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1966-67 DUCK STAMP DESIGN CONTEST WON BY MARYLAND ARTIST

A wash drawing showing a pair of whistling swans flying low over a northern lake will be the design for the 1966-67 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, the Department of the Interior announced today.

Stanley Stearns of Stevensville, Md., drew the winning design which he calls "Whistling Swans." One hundred and five artists submitted 181 entries for this 17th Federal "Duck Stamp" contest, which is conducted annually by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

This is the third time that Stearns has won the national contest. His drawing of blue geese won the contest for 1955-56 and he also drew the Nene goose design which was selected for the 1964-65 duck stamp.

Second place in the contest went to Leslie C. Kouba of Minneapolis, Minnesota, for his drawing of Old Squaw Ducks. Stuart Ferreira, also of Minneapolis, took third place with a drawing of Barrow's Goldeneye ducks.

Judges for this year's contest were Daniel A. Poole, Secretary, Wildlife Management Institute; Thomas L. Kimball, Executive Director, National Wildlife Federation; Carl Scheele, Curator, Division of Philately and Postal History, Smithsonian Institution; and Reuben K. Barrick, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, U. S. Department of Treasury, all of Washington, D. C.

Contest entries this year came from 34 States. Sixteen drawings submitted by eight artists put Minnesota in the lead for the largest number of entries from a single State. Maryland was second with 14 entries.

A new Duck Stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department. The 1966-67 stamp will go on sale July 1, 1966, and will expire June 30, 1967. Each migratory waterfowl hunter 16 years or older is required to purchase one of the \$3 stamps in addition to a regular State hunting license.

Winner of the 1965-66 duck stamp design contest was Ron Jenkins of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

All revenue from the sale of the stamps, other than cost of printing and distribution, is used in selecting and acquiring migratory bird areas under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act. More than one and a half million stamps were sold last year.

(Note to Editors: Glossy prints of the winning duck stamp design are available from the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.)