



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER



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### President's note 2/18

We had a very exciting meeting in January. The nomination period for the board and officers has ended and we are excited about swearing in the new board. With a new board comes new ideas and we look forward to discussing ways to improve the club.

Also at the last meeting some we discussed shows to promote the art of wildfowl carving and the club. We were offered an opportunity to put up a display in Oschner Foundation lobby. Looks like that is coming together pretty fast and it is not to early to bring pieces for the presentation. Dickie and I are taking on that responsibility. We also have two other shows in the month of March to represent the club.

We are also working on the rules book for 2018. We are open for comments but will have to have it finalized before the March meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Gene

### NOTICE

**General Meeting will be held on February 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the "Large Back Meeting Room" Piccadilly Cafeteria 2222 Clearview Pkwy. Metairie, La.**

**Election of Officers and Board at the February Meeting**

**LWCCG DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2018**

## SHOW & TELL



Mr. Ruth holds a bottle of Decoy Wine from California made by Duckhorn wine company which he purchased to go with a King Cake. He donated it for a door prize. The decoy pictured on the bottle was carved by Dick Jansen.



Joe shows a Wood Duck decoy and Green Wing Teal decoy carved by Larry Mc Guinness and given to Joe by Larry's daughter.



Chris shows a large shell bucket he had in his garage. He painted a Snow Goose on it. It came from Pilot Town down the mouth of the Mississippi River.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 31, 2018

Gene opened the meeting and welcomed everyone . Mr. Gerard Ruth who we've missed and were glad to have back tonight, said that he was diagnosed with Rapid Lymphoma, was being treated by Mary Bird and M.D. Anderson Hospital and had 2 operations and 2 reactions. Gene told members that his wife Merrill fell and broke her hip, went through rehab and then fell and broke it again. She is in good spirits and working toward recovery, Please keep them in your prayers. Gene told us that Mr. Frank Litolff, a long time member passed away.

Gene said we have 4 shows coming up : Till end of February : At St. Bernard museum called the "River House" which was opened by Mr. Sidney Torres in St. Bernard Parish, located on the Crevasse. They are putting on a show with the theme of "Migration". It has 325 spaces filled with carvings of carvers from St. Bernard who were invited to participate. It is located in Poydras and is free and opened to visit on Weekends until the end of February. Richard, who grew up and lived in St. Bernard until Katrina was contacted and asked to display some of his carvings. While there he was approached by the President of the School Board and Mrs. Meraux about getting their youth involved. They would like to set up some demos to get them involved and perhaps start a program in the schools. Richard said art students from St. Bernard might be interested in entering our show. Joan said they will have to come to her and get a contact person to handle everything.. March: Louisiana Sportsman Show which we have a table for. April: Ward World Championship

May: Gene introduced a representative from Oschner Foundation Hospital; Lorene Holbrok who had contacted him. They want to put a showcase up in the Hospital just for Louisiana Carvers to display carvings, including how they start; tools used, etc. . It's O.K. if they get offers and sell pieces, but hospital will not get involved. She said it will hold about 18 pieces. The display will be sometime in May. It was voted on and approved that we participate.

Nominations were opened and accepted for Board and Officers for election at the February meeting.

For Board Members: Joe Aguzin, Gerald Armand, Joan Bonner, Don Foght , Lydia Foght, Jean Frank, Cal Kingsmill Jr, Harvey Lewis, Mitch Pivach, Richard Reeves, Gerard Ruth, John Scallan, Bob Smith, Chris Weaver.

For Officers:

President: Gene Hebert

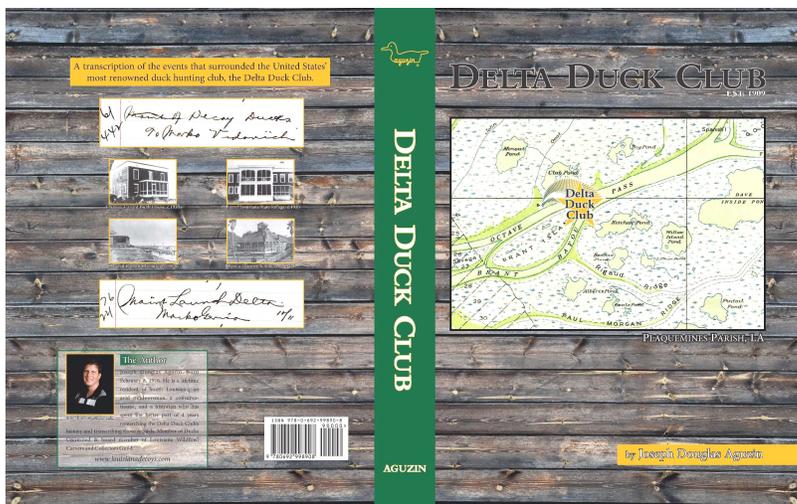
Vice President: Mike Bonner

Second Vice President: Curt Fabre'

Treasurer: Dickey Autin

Secretary: Kathy Reeves

Rules Book needs to be checked and changes made if any, so that it will be ready to print and take to Maryland the last week in April for the Ward World Show, Show and Tell was presented ( see explanations with pictures in this issue.). Door prizes were given out . No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M..



Below is a collection of carved pieces that was brought to our meeting by Lorene Holbrok, the representative from Oscher. She said they were many years old and carved by Lydia Willis a friend of hers. Lydia is a very long time carver and member of the Guild who still comes from Minden, Louisiana to help with the show every year. She is also a good friend to many members.



Coming up this week, Feb. 28th, Joe Aguzin will be showing a new book he created, the "DELTA DUCK CLUB" . A 550 page book exclusively about the Delta Duck Club of Plaquemines Parish 1909-1935. One of a kind book, no other hunting book has been created like this.