece Sherri manages the office. So while building and working on wooden boats may be a dying tradition, it's not dead quite yet.

Find Decoy & Gunning Show Movies, Stories and More

The show continues to emphasize traditional waterfowling skills such as decoy carving, boat building, retrieving, shooting etc. in the most realistic manner. As part of an ongoing commitment to preserving Barnegat Bay traditions, the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission provides a series of archives containing everything from Hurley Conklin winners to Barnegat Bay documentaries. The links to these archives are listed below.

- **Barnegat Bay Documentaries:**
<https://www.co.ocean.nj.us/oc/ch/frmBarnegatBayDocs.aspx>
- **Decoy Award:**
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Hurley Conklin Award Winners

- 1986** Sam Hunt
- 1987** Pete Wilbur
- 1988** Turney Smith
- 1989** Randall Cranmer, Ray Kennedy, Hayes Parker, Roger West, Carl Hewitt
- 1990** Jack Cervetto, Elmer Mott, Ed Hazelton Sr., John Petzak, George Heinrichs, Joe Reid, Joe Smith
- 1991** Weldon Parker, Charles E. Hankins, Fred Kalm, Bob Rutter Sr., Bob Rutter, Rocky Wyckoff, Bob Leek, Eppie Falkingburg, Ed Heinrichs, Bert Courtney, Fred Bahr
- 1992** Melvin Parker, Joe Sprague, Paul Steinhauer, Capt. Percy Giddes, Emil Parker, Somers Headley, Capt. Chet Holman, Tom Nickerson, Capt. Owen Ridgeway, Joe Inman, Dick McKandless, Capt. Ken Wilson Sr., Milton Cranmer, Capt. Steve "Sparky" Dickerson, Otto Froriep Sr., Nathaniel Boone Driscoll, Allen Tonneson
- 1993** Capt. Lew Broome, Peter Oliver Bahr, Bert Cranmer, Bill Cranmer, Capt. Dick Clineman, Paul Lafferty, Lachlan Beaton, Capt. Calvin Wilson, Martin Bob Chadwick, Elliott Giles, Ernie Cranmer, Perry Inman, Charlie Richards
- 1994** Capt. Dellwin Sooy, Robert D. Conti, Lorna Chadwick Shinn, Dave "Cricket" Winton, Winston Newman, Carolyn Chadwick, Capt. Ken Allen, Ed Brown, Enoch Jablonski, Walt Ludlow, Cliff Lashley, Capt. Herb Schoenberg
- 1995** Phil Hart, Gurney Hart, Walter "Shorty" Hart, Paul D. "Pete" McLain, Cliff Frazee, Gladys Eayre, Herschel Abbott, Eldora Abbott, Leah "Sis" Horner Marr, Russell Bowen, John Cavileer
- 1996** Horace Cavileer, Milt Heinzer, Major Leek, Don Maxwell, Jack Parsons, Mason Price, Maurice "Merce" Ridgeway, Edward J. Smith, Arthur "Oppie" Speck, Stella S. Wegst
- 1997** Reeves O. "Slim" Hornby, Norman Dupont, Joe Forsyth, Capt. Paul Bonnell, Herlan "Blue" Cornelius, Florence Cavileer, Marion Speck, Stanley Conklin, John Marvin Inman
- 1998** Bill de Freitas III, Harry de Freitas, Alston Allen, William Jenks, Charles Paul, Kenneth Holman
- 1999** Bob Gaskill, Gus Heinrichs, Harry Shourds, Edna Marshall, Herb Bell, Jack Scheimreif, Harry Rogers
- 2000** Ken Maxwell, Edward Ahearn, Janice Sherwood, John Lafferty, Sam Leifried, Elwood Harvey
- 2001** Steven Potter, Benny Allen, Enoch Pharo, John Chadwick, Dave Paul, Sr., Bob Wilson
- 2002** Bub Johnson, Gary Giberson, Ross Wilson, Jim Hutchinson
- 2003** Ronald M. Bozarth, Nelson Holloway, Richard Crema, Richard Beckley
- 2004** Ray Nyman, Edwin P. Thompson
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- 2007** Alvin Shourds, John Scott Rutherford
- 2008** Capt. Bob Fricke
- 2009** Jim Leek, Malcolm Robinson, Captain Phil Anderson
- 2010** John R. Holloway, George Mathis Sr., Carl Tarnow
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- 2013** John M. Chadwick, Don Cramer, George Mikuletzky, Dale Parsons, Wanda Parsons
- 2014** Ron "Poss" Hammell, Ray Huber Jr., John Joseph Maxwell
- 2015** Fred Lesser, George Mathis, Jr., Newt Sterling, Joe "Spike" Mott
- 2016** Captain Joel E. Mick, Steve C. Frazee
- 2017** John Passuth, Ed McCay
- 2018** J.P. Hand, Dave Rhodes, Arthur J. Birdsall
- 2019** Dick Jessen, Joe Rizzo, Bill Simonsen
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- 2021** Kris Anderson, Clarence Fennimore
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- 2023** Thomas R. Beaton, Robert Beloff, Paul N. Smith, William de Rouville, Sr.

The Gentleman Carver

by J.P. Hand

On April 6, 2019, we lost another great carver, David Rhodes of Absecon, N. J., and in recent years of Ocean City. His peers and many of his customers knew Dave as, “The Gentleman Carver.” Anyone who knew him well understood just how he acquired that moniker!

Like many of the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association members, I knew David (the name he preferred) for decades and I considered him one of my closest friends. I don't remember how I met him, probably at the decoy show at The Quail Hill Inn that was hosted by Fred & Ethel Noyes. I used to jokingly describe Dave as the only decoy maker I knew that couldn't be elected President, as his parents had emigrated from England to Canada, where Dave was born in 1933. His family left Canada for Atlantic City, N. J. when Dave was three years old, and I often reminded him that though he had lived at the Jersey Shore for three-quarters of a century, he was still a “shoobie.”

Over the last few decades I liked to keep my friends Dave and Harry Shourds in “free wood” (the carving wood that Harry considered the best.) In the case of Dave, it was usually cutoffs and chunks of cedar or white pine, left over from me sawing out gunning decoys by the dozen, but big enough for Dave to use to make his beautiful shorebirds. While I was happy to share with my friends and didn't expect anything in return, Dave would often return the favor by stopping by with a shorebird or some other carving for my wife Gwen and I to add to our collection.

Dave often reminisced about the time over 20 years ago, when I took him gunning for Wood Ducks at Hands Mill Pond just over the county line in Cumberland County. We gunned over wooden decoys, mine along with some Strunk's and one of Dave's. Many of you know those kinds of hunts that you always remember, in this case the two of us surrounded by imposing Jersey cedars with a mist rising over the “iced tea” colored water, and those “squeakers” flying in so fast you could hardly react quickly enough to lift your gun, let alone hit one! We each got our limit of two good-eating Woodies that day, but I won't say how many shells it took.

It's always sad to see a good friend and in this case a good man leave this world, but I remind myself that Dave had a rich, full life. He served in the USAF during the Korean War as an aviation mechanic stationed in Japan. After his discharge, he put himself through art school in Philadelphia (which required commuting by train from Atlantic City and back each day). His “real job” was serving as the staff artist for Wheaton Industries, which at the time was the

largest privately owned glass company in the world (and was founded by the son of decoy maker, Amos Wheaton.)

As a resident artist Dave had a lot of free time on his hands during working hours. Not many people know that while working at Wheaton, Dave originated the “palm bird.” These were very small carvings and miniatures that could be carved on “company time,” but could be cupped in one hand while extending the other to shake hands with superior management when they entered his office. Most of you have seen Dave's “palm birds” as they graced the award plaques at the Tuckerton decoy show for many years. Many of us miss our friend Dave, I just hope that wherever he is now, the knives are sharp and the cedar is soft!



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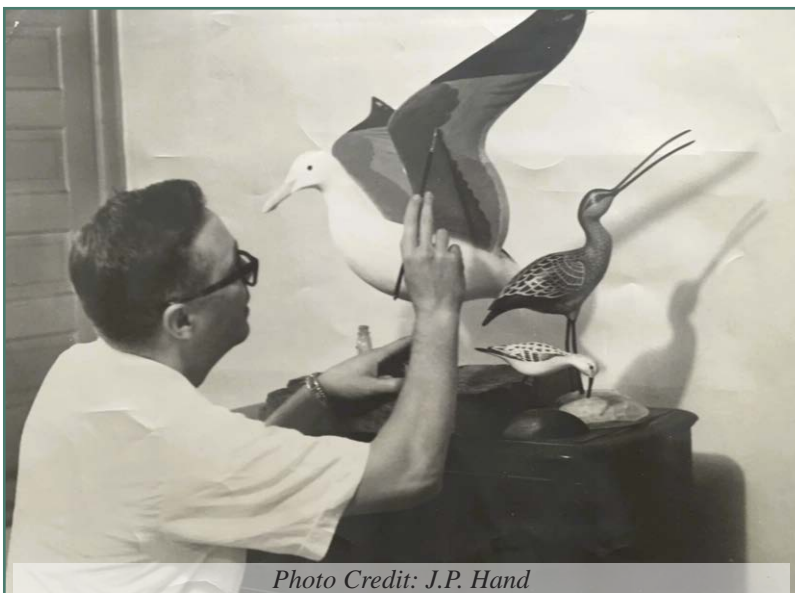
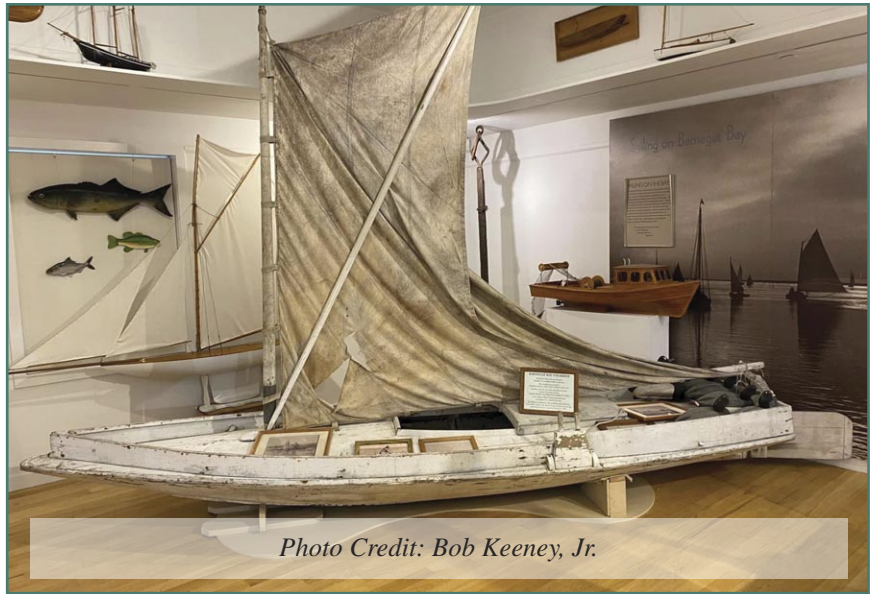


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The Barnegat Bay Sneakbox

by Bob Keeney, Jr.
(edited for length)



Along the New Jersey coast, in the shallow bays and inlets, among the salt hay (marsh grass) and seagulls, many sportsman have found relaxation and enjoyment gunning (hunting) for black ducks, brant, mallards, and other wildfowl. Leaving in the darkness before dawn, sitting huddled in a small boat on the often rough and cold water, frequently lashed by driven sea spray, it's not everyone's idea of relaxing.

But for many this is heaven, from the Lenape Native Americans who came to the coast to fish, clam, and hunt long before the European settlers arrived, down to present-day sportsman. Today's gunners come with much more improved gear from new semi-auto shotguns to the latest and greatest camo pattern with battery powered heating in their jacket. But with all the new and improved gear they still are gunning from a sneakbox that has not changed for a number of years. That's because the sneakbox has proved its worth and the almost perfection of its design.

The Barnegat Bay Sneakbox was originally a gunning skiff developed for use by market hunters of the Barnegat Bay region so they could sneak up on flocks of ducks, hence the name sneakbox. According to Nathaniel H. Bishop, the original sneakbox was designed and built by Hazelton Seaman of West Creek, NJ in 1836. The boat's original name was "Devils Coffin" with it being 12ft long and 4ft wide. It is able to row and sail in just two inches of water.

Over the years, the sneakbox has had modifications to stay up with the times. In 1950, the Heinrichs brothers of New Gretna built the first ever planing hull sneakbox that would go 20mph with an 8hp outboard. It was a trend setter because all sneakboxes before it were built with a displacement hull so they wouldn't plane. In the late 1950s, many boat builders created a fully fiberglass sneakbox molded off of a feather edge displacement hull sneakbox. Then in 1970, Thompson Boatworks of Egg Harbor Township built a fully fiberglass planing hull sneakbox call "Duck Machine" which was molded off of a Heinrichs planing hull.

There are 3 main hull designs for the sneakbox:

1. The feather edge displacement hull. It gets its name from where the hull meets the deck and it is as thin as a feather. It has a rounded hull that is great for rowing, sailing, and rough water.
2. The sheer side. This is a semi-planing hull. The hull and the top deck are attached to a squared piece of wood running the length of the boat. This makes a faster boat than the feather edge hull.
3. The planing hull. The fastest of the hulls, it is designed as a mix of the feather edge and sheer side. It has a squared transom, is sheer sided to midship, then goes to a feather edge towards the bow. This gives the transom to midship a flat hull.

The sneakbox was originally powered by rowing and sailing. Today's sneakboxes are powered by outboards with standard horsepower of 15 hp but some use less or more. There have been some outliers, in the 1920s Perrine Boatworks in Barnegat built a few 20 ft inboard sneakboxes with or without a bow cabin. That led to Mutt Cranmer building a ~ 24ft inboard sneakbox for Little Egg Coast Guard Station 119. In the 1950s, Harland Price and Dick Marshall of Parkertown built 12 ft and 13 ft inboard sneakboxes. Which, in my opinion, are amazing sneakboxes and practical for those cold days on the bay when heat of the engine will always warm you up.

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Other gunning boats of coastal New Jersey have been built with similar characteristics to the sneakbox. The Cape May Sneakbox is a 12-14ft displacement hull but the cockpit opening is built higher to attach salt hay instead of using a breakwater. The Gunning Garvey is a 10-12ft Garvey that looks like a sneakbox. There are many more but the list would be too long.

With new, bigger, and faster boats, the sneakbox is not as popular as it once was but I have noticed over the years that younger gunners start out with their parents in a sneakbox then leave the sneakbox to bigger boats to gun out of. But once they get older, they leave the big boats and get back into the sneakbox because they understand the history and the usefulness of a sneakbox for open bay and shallow water gunning.



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Al Barker

Artist Profile

Al Barker of Bordentown, New Jersey created the official artwork for the 2023 Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show. The commissioned work focuses on the iconic Sandy Island Gun Club. Mr. Barker faced a creative challenge of placing the bird of the year, Long-tail (Oldsquaw) duck in the image because the species generally avoids buildings. Mr. Barker succeeded in incorporating the species as decoys hanging on the wall of the structure.



Photo Credit: Al Barker

The Sandy Island Gun Club was incorporated in 1922 and rebuilt after a fire on February 9, 1994. The Club was originally an ice barge from New York City before it settled in Barnegat Bay, off the coast of Long Beach Island. Among the notable people associated with the club were decoy carver Bill Cranmer, hunting guides Mary and Bill Inman, and former owner Dick Shackleton. The Club is presently owned by Forest Shackleton of Long Beach Island.

The artist, Al Barker, was born in New Jersey and raised within the New York Metropolitan area where he learned to appreciate the outdoors by spending a great deal of time hunting and fishing.

These activities, no doubt, influenced his decision to pursue academic studies in Environmental Science where he earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in forestry and later received a National Fellowship for Doctorate work. After these academic studies, Al became a Forestry educator and worked in private industry and eventually taught his trade on the post-secondary level.

Without formal art training, he began drawing and painting wildlife scenes to assist with his teaching curricula and has been influenced by the works of Milton Weiler and Don Stone, N.A. Presently, as a full-time professional artist, Al specializes in smaller sized paintings, completing works in both oil and watercolor, as well as rendering many small editions of etchings.

Al Barker is the only professional artist that has exhibited continuously at the Easton Waterfowl Festival in Easton, Maryland, since its inception over fifty years ago. Al has won over fifty major awards in premier art competitions and principal exhibitions such as the Grand National American Artists Professional League, New York; Greenwich Workshop Galleries, Connecticut and California; Settlers West, Arizona; Gallery One, Ohio; and the prestigious Salmagundi Club (Emeritus status) in New York City. Al's work is displayed in many National Miniature Exhibitions in the continental United States. Al's work has been purchased for permanent and private collections, as well as the White House fine arts collections.

Visitors may head up to the newly renovated Tip Seaman Community Center for an updated exhibit gallery featuring all of the past Decoy show prints, a collection of decoys and other items, and a TV for viewing short videos on the Decoy show and folklife documentaries.

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FEE: \$5.00 per person

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Bill Cranmer: Gentleman, Craftsman, Scholar, and Decoy Carver ~ *by Arthur C. Liese*

LOCATION: Stanley "Tip" Seaman County Park, Tuckerton

DATE: Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 – 3:00 PM

FEE: \$5.00 per person

AGE: ALL

Santa's Christmas Pack ~ *With master basket maker Mary May*

LOCATION: Program Room, Cloverdale Farm County Park, Barnegat

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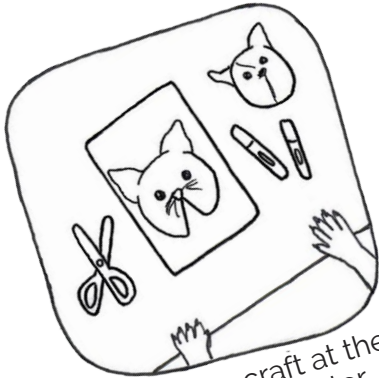
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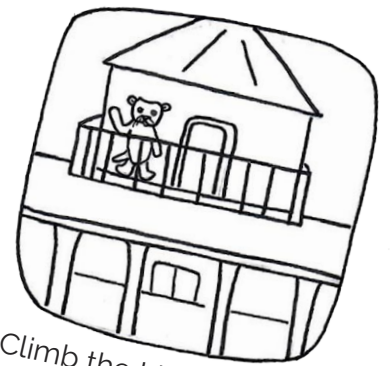
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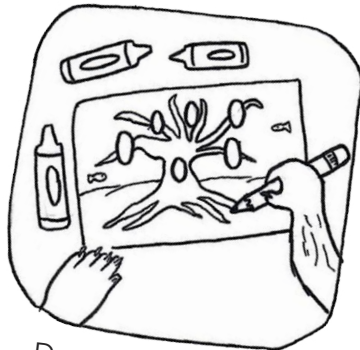
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Climb the Lighthouse.



Draw your family tree. (downstairs in Lighthouse)



Hang Ten at the Surf Museum.



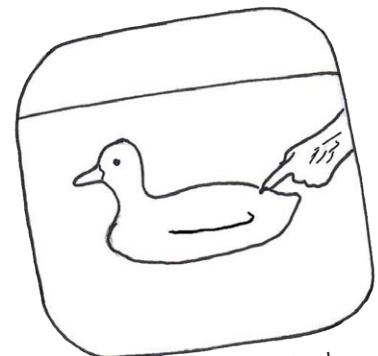
Take a Seaport selfie.



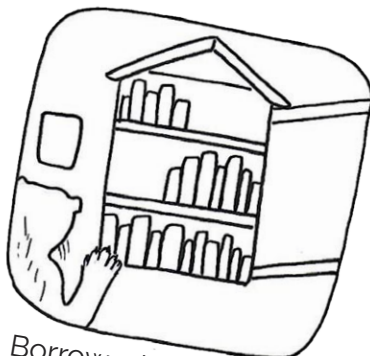
Buy & sell fish at Crest Fishery.



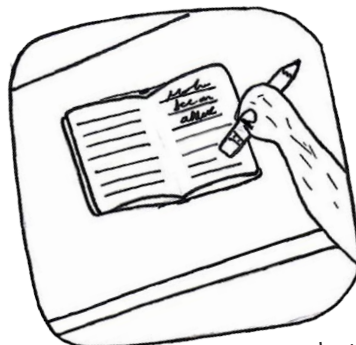
Spot some outdoor wildlife.



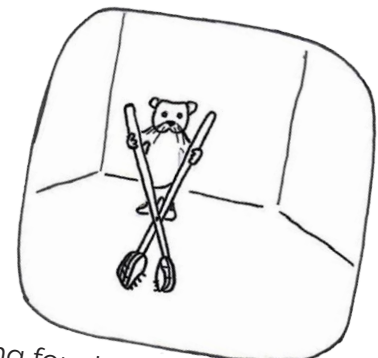
Hold a decoy at Parker's Decoy Shop.



Borrow a book from the Little Free Library.



Make a journal entry capturing your day. (upstairs in Lighthouse)



Tong for clams with your hands at Parson's Clam House.

FREE 29TH ANNUAL PINE BARRENS JAMBOREE

Saturday October 14th

10:00am ~ 4:30pm

Wells Mills County Park
905 Wells Mills Road (Rt 532) Waretown



Music of the Pines ● Cultural Demonstrations & Lectures
Jersey Devil (music, videos, lectures) ● Kids Crafts and Games
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Thanks for All Your Help!

The Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation and the Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum express our deep appreciation for all groups, businesses and individuals whose effort and support make this show possible.

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Special Thanks

We thank the many volunteers who helped in making the 2023 Decoy Show a success. A show of this magnitude would not be possible without the dedicated help of these individuals.

A sincere thank you to the
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A special thanks to the following vendors who donated materials for the show:

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For donating the wood for the head whittling blanks.

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A special thanks to New Jersey waterfowlers for sponsoring the 2023 New Jersey State Duck Calling Championship's participation in the 2023 World Championship at Stuttgart, Arkansas, in November

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2023 Show Cover Art Painted

by Al Barker

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On Display at Tip Seaman Community Center

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30th Annual

Decoy, Art & Hunting
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"BEST OLD DECOY SHOW IN NEW JERSEY"

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LOCATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Rain or Shine

LOCATION: Stockton University - Campus Center
101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway, NJ 08205

ADMISSION: Adult - \$6.00 (with this flyer or our
advertisement \$5.00)
Children 12 & under FREE

- ▶ **FEATURED CARVER:** William "Will" Hammarstrom
- ▶ **ARTIFACT DISPLAY BY:** Bob Seabrook
- ▶ **FOOD & DRINK** available at the "Food Court" and "Coffee House" in the Campus Center
- ▶ **FREE DECOY APPRAISALS**
- ▶ **GUEST SPEAKERS:** To be announced

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