

MEDIA ADVISORY

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Names Judges for Upcoming Duck Stamp Competition

Nearly three hundred wildlife artists from 49 states will compete in the 2006 Federal Duck Stamp Contest to be held October 6th and 7th in Memphis, Tennessee. The judging culminates a week of locally-sponsored art and conservation activities and will kickoff this year's celebration of the Service's National Wildlife Refuge Week. The competition is returning to Memphis for the second year and is sponsored through a partnership of the Service, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., the Greater Memphis Arts Council, and the Memphis College of Art.

A select panel of judges will officially select the art that will eventually appear on the 2007-2008 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as the "Duck Stamp." They are:

- Vanessa Garnick is a Wyoming native. Her passion for threatened and endangered species is evident as travels the world – as co-host and consulting producer of Animal Planet's series *Caught in the Moment* – to give viewers a broader perspective and unique glimpses of rare animals.
- Harvey Nelson, now living in Bloomington, Minnesota, is a retired biologist with 42 years experience in waterfowl conservation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, served as first director of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan;
- John Maclean, author and journalist with 30 years experience with the Chicago Tribune is also an avid fly-fisherman and outdoorsman. He divides his time between Washington, D.C. and Seely Lake Montana;
- Barbara Higgins Bond is an artist from Nashville, Tennessee and graduate of the Memphis College of Art. Her art has graced three U.S. postal stamps and more than 20 books;
- Janet Klug from Pleasant Plain, Ohio is a stamp expert and currently serves as President of the American Philatelic Society, the world's largest nonprofit membership organization for stamp collectors.
- Kirk Dupps from Eureka Springs, Arkansas is an accomplished and nationally recognized authority in the retail food industry. Dupps is also vice-chairman of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Board. This year, he will serve as the alternate judge and next year as one of the five judges.

Where: Memphis College of Art, Overton Park, 1930 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tennessee 38104

When: Preliminary judging at 6:00pm on Friday October 6th with final judging beginning at 9:00am and announcement of winner at 12:15pm on Saturday October 7th.

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