



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the 2010 Wildfowl Festival is over, we need to make plans for where we want to go in the future. In order to continue our growth we need everyone's input and effort.

It is important that we get new people to participate on, or chair committees. If you would like to contribute but are not sure what work on a committee involves, please see me or another officer; you will be given plenty of help.

The Board meeting for November will be from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM and the General Meeting will take place at 7:00 PM.

The main topic for discussion will concern the upcoming member of the year Banquet. We will also discuss the upcoming election of Officers and Board, Committee Chairmanship and changes in rules.

The Member of the Year Banquet is tentatively set for December 28th at 6:30 PM. There will be no charge for members and their guest. As in the past, we would like everyone to bring a door prize as well as a Show & Tell to the Banquet.

At this time, I would like to ask everyone to keep in their prayers, Curt Farbe, who suffered a broken shoulder in a four wheeler accident. Curt is an Icon in the carving world and we all hope he will be on his feet soon and able to attend our Banquet.

Please, also pray for the family of Joe Courcelle, who was a long time member and personal friend to many of us. Joe passed away last month after a lengthy illness.

I also would like to encourage everyone to participate in other carving competitions. Louisiana has several in-

cluding the Cajun Heritage Festival, and the Houma Festival, which will be held in March of 2011. Also, I would like to mention the Carolina Carving Festival and the Ohio Decoy Carvers Festival who have all participated in our Festivals. A group of our members are planning to go together to attend some of these Festivals; if you would like to join us.

Please don't forget to bring your Show & Tell and door prizes if you have any.

In conclusion, I want to thank the following Sponsors:

Roger Bourgeois, Richard Adkerson, Craig Clark, Randy Pick, James Moffett, Jr., Richard Autin, Robert Merrick, Brian Cheramie, Curt Farbe, Frank Stewart, Jr., Kurt Gassen, and Clara Bradley.

Your continued support not only insured a successful festival, but enables us to promote the unique American Art of decoy carving and encourage the next generation of artists. Your support also allows us to contribute to Wildlife and Wetland restoration.

Thanks,  
Richard

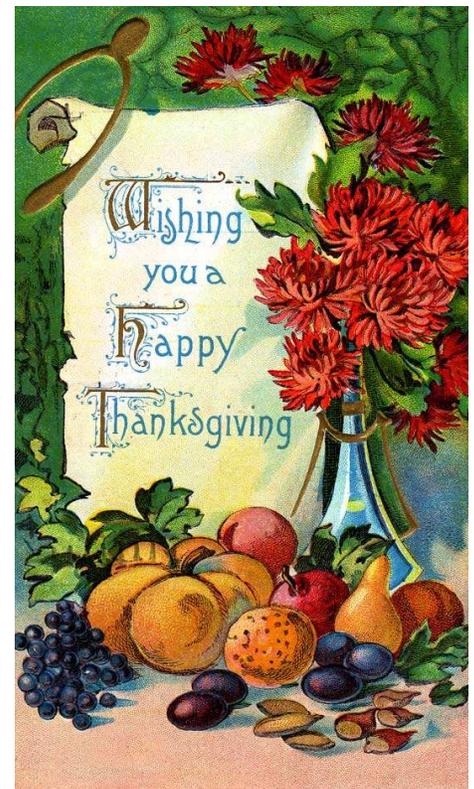
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### NOTICE

LWCCG'S NEXT GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAS  
BEEN PUSHED UP A WEEK DUE  
TO THANKSGIVING AND WILL BE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 17, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.  
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**MINUTES —GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING —  
OCTOBER 27, 2010**

**CHANGES IN RULES FOR 2011 FESTIVAL :** The Board and Rules Committee decided that a carver should be allowed to put a bird he has entered in another category into a Purchase Award Category only ; if he so chooses. It was agreed upon by all. There was some confusion about minimum bids of Auction items. Therefore the 2011 Rules Book will include an application for all Auction pieces which will include a space for the minimum bid if a carver wishes to put one on his carving.

**DONATION FROM GATE PROCEEDS:** The Board approved a \$300 donation to either preserving our wetlands or helping our wildlife from the gate proceeds of our Festival.

**NEW VENDOR TABLE PRICES FOR NEXT YEAR:** It was decided by the Board that it would be easier and more reasonable to set one price of \$60 each for tables for members at the 2011 Festival. Non- member prices for vendor tables will remain the same.

**SECURITY FOR 2011 FESTIVAL:** The board discussed and recommended that the additional overnight security guard be dropped for next year. The building is equipped with double alarm systems inside and out, including a motion detector. In addition a Security Guard patrols the grounds all night. This will save us \$900 in expense. It was voted on by the Board and passed.

**UP-DATE ON SHOW FINANCES:** Dickey, our treasurer, gave a report on the Festival finances. The show made a profit of approximately \$6,000 which is more than last year. Also our Auction brought in twice as much as last year. Mr. Charles Frank reminded members that we had \$40,000 dollars in prize money; more than any other show.

**NEW NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORY:** This was the first year for this category which was won by Richard Reeves, and there were some nice entries. Next year we are expecting more as word travels, the entries will increase.

**BANQUET:** The Member of the Year Banquet will be held at Piccadilly on December 28th; the last Wednesday in December. The meal will be free to a member and their guest.

**CURT FARBE INJURED:** Curt injured his shoulder while he was riding as a passenger on a 4 wheeler. He suffered a broken collar bone and had to have surgery. Please let him know you are thinking about him and wish him a speedy recovery.

**LOSS OF MEMBER & FRIEND:** Long time member Joe Courselle passed away this week after a lengthy illness. The funeral will be on Saturday on the West Bank. He will be missed by all. Please remember his family in your prayers.

**EARLINE BORDELON:** We have been trying to locate Earline Bordelon, if anyone knows where she is residing or how we may be able to contact her, we would appreciate you let-

ting Richard or one of our Board members know.

**OTHER CARVING SHOWS:** Richard encouraged everyone to attend and support the Houma Show on March 25th and 26th & 27th, 2011 and the Ohio Show, weekend of March 12th, 2011.

**IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL:** A member asked about getting T-Shirts for the 2011 Festival. Richard said we will look into possibly getting shirts for next year. Another member asked about a Competition Magazine. Richard said that there are some issues to consider about a magazine; first we would need a volunteer (someone to put the magazine together and edit it. This is a very time consuming job). Also it is very expensive to produce a decent magazine. If we get a volunteer, will look into the matter further.

Since there was no further business, motion was made by Dick Bonner and seconded by Dickey Autin to a adjoin the meeting at 7:45 PM .

**PLEASE BRING YOUR  
SHOW and TELL!**

