



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

Have a safe  
and Happy  
4th of July

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gene President's note June

The year is flying by and the club has a lot going on. Before you know it, it will be festival time and we will be calling upon you to give us a hand with the festival. But before we get to that point we need your ideas on how to promote awareness of the club's existence and some of the wonderful things we do for the community. Two of our members were recognized by the council of St. Tammany Parish for

their achievements in world competition. Two of our members will be representing the club at the Ducks Unlimited State Convention in July. I'm sure there are many more of these type of events that we would be happy to participate for the opportunity to promote the club. I ask each of our members to seek out these opportunities and make us aware of them. There is no better way of advertising than to show individuals the type of work we do. If we are able to impress one individual he will tell two or more. This will not only

### NOTICE

**LWCCG REGULAR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY. METAIRIE, LOUISIANA**

increase attendance but it will also increase our vendor sales and auction. We want people to come back every year and be excited about our show. Thanks for your confidence **Gene**

### SHOW & TELL



**Left:** Joan Bonner holds a piece of drift wood with a beautiful Snowy Owl she painted in oils .

**Middle:** Louise Beeson's father-in-law ( picture she is holding) hand made the Dulcimer she is holding. It has 3 strings and can be made out of several different kinds of wood.

**Right:** Mr. Gerard Ruth brought a Vizieer decoy for members to see. He was told by Mr. Hanemann that it was an old one and by Mr. Frank that it was the nicest he had ever seen.



**Left:** Gary Lipham holds one of many Louisiana Antique decoys he brought for members to view from his collection carved by carvers such as Jeanfreau, Frederick's, LaFrance, etc. They also learned some interesting facts and were allowed to handle the rare carvings.

**Right:** John Scallan holds his 2nd place in World's Decorative Mallard Pair. John said he painted on them for 11 months, 2 weeks.

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**Minutes for the General Membership Meeting of May 27, 2015.**

Gene opened the meeting by informing members of what is being done to help get the message out about our Festival and to bring back old members to the Guild:

He suggested a lighted bill board advertising our Festival in a location where it would be noticed and draw attention.

Gene stated that he mailed out a program- rules book to all old members. He also drafted a letter to the Boy Scout Troops and sent an email in February to Cabela's offering to work up a partnership with them. He has not received a reply yet, but will attempt to contact them again.

A suggestion was made to do a memorial at our Festival in memory of Don Naquin who passed away a few days ago. We will contact his family. Mr. Guidry has offered to help.

The Larose Show is next weekend and

we have flyers available. Please try to attend.

Some of our members will be attending the Ducks Unlimited Convention.

Sally Farrell who works with birds of prey will be doing a presentation at our Festival this year. It was scheduled for 12:00 noon, but will be changed to 2:00 P.M.. The time will be changed in the program-rules book.

Gene welcomed some guests to our meeting: Gary Lipham, Gordon Griffin and Wendy Hazey , and John Robbins who has been printing and laminating some of our posters of the Festival and did a banner which we can use at events.

Gary Lipham , our guest from Baton Rouge spoke to our members about the Swamp Festival coming up in Baton Rouge. He said that in 2013 there were 39 exhibitors, 2014- 57 and they are expecting even more this year. About half are contemporary decoys and half are antique decoys. It is a good place to

sell and buy. On Friday night there will be a dinner including drink at Ralph and Kacoos restaurant for \$35. The theme is Classic New Orleans. Dave Hall; Game Warden who died 2 years ago will be honored as well as some of our local carvers including Al Muller, one of our original Guild members. There will also be guest speakers.

Wendy Hazey volunteered to do an oil painting demo at our Festival this year at 10 A.M.

John Scallan announced that he and Richard have been invited by the Mayor of Covington to attend a meeting with the press next week to recognize them for winning in the Ward World Festival. Richard won 1st and John won 2nd in the Ward World Competition. for decorative decoy pairs.

See pictures of our Show and Tell with explanations in this newsletter.

Door Prizes were given out and being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15 P.M..



**SHOW & TELL**



**Left:** A picture of members who attended the May meeting.  
**Right:** Chris Weaver researched this factory decoy he won at the last meeting and found out it is a Mason Style Machine Bird.



**Bob Weaver** shows the first Woodcock he ever carved . It is made of bass wood. He said it is a heavy wood and he had to go with the grain.



**Left:** Ethan holds a boat he made from legos. He calls it the Narmia.



**Right:** Richard Reeves is holding a Brown Pelican he carved with a Bass fish in the water at the base.