SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Dear Artist:

The Division of Wildlife is again pleased to call for entries in the Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp juried art competition. This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Wilmington, Ohio.

A copy of the contest rules, preliminary artist’s agreement and other related information are enclosed. Note that we carefully screen each entry to ensure it conforms to all contest requirements. Entries that do not meet the requirements will not be considered for judging and will be returned. Please follow all instructions included in the rules.

Northern Shovelers, Wood Ducks and American Wigeon are not eligible for entry in this year’s competition, per contest rules. A list of native Ohio waterfowl species that are eligible this year (Appendix A) and a list of previous design winners are included. The competition is open to all artists, age 18 and older who reside in the United States, except for last year’s winner.

Judging on February 18, 2017 is for the purpose of selecting a design for the 2018 Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp. The stamp is a required purchase for all waterfowl hunters; it also can be bought separately by conservationists and stamp collectors. Please note that Ohio hunters are not required by law to have the state wetlands stamp in their possession while hunting waterfowl. There is a requirement that any limited edition stamp prints sold include the state wetland stamp.

The winner of the contest will be given a service contract of $2,000. The money is to offset the cost incurred by the artist in fulfilling the obligation by contract to the division. As part of the contract the artist is required to submit upon request an invoice in the exact amount of $2,000.

Entries will be accepted for this competition from January 30, 2017 to February 10, 2017. No entries will be accepted prior to January 30, 2017 or after 5:00 p.m. (EST) on February 10, 2017 under any circumstances. Decisions of the program administrators and panel of judges are final. A postcard reminder will be sent in January regarding the submission dates.

If you have any questions regarding the Ohio wetlands stamp competition, please contact Tim Daniel at (614) 265-6537.

All original entries are returned to artists following the competition. The winning artist, as part of the contract with the Division of Wildlife, retains the original entry and the right to negotiate their own print publishing contract. An independent panel of judges is selected each year to determine the winning design. These judges are selected based on their expertise in a variety of fields, including ornithology, wildlife conservation and management, and art.

Thank you for your interest in the Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp art competition, and the important role it plays in wildlife conservation.

Sincerely,

Raymond W. Petering
Chief
CONTEST ELIGIBILITY

The juried art competition for the Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp is open to any and all interested artists 18 years of age or older, who are residents of the United States.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Interested artists shall submit a signed, dated copy of a Preliminary Agreement as a document of intention to enter the competition, which is scheduled for February 18, 2017 in Wilmington, Ohio. Artists shall submit the Preliminary Agreement to the address listed under Submission Procedure. Participating artists must submit with their artwork an entry fee of $20.

STAMP DESIGN

Emphasis on the design is to be on natively occurring Ohio waterfowl, as listed on Appendix A. Species featured on the preceding three annual wetlands stamp designs are ineligible. The ineligible species for the 2016 stamp design competition are, Northern Shovelers, Wood Ducks and American Wigeon.

- The design must be multicolored. No scroll work, signature, or lettering may appear in the design. The design must be 16 inches wide by 11 1/2 inches high, displayed in a single white mat of 2 1/2 inches width and protected by an acetate or cellophane cover to be easily removed before judging.

- Entries must not be in a frame or covered by glass. NOTE: Velcro hook strips could be used on the back of entries for display purposes during judging.

- The design must be of the artist’s own original creation and neither copied nor duplicated from previously published art, including photographs. Violation of this rule will disqualify the entry.

- The actual wetland stamp will measure 2” x 1 3/8” which includes a 1/8” white margin on all four sides. The image size on the stamp will be 1 3/4” x 1 1/8”.

- The design must allow for printing in compliance with the established specifications.

- The winning artist will be required to title and sign the work after selection is made, prior to production of the stamp.
SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Those intending to submit their design will find the official entry form, contest rules, preliminary agreement, and additional information in this packet. Required documents and the artist’s design shall be submitted to: Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp Contest, Ohio Division of Wildlife, 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G, Columbus, OH 43229-6693. **Entries and the $20 entry fee must be submitted between January 30, 2017 - February 10, 2017. Entries postmarked after Friday, February 10, 2017 will be returned to the sender unopened.**

The entry form must be attached to the back of the design. Each artist may only submit one entry.

It will be the contestant’s responsibility to obtain property insurance for his or her entry. **The Division of Wildlife will exercise all reasonable care with each entry, but will not insure any entry and will not assume responsibility for any damage, loss or theft of any entry.**

Any entry that fails to comply with all contest rules will be disqualified and will not be judged.

A final AGREEMENT stating specific responsibilities and obligations of and between the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the winning artist shall be enacted and signed on or before April 15, 2017.

PERFORMANCE BOND

The winning artist may be required to post a performance bond to ensure delivery of required work as set forth in the rules, specifications and agreement related to the Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp design competition.

PRE-SCREENING

A contest coordinating committee including a printing expert, will pre-screen all entries prior to judging to ensure each complies with all rules and regulations.

JUDGING PANEL

The Chief of the Ohio Division of Wildlife will select five judges and one alternate judge. They will be recognized experts in ornithology, conservation, and/or art. Judges will receive no compensation. Their identities will be revealed following completion of the design competition. The judges will serve in a voluntary capacity at the request of the Chief of the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

Entries will be judged on, but not limited to, anatomical and ecological accuracy, originality, artistic composition, and general rendering. **All eligible entries will be judged on February 18, 2017 and a winner will be announced.** All voting by the judges will be done silently, in writing. Tabulation of the judging scores will be conducted by the contest coordinating committee.

For additional information or questions about the juried art competition, contact:

Tim Daniel
Division of Wildlife
(614) 265-6537
THE OHIO WETLANDS HABITAT STAMP 2017 DESIGN CONTEST

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp program includes the following goals:

1. To result in an attractive, collectible wetlands habitat stamp.
2. To provide a program that will enhance, promote, and help finance wetlands wildlife and habitat conservation.
3. To enter into a partnership with the winning artist and/or publisher so that each may contribute to the above efforts.
4. Provide qualified artists an opportunity to display and market their talents, to contribute to wetlands conservation in Ohio and to realize a fair financial reward if selected as the contest winner.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp juried art competition is open to all interested artists 18 years of age and older, who reside in the United States.

2. A $20 entry fee will be submitted with each entry.

3. The preliminary agreement must be signed and mailed to the Ohio Division of Wildlife prior to submitting the entry.

4. Following the contest, a final agreement (contract) shall be negotiated and signed by the artist or representative and the Ohio Division of Wildlife to ensure compliance with the contest specifications no later than April 15, 2017.

5. Entries must be received by the Division of Wildlife during the period of 8:00 a.m. on January 30, 2017 through 5:00 p.m. (EST) February 10, 2017 at 2045 Morse Rd., Bldg, G, Columbus, OH 43229-6693.

6. The design must be of natively occurring Ohio waterfowl listed under the attachment designated as APPENDIX A, other than Northern Shovelers, Wood Ducks and American Wigeon. These represent species depicted in the previous three stamp designs and are ineligible species for the design competition to be held this year.

7. The winning artist of a previous year’s competition is not eligible to enter the following year’s competition.

8. The design is to be multicolored and measure exactly 11½ inches high by 16 inches wide.

9. The artist shall retain the original art and the right to publish and market limited edition prints.

10. The artist shall receive from the Ohio Division of Wildlife (95) Year 2018 Ohio wetlands habitat stamps for personal use.

11. The winning artist also shall provide the Ohio Division of Wildlife one hundred thirty (130) special edition, signed, numbered, and remarqued prints. Remarques can be in color or black and white. Remarques can also be a “print etching” or “printed remarque” in the margin.

12. The artist or publisher is required to provide to the Division of Wildlife a color transparency or high resolution digital file of the winning art design for the production of Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamps.

13. The Division of Wildlife will produce and publish, from the original art, Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamps.

14. The Division of Wildlife retains the right to reproduce the original design only for promotional and/or educational purposes.

15. The artist or publisher will purchase and resell an Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp for each limited edition print sold.
What are the natively occurring Ohio waterfowl?

Only natively occurring Ohio waterfowl may be depicted as entries for judging in the annual Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp juried art competition, except those species depicted on the previous three Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamps. Eligible species for the design competition to be judged on February 18, 2017 include:

- American Black Duck
- Common Merganser
- Red-breasted Merganser
- **American Wigeon**
- Gadwall
- Redhead
- Black Scoter
- Greater Scaup
- Ring-necked Duck
- Blue-winged Teal
- Greater White-fronted Goose
- Ruddy Duck
- Brant
- Green-winged Teal
- Snow Goose (blue/white morphs)
- Bufflehead
- Hooded Merganser
- Surf Scoter
- Cackling Goose
- Lesser Scaup
- Trumpeter Swan
- Canada Goose
- Long-tailed Duck
- Tundra Swan
- Canvasback
- Mallard
- White-winged Scoter
- Common Goldeneye
- **Northern Shoveler**
- **Wood Duck**

**Northern Shovelers, Wood Ducks and American Wigeons** are **NOT** eligible as entries in the 2017 Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp competition to be held February 18, 2017.
The purpose of issuing a wetlands habitat stamp is to foster public awareness of the importance of wetlands and to help fund those objectives. Healthy wetlands offer many benefits to a large variety of wildlife species, such as waterfowl, bald eagles, shorebirds and wading birds, plus many other species of raptors, songbirds, and mammals. Unfortunately, Ohio has lost about 90 percent of the historic wetlands that were present here two centuries ago.

Part of the legislation (House Bill 371), which in 1981 authorized creation of Ohio wetland stamps, directs the Division of Wildlife to share 40 percent of stamp sale revenues with a recognized wetlands conservation organization. To fulfill this need, the Division has provided funding to Ducks Unlimited (DU) since that time.

The 1982 Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp, “the first-of-state”, depicted a pair of wood ducks and was designed through a special commission by John Ruthven of Georgetown, Ohio. These first-of-state Wetlands Habitat Stamps were sold at a price of $5.75 from August, 1982 to December 31, 1983, after which the remaining unsold stamps were destroyed. A total of 41,319 stamps were sold in this first year of issue to waterfowl hunters, wildlife conservationists and collectors.

Stamp sale revenues helped fund the first Division of Wildlife-DU partnership project in Ontario, Canada at the Hullett Marsh. This project is named in honor of former DU national president and former Ohio Wildlife Council member Lee C. Howley, Sr.

The Hullett Marsh and Wildlife Management Area are located near Lake Huron in Ontario. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources began to acquire land for the area in the 1960s, but acquisition soon ended and the area lay untouched during much of the 1970s. Ducks Unlimited became involved in a major wetlands restoration project here beginning in the late 1970s.

Much of the completed work involved creation of nearly a dozen satellite marshes, in addition to seven controlled wetland units. Additional wetlands restoration has continued on the area throughout the 1980s and 1990s. This effort has provided prime habitat for blue-winged teal, mallards, pintails, shovelers, Canada geese, and other wildlife.

Additionally, the Division annually donates 100 special limited edition art prints of the original stamp design to Ducks Unlimited. When combined, sales of these prints at various fundraising events along with a share of stamp revenue sales, have generated more than $3 million for wetlands protection in Ohio.

The positive affects of the ODNR Division of Wildlife – Ducks Unlimited partnership continues to reach all corners of the state with public and/or private lands projects in all five Wildlife Districts and in 72 counties. Public lands projects have included some large acquisitions and large restoration projects, not only providing habitat, but ensuring future generations a place to experience wetland wildlife resources. Private lands projects are beginning to rival public lands in their scope. These projects strengthen the Division’s partnerships with commitments from nearly 400 landowners statewide.

The largest of these projects was restoration of the Big Island wetland. The area was purchased by the Division of Wildlife in 1995 for $3.6 million. This land acquisition was then used to obtain additional funding from DU and other partners to secure a $993,000 grant through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. This grant was used to restore nearly 2,500 acres of a wetland/prairie complex on the Big Island Wildlife Area in Marion County.

In 2001, the Division became the first state wildlife agency to become a Heritage sponsor by pledging $10,000 a year for four years.

In 1993, the Division became the first state wildlife agency to become a Life Sponsor of Ducks Unlimited with a special contribution of $10,000. To memorialize this contribution, the Division and DU agreed to Life Sponsor funding for the Madoc Creek project in Ontario.

http://www.ducks.org/philanthropy/majordonors/4218/majorsponsorgivinglevelsbenefits.html
# Ohio Department of Natural Resources
## Division of Wildlife

### The Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp
#### 2017 Design Contest

## Past Artists and Species

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Each artist submitting a design agrees to submit with the design as an entry fee of twenty dollars ($20) made payable to the Ohio Division of Wildlife, and further;

The artist whose original design is selected as the winning entry agrees to the following conditions:

- The contest winner will have exclusive rights to reproduce the winning subject matter as art prints and to market said prints in limited editions.
- The contest winner will purchase and resell, at a price of $15.00 each, a stamp for each limited edition print sold.
- One hundred thirty (130) special edition signed and numbered prints will be donated to the Ohio Division of Wildlife. This special edition may be remarqued and/or printed with additional art or design provided by the Division of Wildlife or provided by the artist and approved by the Division of Wildlife. Specific requirements within these parameters may be negotiable.
- The winning artist may be required to post a performance bond to ensure compliance and delivery of art as set forth in the specifications and agreement. Said bond shall be determined by the Ohio Division of Wildlife and the winning artist.
- The artist or a designated agent is required to provide to the Division of Wildlife a color transparency or high resolution digital file of the winning art for the production of Wetlands Conservation Stamps.
- The artist will retain possession of the original painting.
- Having read and understanding the above specifications, terms, and explanations, the artist whose signature appears below intends to submit a design as an entry in the Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp design competition.

By:

Name: __________________________________________________________________________________
Signature: ___________________________________________________ Date: __________________
Address:________________________________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: ______________
Telephone: (         ) _______________________    Email: __________________________________________

RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM AS A DOCUMENT OF INTENT PRIOR TO AND SEPARATE FROM THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENTRY TO:
Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp Contest
Ohio Division of Wildlife
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. G
Columbus, OH 43229-6693
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

DESIGNER’S NAME: ______________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________ STATE: __________ ZIP: ___________________________

PHONE #1: (______) _______________________ PHONE #2: (______) _________________________

EMAIL: _______________________________________________________________________________

SCENE DEPICTED OR TITLE: ___________________________________________________________

ENTRY FEE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER NUMBER: ___________________________________________

TO QUALIFY AS AN OFFICIAL ENTRY, THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BACK OF THE DESIGN.
PLEASE DO NOT USE A P.O. BOX FOR YOUR RETURN ADDRESS