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Dear Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contestant,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the annual Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest. Nevada Waterfowl Association is the sponsor of this year's contest which features the Northern Shoveler. Enclosed are the contest rules, deadlines and the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Policy Number 50 detailing the contest procedures. The contest rules are also posted on the Nevada Department of Wildlife's website at www.ndow.org.

If you have any questions regarding the contest or you would prefer to receive this information electronically, need to update your contact information or are simply no longer interested in receiving the contest information, please contact me by email at ameier@ndow.org, by phone at 775.688.1998 or by mail at 1100 Valley Road, Reno NV 89512.

Sincerely,

Aaron Meier
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Conservation Education Division

Enclosures (2)



2010 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 2010 Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest information and rules.

Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)

BACKGROUND

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the American Ornithologist's Union the Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*), sometimes known simply as the shoveler or "spoonie", is a common and widespread duck. It's long, spoon-shaped bill is ideally suited for straining small swimming crustaceans from the water. Previous studies have shown that Northern Shovelers feed primarily by holding their bills in the water while swimming, straining out small invertebrates by continually dabbling.

This species is unmistakable in the northern hemisphere due to its large spatulate bill. The breeding male has a dark green head with a chestnut belly and flanks. In flight, pale blue forewing feathers are revealed separated from the green speculum by a white border. In non-breeding plumage, the drake resembles the female.

The female shoveler is light brown, with plumage much like a female Mallard, but easily distinguished by the long broad bill, which is olive green with yellowish base and edges. The female's forewing is grey.

CONTEST PARAMETERS

DATES:

Entries will be accepted after June 8, 2009, **and must be received by Nevada Department of Wildlife by Friday, October 23, 2009.** A list of the top ten finalists will be available from the Nevada Department of Wildlife beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2009 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
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512
(775) 688-1998

CONTEST RULES

1. Artwork may be in any medium including acrylic, oil, watercolor, scratch board, pen and ink, etc. Photographs 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 2010-11 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.

9. A certificate (enclosed) affirming the originality of the artwork, and assigning reproduction rights to the Nevada Waterfowl Association if the winning artist chooses not to issue a limited edition(s) print series, 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, 2009 at the NWA fundraiser.
11. If the winning artist chooses to issue a limited edition(s) print series of the winning entry, then he or she must supply, at his or her cost, 75 signed and numbered prints entitled, "Conservation Edition" 1/75, 2/75, 3/75, etc. along with a certificate of authenticity. Fifty 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 25 prints to conservation groups for fundraising purposes. No other "Conservation Edition" series may be issued by the winning artist for this purpose. If the winning artist chooses not to issue any limited edition print series, the Nevada Waterfowl Association will assume reproduction rights and may issue a limited edition print series as deemed necessary by their Board of Directors. The winning artist will not receive any monetary reimbursement if the Nevada Waterfowl Association publishes the winning entry.
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 until approximately December 14, 2009, and then returned.
13. All artwork will be returned to the artist insured 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. Please provide actual replacement costs for insurance purposes in the area provided on the contest entry form.

2010 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. In addition, I understand that if my artwork is judged as the first place entry in the contest, and I choose not to publish a limited edition(s) print series of my winning entry, that the Nevada Waterfowl Association will assume reproduction rights and will issue limited edition print series as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. I understand that if I DO choose to issue a limited edition(s) print series that I am obligated to supply, at my cost, 75 signed and numbered prints entitled, Conservation Edition prints and Certificates of Authenticity by April 15, 2010 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: _____

Estimated Value of
Artwork Submitted: _____

Artist's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attach This Certificate to the Back of Your Entry

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

Commission Policy Number 50

Number: P-50

Title: Duck Stamp Procedure

Reference: NRS 502.035, 502.300
502.310, 502.322, 502.324

Effective Date: November 19, 1982

Amended Date: September 22, 2007
March 27, 2009

POLICY

It is the policy of the Commission to support and participate in the artist contest for the Nevada duck stamp since the stamps have collector interest. For the purpose of this policy, collector interest is when the collector stamp sales equal or exceed the sportsmen stamp sales.

PURPOSE

To establish a process for the artist contest, production, distribution, sale and disposal of Nevada duck stamps.

PROCEDURE

PRODUCTION

Nevada State Duck Stamp

Artwork to adorn each successive year's Nevada duck stamp will be chosen annually through a contest sponsored by a non-profit organization as sanctioned by Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The Department may receive proposals for sponsorship of the annual Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest. A proposal for sponsorship must provide for the following:

1. A judging team of seven volunteers, consisting of two members of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners and five individuals with expertise in one or more of the following:
 - a. Wildlife art;
 - b. Waterfowl identification;
 - c. Previous art contest judging;
 - d. Other knowledge or expertise deemed suitable by the sponsoring organization.
2. Agreement to develop art contest rules jointly with the Department.
3. The sponsor understands that actual contest judging is not open to the public. The actual judging will be attended only by the judges and necessary Department personnel.

4. The sponsorship proposal may include a proposal for a public attended function totally organized and run by the sponsoring organization following the judging where the winning entry and nine runners-up are placed on public display. A proposal for a public attended function must provide the following:
 - a. Date, time and place of the function;
 - b. Type of function (banquet, barbecue, reception, etc.);
 - c. Estimated attendance;
 - d. Proposed advertising and publicity campaign;
 - e. Method of protection of the original paintings during display, and a written liability agreement to pay all replacement or repair costs should any painting be damaged while on display or in transit to or from the site.

As required by the Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest rules, the sponsoring organization will receive up to 50 special "Conservation Edition" reproductions of the painting from the artist for fundraising activities and donation to other non-profit conservation and wildlife related organizations for fundraising purposes. The Department will receive an additional 25 special "Conservation Edition" reproductions for distribution to conservation groups. The sponsoring organization will receive "Conservation Edition" reproductions 2 through 51 of 75 prints. The Department will receive "Conservation Edition" reproduction number 1, which will be retained and publicly displayed, and "Conservation Edition" reproductions 52 through 75, which will also be distributed to conservation groups. The sponsoring organization's proposal for sponsorship must include a proposal detailing the organization's plan for use and disbursement of the donated reproductions, including:

1. A list of eligible recipient organizations;
2. Number to be distributed and number retained by the sponsoring organization;
3. Dispersal procedures and eligibility criteria of potential recipient organizations;
4. Method of informing potential recipient organizations of the availability of reproductions;
5. Accounting system, detailing actual dispersal, that is available to the Department and Commission upon request;
6. Name, address and telephone number of person or persons to be contacted concerning the donation of reproductions.

The Commission will review all proposals and select one organization to sponsor the Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest for no longer than a two-year period. If no proposals are received, the Commission may solicit and authorize other organizations within the State to sponsor the contest. If no acceptable organization can be found, the Department will conduct the contest in accordance with the above procedure.

The Commission reserves the right to refuse any and all proposals received for sponsoring of the Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest.

The Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest judging will occur by November 30 of each year. The winning entry will be featured on the following year's Nevada duck stamp. The Department will be responsible for all facets of the contest not covered above, including solicitation, handling, processing and return of entries. Actual contest judging will occur at the Department headquarters, 1100 Valley Road, Reno. If the sponsor proposes that judging be held at an alternate site, the sponsor must submit a written liability agreement to the Department stating that the sponsor will pay in full any repair or replacement costs should any painting be damaged or lost during judging or during transit to or from the judging site. Actual replacement costs will be established by each artist on their entry forms.

Initially, a total of 35,000 stamps will be printed each year and each will be numbered consecutively, beginning with 00001 through 35,000. Stamps will be printed four to a page and incorporated into books, each containing five pages for a total of twenty stamps per book. A total of 1,750 books will be ordered. In the event the "mint stock" supply (the supply for collectors-see section on Handling and Distribution) is depleted before expiration of that current year's stamp (February 28 or 29), additional stock will be ordered and made available for sale as described in this policy. The printing of additional stock will constitute a continuation of that particular series, and will not constitute a new or special stamp series. Under no circumstances will any stamps carry duplicate numbers.

HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION

Nevada Duck Stamp

Stamp numbers 00001-10,000, will be designated as "mint stock," for sale to collectors, companies, organizations or institutions involved in the secondary market sales of duck stamps. The remaining supply, stamp numbers 10,001- 35,000, will be designated as "license agent stock," and will only be distributed to the officially designated Department license agents for sale to the public.

Upon request, consecutively numbered stamps, beginning with number 00001-4,000 will be made available and sold for full face value to the winning artist of that year's Duck Stamp Art Contest.

SALE OF UN-EXPIRED AND EXPIRED NEVADA DUCK STAMPS

License Agent Stock

Un-expired license agent stamps will be sold only through officially designated Department license agents. Upon receipt from the Department, license agent stock will be sold at face value, with no limit placed on the number of stamps allowed to be purchased. Sales of un-expired license agent stock by the license agent will continue until recalled by the Department.

Mint Stock

Un-expired and expired mint stock duck stamps sales will only be conducted through the Department headquarters office. Upon receipt from the printer, mint duck stamps will be sold at face value, with no limit placed on the number of stamps allowed to be purchased. The sale of un-expired and expired duck stamps will continue until the entire supply is exhausted, but for no longer than two years after the expiration date.

DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN DUCK STAMPS

License Agent Stock

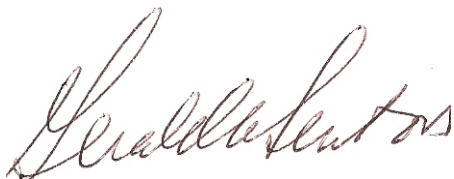
All license agent stock will be retained by the Department after expiration until reconciled for audit purposes, then will be destroyed in a secure manner, such as shredding, in the presence of two witnesses to verify destruction. There will be no further sales of these stamps under any circumstances.

Mint Stock

All mint stock will remain for sale for two years after the expiration date, at which time the remaining supply will be reconciled for audit purposes and then destroyed in a secure manner, such as shredding, in the presence of two witnesses to verify destruction.

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, March 27, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerald A. Lent".

Chairman Gerald A. Lent, OD