

COLUMBIA FLYWAY & WILDLIFE SHOW

Clatsop County Fairgrounds & Expo Center
September 22-24, 2023
Astoria, Oregon



WINTER NEWSLETTER - 2023



Greetings all,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It was just like the good old days being able to comfortably get together with family and friends again. As we start this new year I would share a little recap of our very successful 2022 show.

Our show, after a two year layoff, exceeded our expectations. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this show the huge success it turned out to be.

Thank you to both our Purchase Award and Division sponsors for your financial support, without you it would be impossible to pull off this show.

Thank you to all you carvers who entered your carvings. This year we had over 300 carving entries, a new record for us. I guess all the time we had on our hands during the pandemic produced many many carvings. Please keep it up for next year.

Thank you to all the Seminar instructors for the classes you provided. I heard nothing but rave reviews from all who attended.

Thank you to all our Judges. Without you there could be no contests. Thanks too for the critiques you provided to aspiring carvers.

Thank you to all of our new vendors, carving clubs, brewers/distillers, decoy collectors and artists who set up tables to make our show even more interesting. That includes the 4-H club who provided breakfasts and lunches.

Thank you to Jerry and Marta Harris, Rick Pass and Mac Brown for everything you do both behind the scenes and out in front. The hardest working crew you could hope for.

And last but not least "**Thank you**" to all of you volunteers. The whole show could not happen without your tireless help and support. I only wish we had more of you. Thanks from the bottom of my heart.

As you well know we had a lot of changes since our last show in 2019. Much to our joy, everything went great. Our fears of changing location and dates did not seem to be an issue at all. As mentioned earlier we had the largest number of carvings ever. More carvers attend the Seminars than in past years, and the attendance at our Banquet was never higher.

Our new "Carvers Garage Sale" was a huge success. One we hope to carry on at future shows. More to come on that down the road. The management at the Fairgrounds were a pleasure to work with. This new space gave us the room to try new things and will give us the space in the future to continue to grow. We are already looking at new opportunities to include for next year.

Speaking of the future, our 2023 show has an earlier date. Please mark your calendars.

As you can see a lot has been done but there is lots left to do. We always need volunteers to wrap things up both now and at the show, please contact us if you can help in any way, thanks in advance. Without your support we could not have our Club and Show that we do.

See you in Astoria! Randy Martin

Lessons From A Carving Show

by Jerry Harris

Last summer, like most summers before, I was attending the Pacific Flyway Wildlife Show in Sacramento. I was approached by a nice young man and his very polite son. This father explained to me his son was in love with Mallards. Turns out that they own a rice farm in the area and they also work part of their farm for wildlife habitat and hunting club. So, this young man is being raised with an eye to nature.



Mark Kirsten is the father's name and his Mallard loving son is Rhys Kirsten. I had entered an 8" miniature mallard decoy in the California Duck Calling Championship Decoy contest. Young Rhys fell in love with the carving and his Dad asked if he could buy it. The only problem was, it had won the contest and now was the property of the PFDA. I told him that I would carve Rhys a decoy that summer and I did.

I sent the carving to Mark and told him it was a gift for young Rhys. What I saw in his young son was a passion for wildlife, ducks, and hunting. This was the same passion that I had at the same young age. The same passion that has continued through-out my life. My hope is, that by encouraging the next generation to become passionate about wildlife, they will become great stewards of the land. As the population continues to increase, it will take passionate people to continue to save wetlands, waterfowl and all wildlife. Young men and young women with the same passion as Rhys Kirsten has.

I find now that I am older that ribbons and awards are of little importance to me. What has become more important is the perpetuation of our wildlife carving hobby and the conservation of the lands/wildlife that we all love. Won't you as a carver, join in this challenge with me.



Jerry Harris



34th Annual Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show

September 22nd, 23rd, & 24th
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We're excited about the results from last year and all the possibilities for the future. Remember, this is your show and we need your ideas, suggestions, and help to make happen. Look for the many ways you can support your show for next year.

We will be talking about it on our website, www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com, all year long. Find what the 2023 Purchase award birds will be and start carving away.

Thank you all again for one of the best shows ever! See you in September!

2022 Purchase & Memorial Award Winners

We had a great lineup of "Purchase Awards" for our 2022 show. The total payout for all of our purchase awards was a whopping **\$9550.00**



Geraldine M. Lynch Award	Decorative Canvasback Hen	Brad Snodgrass Central Point, OR
Dr. Lyon Award	½ size Pileated Woodpecker	Tom Jones Kirkland, WA
Emerick Construction Award	Style Mallard Drake	Jerry Harris Dallas, OR
Mid Columbia Marine Award	Style Barrows Golden Eye Drake	Jerry Harris Dallas, OR
Susie "B" Award	Future Antique Shorebird	Brad Snodgrass Central Point, OR
Feather and Quill Award	Chosen from all carvings	Paul Murphy Vancouver, WA
Waterfowl Bust Award	Any Species of Waterfowl	Brad Snodgrass Central Point, OR
Washington Duck Unlimited	Style Shoveler Drake	Jerry Harris Dallas, OR
Byrn Watson Memorial	Black Fronted Magpie Jay	Jerry Simchuk Spokane, WA
Will Hayden Memorial	American Tree Sparrow	Sherry Klein Milwaukee, OR
Helen Foster Memorial	Varied Thrush	Larry Stauffer Battleground, WA
People's Choice	Great Horned Owl	Vern Hesketh Cathedral City, CA

Check out our website to get the winners of our other awards and contests at:
www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com

Purchase Awards Identified for 2023 - More to Come

- Dr. Lyon (Ruby Crowned-Kinglet)
- Washington State DU (Drake American Wigeon)

Check out our website to as other Purchase Award species are announced:
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The Planning Begins

Since the conclusion of the 2022 Columbia Flyway Show, the Show Planning Board has been able to take a short breather from the event. But now it's 2023 and time to start the work for the next show. It's amazing how much work, time, and planning goes into a three day event.

We are happy to announce we will once again be in Astoria, Oregon at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds building. This is a great building for a larger size carving show. Last years show was a big success. The dates will be September 22-24, 2023.

As time goes on, we will be announcing new seminars, show events and contests. We have some of the purchase awards set for 2023 and we will announce those events in this newsletter. We have a target date of April 1st to publish our 2023 Show Brochure.

And, so it begins. We have need for volunteers in countless ways. We will be addressing these needs as time and planning progress. We will need volunteers to present seminars and we need to have our seminars set before we can publish our brochure. So, if you would like to be a presenter at our 2023 show, get a hold of us and we can talk.

See our website at: <https://www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com/contact-us> and contact any of the listed show personnel. We have provided email addresses and phone numbers. We would like to hear from you if you would like to help the Flyway Show in anyway.



Hello Rick,

My trip to Astoria couldn't have been better! Meeting you and all the friendly faces at the show was the highlight of my trip.

The Tom Matus class was excellent. Too bad my memory has forgotten some of the material. I could listen to that man talk forever! So much to cover in such a short time. Painting! Tom has an eye and understanding of color that amazed me. It will take me a very long time to get comfortable with a paint brush and color combinations the he is.

While standing at the table where the hollow bufflehead I had carved for the show was placed a second place ribbon, I made a comment to someone next to me and said "I didn't expect this duck to win anything, but then again there was only two or three entered in this category " Your (carving) partner said ***"we'll maybe but don't forget, it's your first show and you won a ribbon"***. He is dead right. I am very proud of that ribbon and hope to win more in the future!

Thank you and your partner for helping me out and answering the many questions I had prior to going to the show. I am enjoying the books that I purchased from you guys. From your email it looks like the show was a bigger success then you expected! That's great.

Take care,

Ed Burns

***Ed came all the way from Florida to attend the show and visit family!
Congratulations Ed on winning the first of many ribbons!!!***





Carving Shows and Events for 2023

January 14-15, 2023 Coastal Carvers “Artistry in Wood 2023

Lincoln City, Oregon <https://sites.google.com/view/coastal-carvers/home>

March 18-19, 2023 Ohio Decoy Collectors and Carvers Association

Independence, Ohio. <https://www.odcca.net/>

April 1-2, 2023 Salem Capitol Carvers Show

Salem, Oregon <https://capitolwoodcarvers.org/>

April 1-2, 2023 Idaho Artistry in Wood

Boise, Idaho <https://idahoartistryinwood.org/>

April 21-23 2023 Ward World Championship Ocean City, Maryland

<https://www.wardmuseum.org/learn-explore/program-calendar/world-championship/>

May 21, 2023 Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Competition

Mount Vernon, Washington <http://www.wabrant.org/>

July 10-14, 2023 Northwest Carving Academy

Ellensburg, Washington <https://www.nwcarvingacademy.com/>

July 15-16, 2023 Pacific Flyway Decoy Association

Sacramento, California <http://pacificflyway.org/>

September 22-24, 2023 Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show

Astoria, Oregon <https://www.columbiaflywaywildlifeshow.com/>

November 10-12, 2023 Waterfowl Festival

Easton, Maryland. <https://waterfowlfestival.org/>

December 2023 Core Sound Decoy Festival

Beaufort, North Carolina <https://decoyguild.com/decoyfestival/schedule/>

A Vacation Destination!

Astoria Oregon



There are so many things to see and do when at the beautiful Oregon Coast, and especially Astoria, Oregon. Here are a few things to do and see that the tourist guides don't tell you about. Quick trips with a lot of rewards.

Drive to the top of Coxcomb Hill overlooking the town of Astoria. Yes, this is the way to the famous **Astoria Column**. But, you don't need to climb the Column to see the unbelievable view of the town and Columbia River below. You will see the 4 mile long Astoria-Megler Bridge trailing off across the Columbia River. You don't get to see this kind of view everyday folks!



Speaking of the **Astoria-Megler Bridge**, take a drive from Astoria across the bridge. There is no toll fee, and it's a 4 mile engineering wonder across the Columbia River to the Washington side. It contains the longest continuous three-span through-truss in the world. You will see commercial and sport fishing boats angling for salmon or headed to the ocean fishing grounds. You will also see cargo ships transiting or at anchor in the port of Astoria. These ships are at anchor waiting their turn to go to ports up river to unload or pick up cargo. The bridge is known as "**The Bridge to No Where**", because it was thought that no one would ever use it. It's estimated that 6000 cars now cross the bridge daily.



What do you do when you get across the bridge? Well if you are like me, a fishing and boat enthusiast, you take a left at the end of the bridge and go to Ilwaco, Washington. About a 10 mile drive to the west. Ilwaco, Washington is a commercial and sport fishing port that serves the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean offshore. Walk the docks and look at boats, chat with captains and fishermen as they return with their catches of bottom fish, salmon and crab. Walk the shops above the port and book your own fishing trip or shop for great seafood. It's just a great place to hang out, in a sleepy little sea town.

So many things to do on the Washington side of the Columbia River. The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center continues from the Oregon side of the river at Cape Disappointment. The view of the mouth of the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean from the hill at the Cape is exceptional. The Cape Disappointment Light House stands at this spot, where it guided mariners in days gone by.

Back on the Oregon side, if you get up early one morning, take a drive to the town of Hammond, Oregon. It's another sleepy little port, except during the fall salmon runs. At this time there can be an unbelievable amount of sport fishing boats coming and going to and from this port and many others, trying to catch that fall Coho or Chinook Salmon. If you get their early in the morning, you might see the local Roosevelt Elk herd out grazing on the towns lawn. They have become like pets around town, unless they eat your lawn or flowers!

These are just a few interesting and fun things to do when in Astoria. The list goes on and on. Plan to spend some extra time when you attend the Columbia Flyway Wildlife Show. Astoria and the Oregon Coast is spectacular!

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