



# LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER



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### President's Message 7/16

I can feel the excitement building for our upcoming festival. We are receiving questions from all over the country about the competition and request for vending tables. I am feeling very positive that we are doing some things right but we still have a lot of work to do.

The October 1&2 carving festival is quickly approaching. We are seeing some enthusiasm in the carving world toward coming to the show. We will be discussing issues on how to prepare for it and ways to make it better. Your ideas are greatly appreciated.

New opportunities to have some of our members represent the club and show their talents are scheduled. If any member would like an opportunity to represent the club we have opportunities (and you can show off your talents at the same time)

We are continuing to assess different ways of advertising the club. We are trying to get an advertising company to come to the meeting to talk with us so we can move forward. The more people we have attending the more successful our show will be. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.  
Gene

### NOTICE

**LWCCG REGULAR MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 27, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.. PICCADILLY CAFETERIA, 2222 CLEARVIEW PKWY. METAIRIE, LOUISIANA**



Alfred Joseph Muller, Jr. (The Chief) passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, July 8, 2016. He was born in New Orleans on July 12, 1920. He has been a long time member of the Louisiana

Wildfowl Carvers and Collectors Guild and attended our meetings every month. He will be sadly missed.

### SHOW AND TELL



Joe Aguzin holds a carving of a dead mount Snipe by Roy Legaux Sr., who was inspired to carve it from a watercolor by John Couret.



Mrs. Esparza holds a walking cane with Green Wing Teal Head and a Zebra carved by Fred Diehl, her Grandfather.



Gerald Armand holds a Gadwall Drake which he carved from tupelo wood and painted with oils. It won 2nd Best of Show at the Larose Festival.

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**MINUTES FOR JUNE 29, 2016  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Gene Hebert opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. and welcomed our guests. Jean Lenox who has been working for the New Orleans Historic Collection for many years and Sophie Esparza who brought several of her Grandfather's carvings.

Mrs. Lenox said that a collection of decoys that was donated to the Historic Collection attracted 4 times as many visitors as prior exhibits. She said that the Foundation will soon be expanding to include another building across the street from their location. Gene said that some of our carvers would be glad to do a demo for the foundation.

Richard mentioned that about 5 years ago he had participated in an exhibit there. There were antique carvings as well as other carvings. He also asked if they still had the posters of old hunting scenes which were used for the exhibit. Mrs. Lenox said they could be in storage and that the Guild should contact the program director.

Gene offered a table at our show to the Historic Collection Foundation if someone would like to come and advertise their foundation.

Mrs. Esparza brought several carvings from her Grandfather; Fredrich M. Diehl's collection. She

said that he lived in Africa when he was in the CIA and carved for a hobby, then he returned home and lived in Pennsylvania where he continued to carve.

Gene sadly announced that Bob Sutton and Todd Woldt ( who had participated in our Festival and won the \$14,000 a couple of times) passed away this month. Please keep the families in your prayers.

The Louisiana Sportsman Show is August 25th the same weekend as the Blue Bonnet Festival in Baton Rouge; anyone who wants to demo is welcome.

The Madisonville Boat Museum Show & Tell is September 10th. Give Dickey your name if you plan to attend.

Gene said that Joe Aguzin is doing a great job with the website and we are starting to get new members.

Richard announced that he had decoy cutouts which were donated by Dekes duck decoys. Some members have already started painting them for the Auction. We have a couple left if anyone can paint one for our Auction.

See Show & Tell in this issue with descriptions. Gene announced that he had rules books, fliers etc. take what you need.

Door Prizes were given out and being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M..

**SHOW & TELL**



**Richard holds an Eared Grebe machine decoy which he is painting with oils for the Festival Auction. Dux' Dekes Decoy Co. donated and shipped us a box full of machine birds for our Auction. Still have a few left.**



**Mr. Gerard Ruth and Mrs. Jean Frank hold a limited edition print donated by Mr. Ruth. The artist is Robert Rucker who's father and grandfather were both River Boat Captains. The print will be given away at the July 27th meeting. You only need to be present at the meeting to win.**