



2017 Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest



The Nevada Waterfowl Association, with the sanction of the Nevada State Board of Wildlife Commissioners, is pleased to announce the 2017 Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest information and rules.

Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

BACKGROUND

The ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*) is a species that is widespread across North America. They breed mostly in the prairie pothole regions of the U.S. and Canada and winter in wetlands throughout the U.S. and Canada.

They are compact and thick-necked with seemingly oversized tails that they habitually hold upright. Breeding males will have a sky-blue bill, shining white cheek patch, and gleaming chestnut body.

Their breeding habitat is marshy lakes and ponds. They nest in dense marsh vegetation near water. The female builds the nest out of grass, locating it in tall vegetation to hide it from predators.

CONTEST PARAMETERS

DATES:

Entries **must be received by Nevada Department of Wildlife by Friday, October 21, 2016**. A list of the top ten finalists will be available from the Nevada Department of Wildlife beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, November 18, 2016 and will also be posted on NDOW's website later that day. Please do not call before that time for results of the judging.

JUDGES:

Seven individuals, two members of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and five others appointed by the Nevada Waterfowl Association will act as the judging panel.

SUBMITTAL OF ENTRY:

Address to: Nevada Department of Wildlife
Attn: Aaron Meier
6980 Sierra Center Pkwy., Suite 120
Reno, NV 89511
(775) 688-1998

CONTEST RULES

1. Artwork may be in any medium including acrylic, oil, watercolor, scratch board, pen and ink, etc. Photographs, scans and high resolution prints are NOT acceptable.
2. One design per contestant.
3. Contest open to all artists, regardless of residence.
4. The winning entry will be portrayed in full color on the 2016-17 Nevada Duck Stamp, and the winning artist will be ineligible to compete for the next two (2) succeeding years.
5. The duck stamp design must be horizontal, six and one-half (6 1/2) inches high, and nine (9) inches wide. It must be matted with a **SINGLE WHITE MAT ONLY** so that the finished entry is no larger than nine (9) inches high x twelve (12) inches wide.
6. Artwork must not be framed or under glass. An acetate or similar clear plastic covering is acceptable, **only if** it can be easily removed for judging.
7. No scroll work or lettering can appear on the design itself. **Art signed or lettered by the artist will be disqualified.**

8. The artwork must be of the artist's own creation, neither copied nor duplicated from previously published art including paintings, drawings or published photographs. **The entry may not be a photograph, scan or high resolution print of the original artwork, such an entry will be disqualified.**
9. A certificate (enclosed) affirming the originality of the artwork must be signed and attached to the back. Please read the entire certificate.
10. The names of the artists will remain unknown to the judges until Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the NWA fundraiser (see contest parameters).
11. The winning artist **will be required to issue a limited edition(s) print series** of the winning entry, at his or her cost, 25 signed and numbered prints entitled, "Conservation Edition" 1/25, 2/25, 3/25, etc. along with a certificate of authenticity. 15 of these prints will be used by the Nevada Waterfowl Association for fund-raising activities and may be donated to other wildlife-oriented organizations, of its choosing, for fund-raising purposes to further sportsmen's causes. NDOW will distribute the remaining 10 prints to conservation groups for fundraising purposes. No other "Conservation Edition" series may be issued by the winning artist for this purpose.
12. All designs other than the winner and the selected runners-up will be returned by the Department of Wildlife within three weeks following judging. The winning entry and runners-up artwork will be held for photographic and display purposes and then returned.
13. All artwork will be returned to the artist via FedEx. Fed Ex cannot deliver to a post office box; therefore, **please supply us with a street address** on your Certificate of Entry in order to ensure the safe and timely return of your artwork. Entries will be returned in their original packaging or in packaging determined by NDOW. NDOW is not responsible for loss or damage and will not insure the entries it receives.

2017 Nevada State Duck Stamp Certificate of Entry

This is to certify that my entry in the Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest is an original of my own creation, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published art including paintings, drawings in any medium or published photographs. This entry is not a photograph, scan or high resolution print of the original artwork. If selected as the winner, I agree to issue a limited edition(s) print series, at my cost, 25 signed and numbered prints entitled, Conservation Edition prints, and Certificates of Authenticity by April 22, 2016 for use in fund-raising activities by the Nevada Waterfowl Association and other sportsmen's groups. In addition, if my entry is judged as one of the top ten entries, I agree to allow the Nevada Waterfowl Association to display my painting during their annual fund-raiser in Fallon. I understand that the Nevada Waterfowl Association will assume full responsibility for my entry.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Type of Medium: _____

Artist's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attach This Certificate to the Back of Your Entry