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1991 FEDERAL DUCK STAMP CONTEST OPENS NOVEMBER 5

Wildlife artists from every state, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia have submitted nearly 600 waterfowl art designs for entry in the 1991 Federal Duck Stamp Contest.

Considered the world's preeminent wildlife art contest, this year's event will be held November 5 and 6 in Washington, DC, with the winning design to appear on the 1992-93 Federal Duck Stamp.

The Interior Department's Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Mike Hayden, will emcee this year's contest. An avid waterfowler and former governor of Kansas, Hayden said, "I look forward to my first Duck Stamp contest with great anticipation. I have purchased many Duck Stamps over the years, and it will be exciting to see first-hand how a design is chosen."

The stakes are high in the unique annual contest. Unknown wildlife artists compete against artists with established reputations and anyone can win. Last year's winner, Vermont artist Nancy Howe, was the first woman to win the contest. Her painting of king eiders was chosen over 625 other entries as the design for the 1991-92 Duck Stamp. That stamp is currently on sale for \$15 at U.S. Post Offices and many national wildlife refuges.

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Although the winning artist receives no compensation from the Federal Government except a pane of his or her stamps autographed by the Secretary of the Interior, artists usually enjoy substantial monetary awards through the sale of limited-edition prints of the winning design. In another first, Howe is contributing a part of the proceeds from sales of her print to conservation efforts.

One of the most innovative and successful conservation efforts in the world, the Federal Duck Stamp program has raised, since its inception in 1934, almost \$400 million, which has gone to preserve nearly 4 million acres of wetlands. Many of the 472 national wildlife refuges in the United States have been purchased entirely, or in part, by Duck Stamp revenues.

And the popularity of these beautiful stamps continues to grow. While all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older are required to purchase a Duck Stamp annually, many people who are merely interested in conservation or simply enjoy observing wildlife in its natural habitat purchase the stamps as a way to ensure the future of this Nation's wildlife. The stamps also have a strong following in the stamp collecting world.

This year's judging will take place November 5 and 6 in Washington, DC, at the Department of the Interior's auditorium, 1849 C Street NW. The public can see the entries Sunday, November 3, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Monday, November 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The exhibit is open to the public during the judging November 5 from 10:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and November 6 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.



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1991 Contest Regulations

Regulations governing the annual Duck Stamp Contest were revised in 1988 to ensure that all species of North American waterfowl eventually will be represented in the Duck Stamp series, thereby increasing its collection appeal.

The number of species of North American waterfowl which artists can depict for the 1991 contest is limited to the following five:

- (1) Barrow's Goldeneye
- (2) Black Scoter
- (3) Surf Scoter
- (4) Red-breasted Merganser
- (5) Spectacled Eider

The five species were selected from a list of six that have never before appeared on a Federal Duck Stamp. An attempt was made to select a combination of species whose collective ranges cover the contiguous United States and Alaska.

The contest opened July 1. All entries had to be postmarked no later than midnight, September 15, 1991. The Duck Stamp Contest judging will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, November 5 and 6, at the Department of the Interior Auditorium, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC. This event is free and open to the public. The exhibit of entries will be open to the public Sunday, November 3, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m., and during the contest. It will be closed Monday.

Through an annual process of elimination established by the regulations, all 42 species of North American waterfowl will become part of the Duck Stamp series by 1997. Copies of next year's Duck Stamp Contest regulations will be available in March 1992 from the Federal Duck Stamp Office, Fish and Wildlife Service,

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Contest Statistics

Contest Entries: 585

Male Artists	440	75%
Female Artists	145	26%
Acrylic	303	52%
Oil	110	18%
Other	94	16%
Water Color	75	13%
Scratch Board	3	1%
Barrow's Goldeneye	238	41%
Red-breasted Merganser	185	32%
Spectacled Eider	66	11%
Surf Scoter	60	10%
Black Scoter	36	6%

California	46	Utah	8
Minnesota	44	Alaska	7
New York	32	South Carolina	7
Wisconsin	30	Idaho	6
Texas	26	Indiana	6
Pennsylvania	24	Nebraska	6
Ohio	21	Tennessee	6
New Jersey	20	Connecticut	5
Illinois	19	Kansas	5
Virginia	19	Kentucky	5
Colorado	18	New Mexico	4
Florida	18	Nevada	4
Louisiana	18	South Dakota	4
Maryland	16	West Virginia	4
Michigan	16	Arkansas	3
Iowa	14	Vermont	3
North Carolina	13	Washington, DC	2
Georgia	12	Delaware	2
Massachusetts	12	Mississippi	2
Missouri	12	New Hampshire	2
Washington	12	North Dakota	2
Alabama	10	Rhode Island	2
Montana	9	Hawaii	1
Oklahoma	9	Maine	1
Arizona	8	Virgin Islands	1
Oregon	8	Wyoming	1