



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER



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**PICTURES OF DECOYS FOR OUR 2023 AUCTION .**  
They are from the collection of Roger Bourgeois who recently passed away.

Check your newsletters for more to come.

### ATTENTION MEMBERS :

Our monthly Board/General meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at Piccadilly Cafeteria on Clearview Parkway, Metairie Louisiana. Hope you can make it.



**Mallard Hen by George Frederick**



**Antique Mallard by Tom Whipple**



**Pintail Drake by Ernest Vidacovich**



**Wood Duck Drake by Gary Eikenburger**

### SHOW & TELL



Gene Shows a Mallard hen decorative decoy which he carved and painted to compete in our show this year.



**Gadwall by Tom Christy**



**Antique Mallard Hen by Reme Roussell**



**Shoveler Drake by S. Pierce**

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## WEDNESDAY JUNE 28, 2023 LWCCG MEETING MINUTES

Gene Hebert opened the meeting and said he would be conducting it tonight. Emile was unable to attend because his wife just had back surgery and was released from the hospital today. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Gene asked about any other members. Chris said that Lloyd Freire's wife passed away. Lloyd has been in our club for many years. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Gene said due to low attendance tonight, there were not enough in attendance to make decisions. He said that our invitation to Pat Godin to come to our show has been accepted. He will be our guest speaker for our banquet which we are planning to have at the Castine Center this year and will judge and give a seminar at our show. Gene said the seminar would be on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. until right before the auction. We will use the room we usually do the photography in and will find another location to do it.

Mike made a comment that the Rules Book looks nice this year. Dickey said we are looking for a caterer for the concession stand and banquet and that he has had 2 or 3 quotes. The banquet will be held in a separate room in the Castine Center.

Gene brought several old birds in Roger Bourgeois's collection. His wife Carol has asked us to put them in our auction. Gene had them evaluated so she will know what they are worth. Richard volunteered to take pictures of them so we can start advertising them before the auction. Some are very valuable and were carved by old carvers such as Vidacovich and Frederick. We can put some of them in magazines we advertise in each year.

Mr. Curt said he will be unable to handle supplies for the show this year. He is working on trying to get someone. Jim Horn may be able to bring down supplies this year. Mike said it is very important to have a supplier as some carvers come down to especially to buy supplies and wood as well.

A member said because of the expenses of travel bringing it to the show or having it shipped, suppliers may not come; also supplies and wood are harder to get.

Dickey said we have lost 2 of our sponsors Latter and Blum and Richard Adkerson. He said he is working on finding a replacement for them. He also said that he received a letter from Jean Frank's granddaughter. She said that Mrs. Frank left some funds to the club.

Dickey said the club is in good shape and we can still put on our show.

After the show each year a Conoco Phillips coria comes down to pick up their 14,000 Purchase Award to put in one of their museums. Dickey said that Conoco Phillips has an office near Houma with a Wildlife wetlands center for kids. He said he spoke with an executive from Conoco Phillips suggesting that they place this year's purchase award in the Houma Office for one year. They liked the idea and said that they may want to put a couple of other pieces as well. They also said they want to come to our show this year. Mike suggested having a table with a display for Conoco Phillips.

John met with the mayors from Slidell, Mandeville, Madisonville, and Covington to discuss advertising our show. They were very interested and stated they would be glad to help promote our show. John is scheduled to meet with the Parish President in August or the beginning of September. It was suggested that John contact the Tourist Commission who has helped us in the past.

Show and tell was next, see in this issue. Door prizes were given out and meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

### **PAT GODIN SEMINAR**

Enclosed in your newsletter for this month is an application to register for our Pat Godin Seminar which will take place on the Saturday morning of the show starting at 9:00 am.. You can mail it or bring it to the meeting. Please enclose your check made out to LWCCG.