



2011 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 2011 Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest information and rules.

Green-winged Teal *(Anas carolinensis)*

BACKGROUND

The green-winged teal (*Anas carolinensis*) is North America's smallest dabbling duck. Though diminutive, this is a highly successful species which has become widespread and abundant in North America. The 2009 breeding population was estimated at over 3.4 million birds. Green-winged teal undertake long migrations each year, wintering well south of their Arctic and sub-arctic breeding grounds. They are highly social ducks and often form large flocks, whose speedy, twisting flight patterns often cause embarrassment for otherwise accurate-shooting waterfowlers.

The drake's breeding plumage is quite colorful. They have a chestnut colored head bisected by an iridescent green blaze that begins just before the eye to terminate in a short mane of black feathers. Contour feathers are vermiculated gray and the underside of the rump is soft yellow framed in black. The spotted breast is creamy colored and is divided from the flanks by a white bar, a marking that distinguishes it from its Eurasian cousin, the Common Teal. Like most duck species, hens are covered with buff-colored feathers to provide nest concealment. Both sexes have a bright iridescent green speculum that sparkles in the sun.

Green-wing teal are ground nesters, often seeking the shelter of overhead vegetation near open water in shallow permanent ponds near boreal forests. But they are also adaptable and will nest in prairie pothole habitat or in areas with dense emergent vegetation.

CONTEST PARAMETERS

DATES:

Entries will be accepted after June 7, 2010, **and must be received by Nevada Department of Wildlife by Friday, October 22, 2010.** A list of the top ten finalists will be available from the Nevada Department of Wildlife beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, November 15, 2010 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 2011-12 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 ½) 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 6, 2010 at the NWA fundraiser (see contest parameters).
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 13, 2010, 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.

2011 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 17, 2011 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