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First in Professional Decorative Lifesize Seabirds, "Tern" by Jack Franco of Assonet, Mass.

World Championship Class Decorative Lifesize Wildfowl Carvings
Best in World
A. J. Rudisill, West Atlantic City, NJ, black-crowned night heron, $18,000 (purchase award)
Second in World
Bart Walter, Baltimore, MD, great blue heron & red-winged blackbird
Third in World
Jack Franco, Assonet, MA, upland plovers

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Best in World
Tan Brunet, Galliano, LA, redhead pair, $5,000 (purchase award)
Second in World
Willie Badeaux, Bayou Gauche, LA, redhead pair
Third in World
Joy Yax, Harsens Island, MI, redhead pair

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Best in World
Bob Ptashnik, Weston, Ontario, avocets, $3,000 (purchase award)
Second in World
Manfred Scheel, Quakertown, PA, yellowlegs
Third in World
Jack Franco, Assonet, MA, curlew

World Championship Feather Carving & Painting Contest
First Place
Jim Sherman, Bethel Park, PA, grouse
Second Place
Marcus Schultz, Denmark, WI, grouse
Third Place
Paul Jeffries, Media, PA, grous

The Lem & Steve Ward “Shootin’ Stool” Entry A Working, Service Decoy
First Place
Leo McIntosh, Woodville, NY, bufflehead drake, $200 & Trophy
Second Place
Norman Walsh, Vineland, NJ, canvaskback drake
Third Place
Terry Rickert, Sayville, NY, wood duck drake

Semi-Finalists
William Allen
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First in Show, Amateur Decorative Decoy, “Green-winged Teal” by Al Fulford of Colunbus, Ohio.

The Lem & Steve Ward “Shootin’ Stool” Entry B Special Donation Silent Auction Decoys
First Place
Gary Yoder, Grantsville, MD, mallard drake, $200 & Trophy
Second Place
Earl Federine, Cut Off, LA, mallard hen
Third Place
Tom Pitzen, Stacyville, IA, curlew

Semi-Finalists
Gerry Boltz
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The Lem & Steve Ward “Shootin’ Stool” Entry A Special Donation Silent Auction Decoys
First Place
Penn Miller
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Larry Reader
Joe Revello
James Smith
Tom Szwecz
Ron Tepley
Loren Tilton
Charles Van Note
Eric Williams

A. Danner Frazer Memorial Award For Outstanding Teenage Contestant
Jeffrey Muhs, Hampton Bays, NY, black duck, merganser

Waterfowl Lifesize Head Contest
First Place
Jack Szolis, Wexford, PA, $150 & Trophy
Second Place
Keith Mueller, South Meriden, CT
Third Place
Gerry Butcher, Hightstown, NJ
Division A1 (Professional)
Decorative Decoy

Marsh Ducks

Valiant
1. John Gewerth
Alsip, IL
2. Randy Tell
Hayward, WI
3. Louis L. Kean, Jr.
Richmond, VA

Honorable Mention
Ben Heinemann
Decatur, IL
Louis Kean, Jr.
Richmond, VA
Earl Federeine
Cut Off, LA
Dan Cobb
Fairton, NJ
Dan Williams
Reisterstown, MD

Black Duck
1. Louis Kean, Jr.
Richmond, VA
2. Louis Kean, Jr.
Richmond, VA
3. Jim Sprankle
Annapolis, MD

Honorable Mention
Jim Reynolds
Traverse City, MI
George Kruith
Bethel Park, PA

Pintail
1. Earl Federeine
Cut Off, LA
2. Willie Badeau
Bayou Gauche, LA
3. Tom Pitzen
Stacyville, IA

Honorable Mention
Leo McIntosh, Jr.
Woodville, NY
Bob Lantz
So. Holland, IL
Justin Hogan
Chicago, IL

Green-winged Teal
1. Leo McIntosh, Jr.
Woodville, NY
2. Tan Brunet
Galliano, LA
3. Dan Cobb
Fairton, NJ

Honorable Mention
Marcus Schultz
Denmark, WI
Earl Federeine
Cut Off, LA
Phillip Galatas
Slidell, LA
Bob Nagel
Austin, MN
Justin Hogan
Chicago, IL

Blue-winged Teal
1. Leo McIntosh, Jr.
Woodville, NY
2. Leo McIntosh, Jr.
Woodville, NY
3. Bob Lantz
So. Holland, IL

Honorable Mention
Dan Williams
Reisterstown, MD
Tom Pitzen
Stacyville, IA

Cinnamon Teal
1. Jim Sprankle
Annapolis, MD
2. Dan Williams
Reisterstown, MD
3. Dan Cobb
Fairton, NJ

Shoveller
1. Jim Sprankle
Annapolis, MD
2. Jett Brunet
Galliano, LA
3. Justin Hogan
Chicago, IL

Honorable Mention
Don Brewer, Jr.
Eureka, CA
Vernon Smith
Millville, NJ

Gadwall
1. Jim Sprankle
Annapolis, MD
2. Dan Williams
Reisterstown, MD
3. Ray Eckert
file Lake, MI

Honorable Mention
Grant Goltz
Bemidji, MN
Jim Reynolds
Traverse City, MI

Wood Duck
1. Randy Tell
Hayward, WI
2. Justin Hogan
Chicago, IL
3. Clark Sullivan
Swartz Creek, MI

Honorable Mention
Wayne Simkin
Rochester Hill, Ont.

Semi-Final Judging
Division A1 (Professional)
1. Pat Godin
Brantford, Ont.
2. Jim Sprankle
Annapolis, MD
3. John Gewerth
Alsip, IL

Division A1 (Amateur)
Decorative Decoy
Marsh Ducks

Valiant
1. Carl Danos
Lockport, LA
2. Reagan Danos
Lockport, LA
3. Carl Danos
Lockport, LA

Honorable Mention
Michael Adams
Raceland, LA

Cinnamon Teal
1. Ray Whetzel
Oxon Hill, MD
2. Randy Hansen
Des Moines, IA
3. Robert Jameison
Rockville, VA

Honorable Mention
John Orth
Joppa, MD

Shoveller
1. Richard Clark
Shelby, NY
2. John Orth
Joppa, MD
3. Stephen Miller
Ship Bottom, NJ

Honorable Mention
Chester Stogner
Omaha, NE

Wood Duck
1. Ray Whetzel
Oxon Hill, MD
2. Jack Cox
Curtis, NC
3. Richard Clark
Shelby Island, NY

Honorable Mention
Myra Blanchard
Thibodaux, LA

Green-winged Teal
1. Al Fullford
Columbus, OH
2. Al Fullford
Columbus, OH
3. Ray Whetzel
Oxon Hill, MD

Honorable Mention
Myra Blanchard
Thibodaux, LA
Carl Danos
Lockport, LA
Fred Finfrock, Jr.
Hampstead, MD

Blue-winged Teal
1. Ray Whetzel
Oxon Hill, MD
2. Dick Ledford
Ithaca, NY
3. Robert Jameison
Rockville, VA

Honorable Mention
William Lemly
Bel Air, MD
Michael Adams
Raceland, LA
Maurice Johnson
Barrington, IL
Robert Jameison
Rockville, VA

Wigeon
1. Reagan Danos
Lockport, LA
2. R. W. Smoker
Fort Trevorton, PA
3. Randy Hansen
Des Moines, IA

Honorable Mention
Glen Spry
Trenton, MI
Albert Sovansky
Brooklyn, NY

Pintail
1. Earl Federeine
Cut Off, LA
2. Michael Fisher
Libonia, MI
3. J. D. Personette
W. Bloomfield, MI

Division A1 (Novice)
Decorative Decoy
Marsh Ducks

Valiant
1. L. R. Aukerman
Lewisburg, PA
2. Michael Fisher
Hampton Bays, NY
3. Michael Fisher
Hancocks Bridge, NJ

Honorable Mention
Karen Heinemann
Decatur, IL
Jack Alderson
Odessa, DE
Troy Danos
Lockport, LA

Black Duck
1. William Donaghy
Millville, NJ
2. Jeffrey Muhs
Hampton Bays, NY
3. Michael Fisher
Hancocks Bridge, NJ

Honorable Mention
Kenneth & Bev Bassett
Suttons Bay, MI

Blue-winged Teal
1. Ray Whetzel
Oxon Hill, MD
2. Dick Ledford
Ithaca, NY
3. Robert Jameison
Rockville, VA

Pintail
1. L. R. Aukerman
Lewisburg, PA
2. Michael Fisher
Hancocks Bridge, NJ
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Rochester, MN

2. Carl & Jane Swanson
Sanford, NC

3. Carl & Jane Swanson
Sanford, NC

Honorable Mention
Jack Alderson
Odessa, DE
Kenneth Whiting
Hanson, VA

Division A2 (Professional)

Decoys

1. Jon Jones
Algonac, MI

2. Jim Sprinkle
Annapolis, MD

3. Ken Scheeler
Vineland, NJ

Honorable Mention
Habbart Dean
Salisbury, MD
Steven Fland
Moravia, NY

Diving Ducks

1. Randi Tull
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2. Arnold Mummert
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   East Islip, NY

Hooded Merganser
1. Jim Reynolds
   Traverse City, MI
2. Habbart Dean
   Salisbury, MD
3. Habbart Dean
   Salisbury, MD
Honorable Mention
   Jerry Barkley
   Kings Park, NY

Red-breasted Merganser
1. Carl Danos
   Lockport, LA
2. Dale Sherman
   Algonac, MI
Honorable Mention
   Carl Danos
   Lockport, LA

Canvasback
1. Michael Rector
   Livonia, MI
2. Bill Robinson
   Rochester, MI
3. Dale Sherman
   Algonac, MI
Honorable Mention
   Carl Danos
   Lockport, LA

Redhead
1. Carl Danos
   Lockport, LA
2. Carl Danos
   Lockport, LA
3. Mike Kowalewski
   New Baltimore, MI
Honorable Mention
   Joseph Wind
   Bayshore, NY

Eiders
1. Henry Sesniak
   Warren, MI
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   Sheridan, MI
3. Dr. Bernard Carr
   Hazelton, PA

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1. Arnold Chlupsa
   Kankakee, IL

Scooters
1. Gregg Ewell
   Newark, DE
2. Tony Markosky
   Weston, CT
3. Bill Bowman
   Catonsville, MD
Honorable Mention
   Pat Darinzo
   Darien, CT

Goldeneye
1. William Mueller
   Fair Haven, MI
2. Erwin Pillsbury, Jr.
   Flint, MI
3. James Riek
   Grand Blanc, MI
Honorable Mention
   Henry Sesniak
   Warren, MI

Ruddy Duck
1. Tyler Brown
   Joppa, MD
2. Don Poniataowski
   Trenton, MI
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Thibodaux, LA
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Joppa, MD
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Red-breasted Merganser
1. Al Fulford
Columbus, OH
2. Ed Clark, Jr.
Shelter Is., NY
3. David & Carol Dominski
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Honorabe Mention
Jack Baker
Bay Shore, NY

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Southampton, NY
2. Bill Bowman
Catonville, MD
3. Fred Finfrock, Jr.
Hampstead, MD
Honorabe Mention
Louis Haun
Beverly, NY

Semi-Final Judging
Division A2 (Amateur)
1. Michael Rector
Livonia, MI
canvasback hen
2. Tyler Brown
Joppa, MD
rudy duck
3. Al Fulford
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bufflehead drake

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Honorable Mention
Ed Clark, Jr.
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Hokesin, DE

Division A3 (Novice)

Grebe
1. Robert Staller
   Ephrata, PA
2. Hal Noble
   Lake Odessa, MI
3. Don Myers
   Derby, CT
Honorable Mention
Kevin Cooke
Manasquan, NJ

Semi-Final Judging
Division A3 (Novice)

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Brant
1. Anthony Licciardello
   Woodstown, NJ
2. Rose Darlington
   Elkton, MD
Honorable Mention
David Scott
Panama City, LA

Final Judging
Division A (Amateur)

First in Show
Al Fulford
Columbus, OH
green-winged teal

Second in Show
Michael Rector
Livonia, MI
canvasback hen

Third in Show
Joseph Eschert
Monroeville, NJ
brant

Division A3 (Novice)

Geese and Confidence Decoys
Canada Geese
1. Matt Placzek
   Grand Is., NE
2. Raymond Rowand
   Woodstown, NJ
3. Rodney Reed
   Wilmington, DE
Honorable Mention
David Scott
Panama City, LA

All other geese
1. Robert Staller
   Ephrata, PA
2. Joe Godfrey
   Forest City, NC

Coots
1. Solomon Tisdale
   Elgin, SC

Second in Show
Robert Stein
Santa Barbara, CA
black swan

Third in Show
Kent Duff
Rochester, MA
wood duck drake

Division B (Professional)

Decorative Lifesize
Waterfowl
1. Pat Godin
   Brantford, Ont.
2. Louis Keen, Jr.
   Richmond, VA
3. Austin Burroughs
   Falls Church, VA
Honorable Mention
Harry Schneider
Weymouth, MA

Honorable Mention
Robert Stein
Santa Barbara, CA
black swan

Division A (Amateur)

First in Show
Solomon Tisdale
Elgin, SC

Second in Show
Michael Rector
Livonia, MI
canvasback hen

Third in Show
Joseph Eschert
Monroeville, NJ
brant

Division A3 (Novice)

Honorable Mention
James W. Baker
Bayshore, NJ

Grebe
1. Robert Staller
   Ephrata, PA
2. Hal Noble
   Lake Odessa, MI
3. Don Myers
   Derby, CT
Honorable Mention
Kevin Cooke
Manasquan, NJ

Loons
1. L. R. Aukerman
   Lewisburg, PA
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   Hummelston, PA
3. Dennis Fish
   Selingsgrove, PA
Honorable Mention
Anita Geiger
Elverson, PA

All other confidence
1. Robert E.
   Stein
   Santa Barbara, CA
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   Millervile, NJ
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   Weymouth, MA

Seabirds
1. John Scheeler
   Mays Landing, NJ
2. Ernie Muehlmatt
   Springfield, PA
3. Larry Barth
   Rector, PA
Honorable Mention
P. Ptashnik
Weston, Ont.
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Upland Game Birds
1. Ernie Muehlmatt
   Springfield, PA
2. Don Bridgell
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3. Jim Elwell
   Richland Ctr., WI

Birds of Prey
1. Larry Barth
   Rector, PA
2. Eldridge Arnold
   Greenwich, CT
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   Regina, Sask.
Honorable Mention
Ron Tepley
Racine, WI
John Scheeler
Mays Landing, NJ

Seabirds
1. Jack Franco
   Assonet, MA
2. Randy & Elaine Fisher
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Stained or Natural Finish
1. Larry Litke
   Saudi Arabia
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Final Judging
Division B (Novice)
First in Show
James Hazeley
Lancaster, PA
barn owl
Second in Show
Ralph Moffett
Wilmington, DE
flying pintail
Third in Show
Alan Gassaway
Baltimore, MD
hummingbirds

Division C (Professional)
Decorative Miniatures
Waterfowl
1. William Rice
   New Medford, CT
2. Glenn Ormsby
   Smithfield, VA
3. Habbart Dean
   Salisbury, MD
Honorable Mention
Lee Brown
Wakefield, MA
Harris Guidry
Cut Off, LA
Elson Trahan
Cut Off, LA

Shorebirds
1. Jack Franco
   Assonet, MA
2. Tom Szwech
   Langhorne, PA
3. Tom Szwech
   Langhorne, PA
Honorable Mention
Christopher Dixon
Goltz, MD
Manfred Scheel
Quakertown, PA

Upland Game
1. Gerri Butcher
   Highstown, NJ
2. Philip Cote'
   Leominster, MA
3. Jack & Betty Holt
   Wilmington, DE
Honorable Mention
Fred Cutts
Reading, PA
Manfred Scheel
Quakertown, PA
Harold Nichols
Smithfalls, Ont.

Birds of Prey
1. Bob Guge
   Carpentersville, IL
2. Philip Cote'
   Leominster, MA
3. Philip Cote'
   Leominster, MA
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Philip Cote'
Leominster, MA
Tom Szwech
Langhorne, PA

Seabirds
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   Langhorne, PA
2. Lee Brown
   Wakefield, MA
3. Gerry Boltz
   Hershey, PA

Honorable Mention
Herb Watson
Pocomoke, MD
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Michael Minarchek
Bethel, OH

Seabirds
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   Pt. Washington, MD
2. Jack Powell
   Orlando, FL
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Waretown, NJ
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Mountville, PA

Honorable Mention
John Sherbon
Lansing, NY
Brian McGary
Meridian, CT
Bob Gittens, Jr.
Geneva, NY

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3. Jan Fitch
   Kingston, Ont.
Honorable Mention
Richard Izykowski
Haupertown, PA
Bob Gittens, Jr.
Geneva, NY

Birds of Prey
1. Fred Boss
   Chambersburg, PA
2. Donald Goostray
   Marlboro, MA
3. Kenneth Vermillion
   Farmland, IN
Honorable Mention
Bob Gittens, Jr.
Geneva, NY
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Geneva, NY

Division C (Amateur)
Decorative Miniatures
Waterfowl
1. Herb Watson
   Pocomoke, MD
2. Ronald Kagarise
   Ft. Washington, MD
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Waterfowl
1. Michael Babinski
   Watermill, NY
2. Edward Bailey
   Puslinch, Ont.
3. Kenneth Whiting
   Hanson, MA
Honorable Mention
James Grangier
Oriole, MD
Cecil Ordway
Norristown, PA
Kim Hailman
Shelter IsI., NY
Dean Brown
Taneytown, MD
Dick LaFountain
Sag Harbor, NY

Shorebirds
1. Douglas McFarland
   Bryn Mar, PA
2. Gary Fehr
   Reading, PA
3. George Dehner
   Pt. Republic, NJ
Honorable Mention
G. Williams Reid
Racine, WI
Bill Kukulya
Carteret, NJ

Seabirds
1. Arnold Bookman
   Elkins Park, PA
2. William Cash
   Brownsmills, NJ
3. Wayne Clark
   Shelter IsI., NY

Songbirds
1. Frank Colaguori
   W. Long Branch, NY
2. Frank Colaguori
   W. Long Branch, NJ
3. Thomas Wieland
   Shrewsbury, PA

Upland Game
1. John Gray
   Spring Crk., PA
2. Herb Cox
   York, PA
3. L. R. Aukerman
   Lewisburg, PA

Birds of Prey
1. Terry Rickert
   Sayville, NY
2. Donald Abbott
   Clayton, NY
3. Robert Boyle
   Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention
Renee Gray
Springcreek, PA
Harry & Alice Pals
So. Holland, IL

Seabirds
1. Arnold Bookman
   Elkins Park, PA
2. William Cash
   Brownsmills, NJ
3. Wayne Clark
   Shelter IsI., NY

Birds of a Feather
1. Frank Colaguori
   W. Long Branch, NY
2. Frank Colaguori
   W. Long Branch, NJ
3. Thomas Wieland
   Shrewsbury, PA

Honorable Mention
Thomas Hoffmaster
Marysville, PA

Stained or Natural
1. William Horton
   Bridgeton, NJ
2. Dean Brown
   Taneytown, MD
3. George Blattenberger
   Girand, PA
Honorable Mention
Dwight Hurley
Langley Park, MD
Bill Kukulya
Carteret, NJ
Virginia Cameron
Va. Beach, VA
Dean Brown
Taneytown, MD

Final Judging
Division C (Novice)
First in Show
Frank Colaguori
W. Long Branch, NJ
Second in Show
William Horton
Bridgeton, NJ
Third in Show
Michael Babinski
Watermill, NY

Nightmare!

God forbid, but what if I were given only one minute from the man upstairs to describe this past World Championship to a group of people who had never experienced the thrill of being there in person! The reason I would have difficulty in this task is because I didn't get to see it! I did not have time to admire everyone's carvings; I did not have time to absorb the great workshops; I did not have time to greet and talk to and/or meet all my carving friends from all over the U.S., Canada, England, Mexico, South Africa and Saudi Arabia. Can you believe there were 864 carvers with 2,362 carvings? There were 217 professionals with 774 carvings; 204 amateurs with 631 carvings; and 447 novices with 937 carvings. We were assured there were over 750 carvers there in person! My committee and I were very pleased but overwhelmed with a 30% increase in carvers and carvings. We ran out of everything but pride.

Without the hard work by my committee, volunteers, and members of the Ward Foundation, this affair could not be, and naturally since I work the hardest I am allowed to remain chairman. To all of you who helped goes all the praise and applause from those who attended and my special thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Richard Schiebel, the Ward Foundation's greatest booster, arrives here from Minnesota each year and works from the time he arrives 'til the last bird is packed Sunday night. There are not enough words to express my feeling to people like Richard, Jim and Beebe Hopper of California, Eugene Folese from Louisiana and Joan and Harold McAllister from New Carrollton, Md. who helped out when