How to Determine Decoy Value and Desirability

**CONDITION**
Integrity of carving and painting

**ATTRIBUTION**
Maker and locale

**Rarity**
As relates to maker, date and species

**Aesthetic**
Species poses and painting styles

**Provenance**
History of use and ownership

**Popularity**
What’s hot in the collecting world

The Ward Museum holds an “Old Bird” antique decoy competition at the Chesapeake Wildfowl Expo, giving collectors an opportunity to showcase the finest pieces in their collection.