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Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp

Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest



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Contest to take place on 18-19 September at NCTC

The 2015 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest will be held on September 18th and 19th at the [National Conservation Training Center](#) in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The five species that are eligible for this year's contest are:

- Blue-winged Teal
- Cinnamon Teal
- Gadwall
- Mallard
- Trumpeter Swan

Artists entering the contest may choose to use any medium or combination of media except photography or computer-generated artwork. All entries, of course, must be hand-created. You can preview all 157 art entries [here](#).

The event is free and open to the public, and it begins at 10 a.m. Eastern each day. The Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest is open to the public; anyone can witness a bit of history in the making as judges select the winning art from among the entries.

If you cannot attend the contest, you can still view it! The contest will also be streamed live online, beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern each day. You can access it [here](#).

The winner of the contest will be announced close to noon on September 19, Saturday.

Also, there will be a viewing of "The Million Dollar Duck," a Duck Stamp documentary, on Friday, September 18th at 7 p.m. in the training center auditorium. This is also free and open to the public.

Join - or Rejoin - Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp

The Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to two fundamental goals:

1. To increase promotional and educational efforts among various target audiences concerning the stamp and the National Wildlife Refuge system.
2. To increase the regular, voluntary purchase of the stamp among hunters and non-hunters alike.

Membership is annual, corresponding to the year of validity for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp), namely from the beginning of July to the end of the following June. Our "Regular Friend" fee is modest, only \$15, but all Friends are also asked to *pledge to buy two stamps per year*, joining with other organizations across the country with that effort.

You can access a secure online form to join the Friends - or to make a contribution - [via Razoo](#). Or you can access a simple mail-in membership form [here](#).



Also, when you join our Friends you will receive a stamp-holder, sticker, and/or other supporting material (as supplies last). Please use these to "spread the word" about the stamp to your colleagues and co-workers and to advance the message of the Friends.

A Great Way to Support the Jr. Duck Stamp Program



"AmazonSmile" is a simple concept that works like this: When you shop through the Amazon website, the folks at Amazon will donate to your favorite designated tax-exempt organization or charity.

The Friends of the Migratory Bird/Duck Stamp is now a registered charitable organization with AmazonSmile. You can designate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to be donated to the Friends, at no cost to you. In turn, these funds will be re-donated by the Friends to sustain the creative activities of the the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program.

This is an great way to benefit young wildlife artists and students of conservation while you shop. You can find a lot more details [here](#).

Please consider sharing this information to supporters of the Jr. Duck Stamp Program, whether they are environmental educators, art teachers, hunters, bird watchers, or Refuge Friends.

NEXT ISSUE...

OUR NEXT ISSUE OF *WINGTIPS* WILL CONTAIN A REPORT ON THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9.

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