

15th Annual
Pfc. Jack T. Sweet Memorial
1988-2008 Iraq War
GUNNING PAIRS CONTEST
2024 Winner - Jeff Graves

1st Place - \$400 Purchase award for the winning pair & plaque

2nd Place - \$200 & plaque

3rd Place - \$100 & plaque

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read carefully

1. **Entry fee is \$10.00 for each pair.** Checks can be made payable to the T.I. Museum.
2. **OPEN SPECIES CONTEST:** All birds will float together. Decoys will be set for you.
3. Contest will be held in the Recreation Park pond at 10:00am Friday, July 19th. Decoys can be registered between 9:00am-10:00am at the pond.
4. Contest is open to all carvers. Each pair will consist of a drake and a hen.
5. All decoys must be made of wood or cork with no raised wings, wing tips, fragile bills, primary or tail insets or detailed feather burning. No molded, rubber, machine duplicated or plastic decoys will be allowed.
6. Decoys must be painted in a manner that could be duplicated to a reasonable degree by a hunter. There can be no fancy brushwork or shading. No feather splits, combing, stippling or flocking are permitted. Color and pattern should be representative of fall plumage. Identifying marks should be covered with tape.
7. Decoys must be rigged for 6 feet of water and must self-right from any position.
8. All decoys shall be the type that could be repaired and repainted by the average hunter. All entries should be functional and traditional working decoys.
9. By signing the application form, the entrant verifies his/her entries are of his/her own making and painting. The general rules and regulations are understood. He/She will accept the decision of the judge and/or committee as final.
10. **Mailed entries:** Failure to include entry fees, sufficient return postage, insurance, and a \$5.00 handling fee will result in decoys not being accepted for judging. Be sure to specify the amount you want the decoys to be insured for when returned. Mail or ship via UPS (no FedEx) to: Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James Street, Clayton, NY 13624. **All entries** must be received by 12:00 noon, Thursday, the week of the show.
11. Each entrant absolves the Decoy & Wildlife Art Show of any loss or damage beyond its control.
12. Decoys may also be entered into the Art Knapp Memorial Hunting Decoy Contest.

Please print clearly:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Signature: _____

Species Name:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Carver ID # _____

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