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From the President

Dear Museum Member,

This year, 2011, represents several mile markers for the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum. When a small group of local businessman, carvers, and collectors started this endeavor they could never have imagined all the efforts and accomplishments realized on behalf of this Museum.

This year we will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Havre de Grace Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival. Scott Krieger (festival chairman) along with Special Events Coordinator Margret Jones and the Festival Committee have been busy planning for all aspects of this year's show. There will be activities at three locations—Middle School, Activities Center, and the Museum. Everything will be available from artists, carvers, retrievers, boats, sporting goods, food, and of course decoys. See you there.



Photo by Leo Hepner

Also, 2011 represents the 25th Anniversary for the opening of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum. We are open to the public seven days a week, 360 plus days a year. Over the years there have been many dedicated volunteers and staff that poured their energy and heart into this Museum to help continue and build on the vision of our founders. I am truly honored and proud to be associated with our Museum.

For several years the Decoy Museum has struggled with finding a suited match for the Director of Operations position. During that time the staff and Board of Directors have done a superb job of maintaining all aspects of daily operations as well as all other activities. Your Museum is debt free and poised for future growth.

Over the past ten months we have had several inquiries and received several resumés from those seeking to fill the Director of Operations position. We are pleased to announce that C. John Sullivan has accepted this position. Administrator, historian, author, contributing editor, and collector are a few of the qualifications he will bring to this position. Even though John is a seasoned professional and extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of this position, he will need all of our support to continue the success and future growth of your Museum.

Sincerely,



Pat Vincenti

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Tax deductible contributions can be made to the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum. The Museum was incorporated in 1981 as a non-profit organization which exists to document and interpret waterfowl decoys as this art form applies to the social and economic life of the upper Chesapeake Bay region.



FESTIVAL 2011 PROGRAM

May 6th, 7th & 8th

Locations

Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Giles Street (DM)

Havre de Grace Middle School, Lewis Street (MS)

Havre de Grace Activity Center, Lewis Street (AC)

2011 Honorary Chairman

Thomas Humberstone

Admission: \$8.00 for weekend pass.

Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult.

Friday, May 6

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Show opens

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Carving Competition Registration
AC

Saturday, May 7

Additional activities at the Havre de Grace Activity Center throughout the weekend, check posted schedules around venues for more information.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Show

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Hunting Show
— ongoing events, see posted schedules around venues.
AC

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Silent Auction
MS - Hallway by Museum Gift Shop tables

10:30 a.m. Atlantic Flyway Classic Carving Competition Judging

HdG Activity Center

Decorative L/S Floating Division

Decorative L/S Non-Floating Division

Decorative Miniature Division

Whitey Frank Decorative Slick Division

Decorative L/S Fish Division

Youth Gunning Division

Cocktail Division

Shorebird Division

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Silent Auctions
MS Near Museum Gift Shop Tables

1:00 p.m. Gunning Rig Division
DM Grounds

1:00 p.m. Old Decoy Contest
MS Stage

1:00 p.m. Live Auction Preview
AC Gym

4:00 p.m. Live Auction Bidder Registration
AC Gym

5:30 p.m. Live Decoy Auction
AC Gym (Sponsored by Hostetter Insurance)

Sunday, May 8

Additional activities at the Havre de Grace Activity Center throughout the weekend, check posted schedules around venues for more information.

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Show

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Hunting Show
— ongoing events, see posted schedules around venues.
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10:30 a.m. Carving Competition Judging

*Activity Center
Gunning Decoy Division*

10:30 a.m. Gunning Decoy Division

DM Grounds

11:00 a.m. E. Watts Gunning Division

DM Grounds

3:30 p.m. Festival Raffle Drawing

MS Lobby

4:00 p.m. Festival Closes



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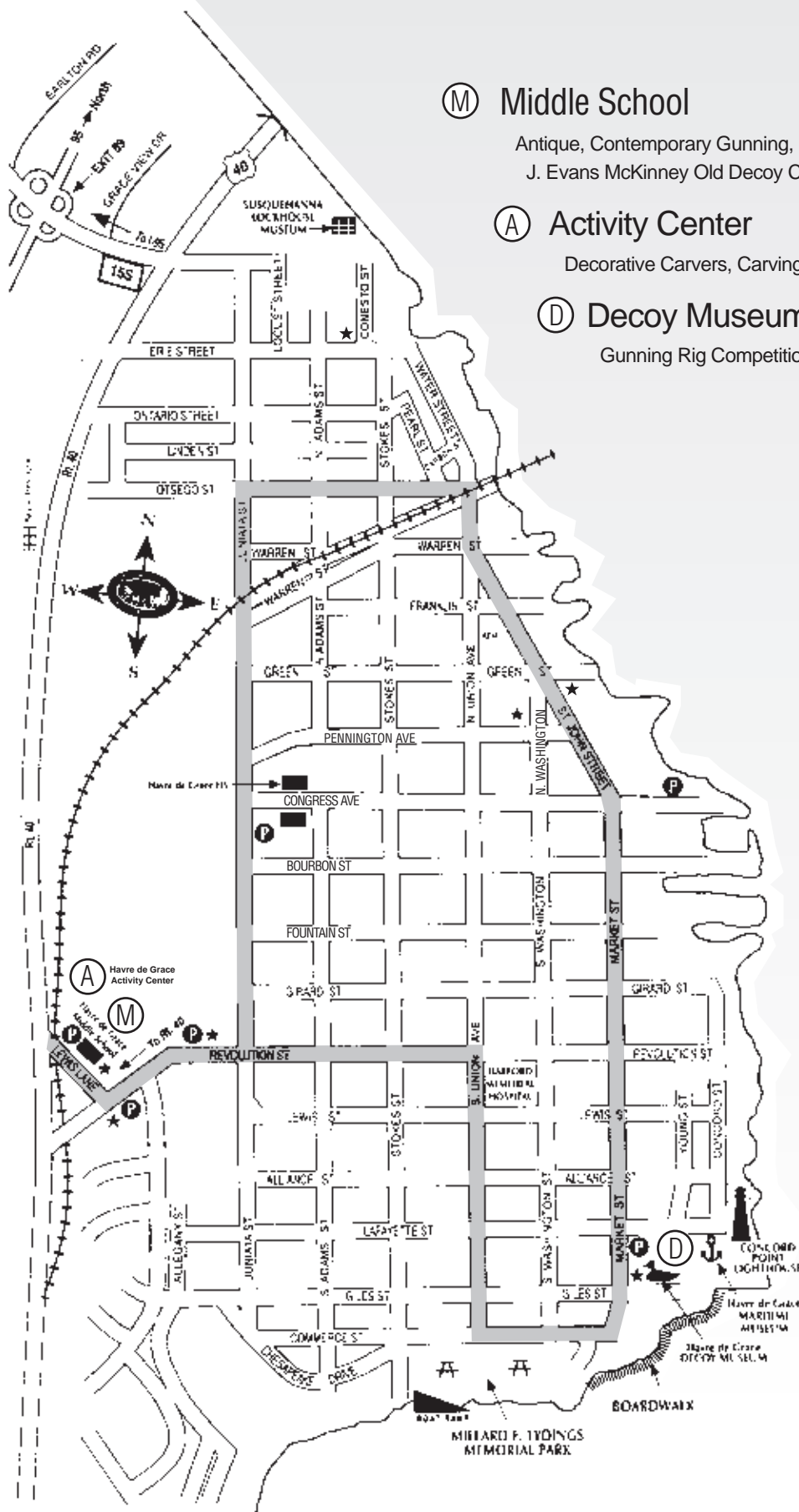
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Live Auction
Saturday May 7, 2011
Preview 1:00pm
Registration 4:00pm
Auction 5:30pm

Outdoor Hunting Show

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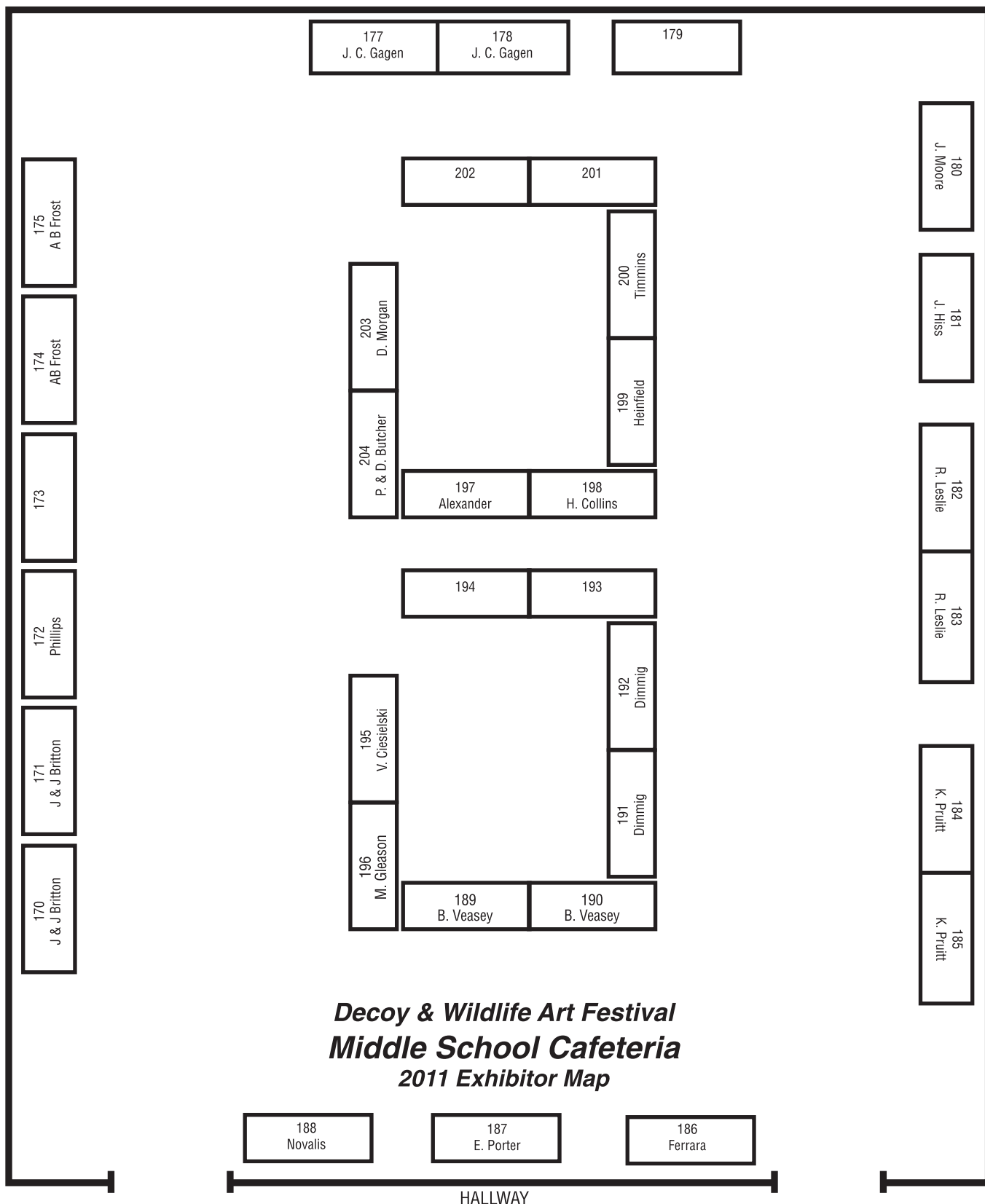
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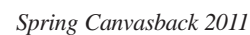
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Meet Tom Humberstone

HONORARY CHAIRMAN

2011 Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival



*Canada Goose Hunt; left to right,
John Mahollovic,
Tom Humberstone, Ed Kime*



Tom Humberstone with decoys he made



*Left, Ken Harris; right
Tom Humberstone
Dec. 1981*

TOM HUMBERSTONE of Skaneateles, New York, is the Honorary Chairman for this year's Havre De Grace Decoy Museum Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival, the Museum's 30th. Skaneateles is a small town southwest of Syracuse on one of upper New York State's Finger Lakes. This area is home to many of North America's migrating waterfowl such as Canada Geese which seek out the marshy lands around the Chesapeake Bay and in New Jersey as they migrate south.

We first met Tom Humberstone and his lovely wife Betsy at the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum's 24th Annual Dinner last

November at the Bayou Restaurant where he contributed fifteen pairs of canvasback decoys to the live auction. When Tom was introduced as the next Honorary Chairman for the Havre De Grace Decoy Museum Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival, he told guests, "This is an extreme honor for me to be a part of the group of honorary chairmen." We came to know Tom as warm, friendly and sincere in his dedication to the Museum and fellow carvers and collectors.

The following weekend we met Tom and Betsy at the Easton Waterfowl Show which proved to be a great weather week-

Tom Humberstone's work shop



At Black Lake, left to right, Ken Rabb, Tom Humberstone, Bille Moore, Ed Cooper October 1989



Blackduck used for poster and button.

end for the enormous and popular festival on Maryland's Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. It was interesting to see how many of the visitors to the show knew Tom. One couple asked if he would have time to make a pair of Labrador ducks for the Havre de Grace Show in May. Tom smiled and said, "Maybe."

Some background on Tom Humberstone: He and Betsy have two sons, Michael and Jason. All of them enjoy fishing, and their sons also hunt like their father. Tom and Betsy are Life Members of Ducks Unlimited, the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Bayman's Museum in Tuckerton, New Jersey, and the Thousand Islands Museum in Clayton, New York, near the St. Lawrence River. Tom is also a Life Member of the National Rifle Association.

He was inducted into the New York State Outdoorsman Hall of Fame in 1995 for his work in conservation. Tom was also honored by New York State Ducks Unlimited as New York State's Conservationist of the Year, 2010. When he received this particular honor, he was given a prized possession: a Patrick Vincenti Black Duck decoy. Tom said that it was better than the award title itself



Left: Looking into Humberstone's work shop. Right: Canada Ducks Unlimited Project, left Bob Kosty, right Tom Humberstone.



because Pat is a very close friend of his. (Patrick "Pat" Vincenti is President of the Board of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum.)

Vincenti said of Tom, "He is extremely knowledgeable about decoys from his area—the St. Lawrence River, Great Lakes area. He shares the passion of old decoy makers." He noted that Tom and he have been friends since the early 1980's and, despite the distance, Tom is an active member of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum and an advocate for the Festivals and for the R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Fund and he and Betsy attend every event and dinner.

After graduating from high school,

Tom worked for Acme Markets as a journeyman meat-cutter. In 1967 he became a firefighter with the City of Syracuse and retired in 1996 after twenty-nine years as a Lieutenant on an Engine Company. He "still misses the camaraderie and the profession." However, Tom feels that fire-fighting is a young person's job.

Humberstone started hunting in 1965 and became an avid waterfowler right away. At this time he also became a collector of old decoys. This prompted an interest in making his own hunting rigs. The 1960's plastic decoys had become the norm for hunting. While at the Clayton Decoy Show in the mid-1970's, Tom met Mike Waverchak, a local carver from



Tom Humberstone attending Ohio Decoy Show



Left to right Tom Humberstone, Robert Youngman

Memphis, New York. Waverchak taught Tom how to make decoys—and the rest is history! It was also Mike Waverchak who introduced him to Ken Harris, another famous decoy maker from the area. Harris allowed Tom to watch him work and taught him some valuable techniques. Pat Vincenti said Harris was the most prolific of decoy carvers.

Because of Tom's love for waterfowl history, he has hunted with Pat for the past three years in the upper Chesapeake Bay area. He and Betsy were here in January for hunting and other events. The men have good luck with Broadbills (Blackheads) but Canvasbacks have eluded them. (Tom wondered if the Cans are trying to tell them something.)

Tom carves in the manner of the St. Lawrence River carvers from the northern section of New York State. He uses white cedar or white pine for his hunting decoys and finishes them with oil paints. The cork decoys he makes are also finished

in oil paints. Since 1975 Tom has carved many different species of waterfowl but he prefers to make Black Ducks and Canvasbacks.

His sense of humor shows in describing his two shops, one in his barn at Skaneateles and one at their camp on Black Lake in Hammond, New York. He said that Betsy refuses to clean his shop in the barn with all the sawdust and shavings on the floor. When someone came from Ducks Unlimited in Kingston, Ontario, to take a picture of the barn, he and Betsy recoiled at the thought. However, when the photo was developed, they laughed—the sawdust in the cobwebs actually made an interesting scene! And a friend suggested he heat the barn so he can continue working there all year. Tom chuckled, "It would probably burn down!"

For the past three years Tom has been coming to the Level Volunteer Fire Department's Hall in Maryland for the "Susquehanna Flats Vintage Hunting and

Fishing Collectible Show." There he is able to buy and sell vintage waterfowling items. He truly enjoys the decoys from all areas of the country but has a special fondness for the decoys and history of the Chesapeake Bay area.

This year Tom is also Chairman of the annual Clayton Decoy & Wildlife Art & Sporting Collectibles Show which is sponsored by the Thousand Islands Museum at Clayton. This is its 43rd year. The show runs July 15th and 16th. This year could be a great summer trip north to see Tom and the other St. Lawrence carvers.

With Tom and Betsy's January visit to Maryland at an end, we looked forward to seeing them again at the R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Dinner to be held in March. Tom will return in May for the 30th Havre De Grace Decoy Museum Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival as Honorary Chairman. Look for Tom with his exhibit of duck working decoys! ■

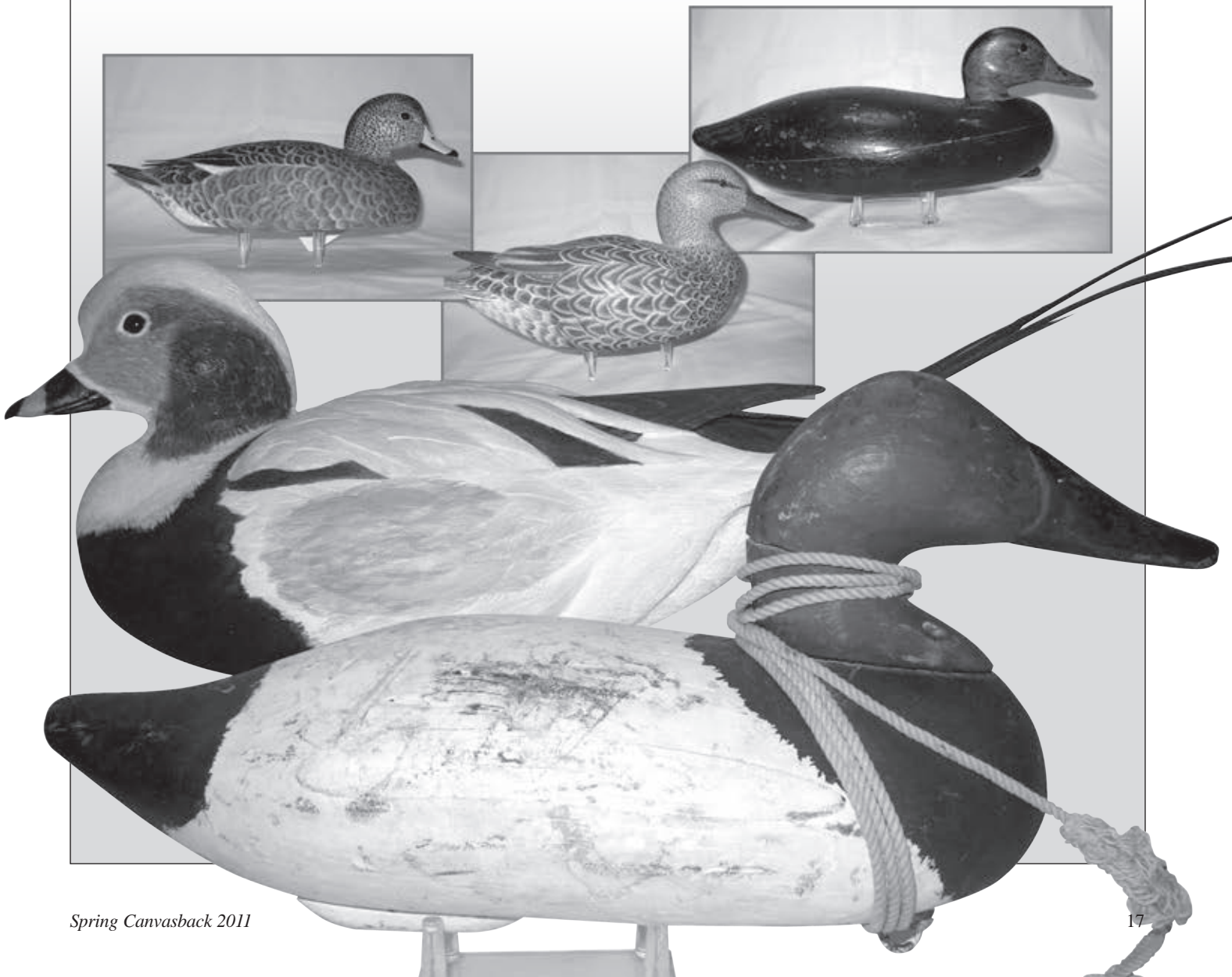
ACTIVITY CENTER

Live Auction

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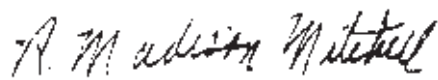
Decoys new and old will be available.

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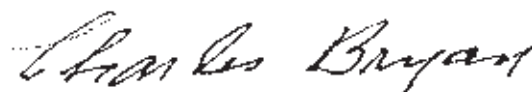
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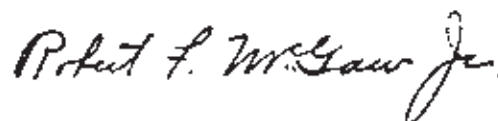
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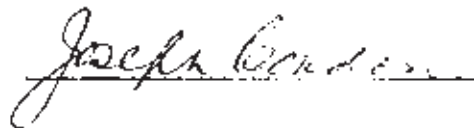
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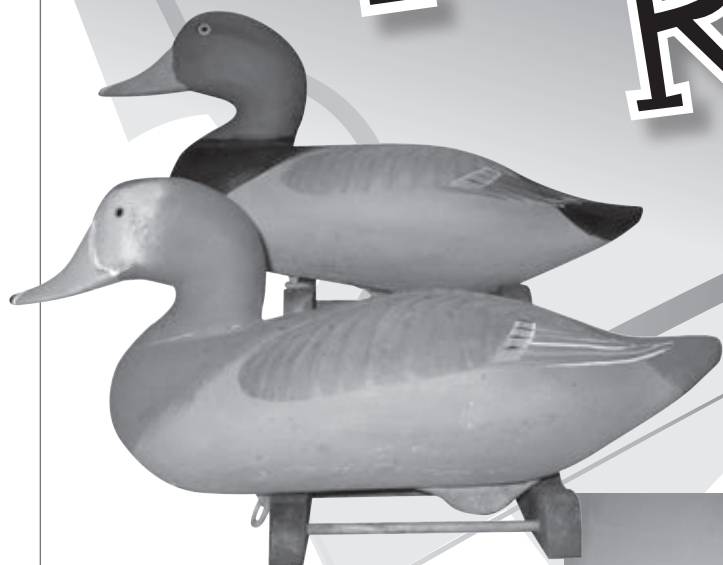
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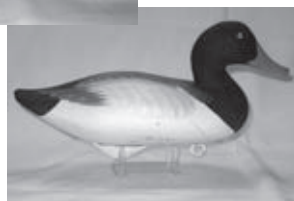
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**R. Madison Mitchell
Canvasback Drake**



← 3RD PRIZE

**R. Madison Mitchell
Bluebill Drake**



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Featuring the Exterior
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**Limited Edition R. Madison
Shop Print** Featuring the Interi-
or of the shop with a Pintail Pair
Autographed by R.M. Mitchell



Winners drawn at 3:30 pm. Sunday, May 8th, 2011, during the
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For more information, please call the Museum at 410-939-3739
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Collector's corner

BY C. JOHN SULLIVAN

The Passion for Collecting & Caretaking



I have too much stuff. I keep too much stuff. The stuff in my life says a lot about me. The stuff of our lives helps us to recall, to remember, to reflect on the good times, the sad times, the fun times of days long gone.

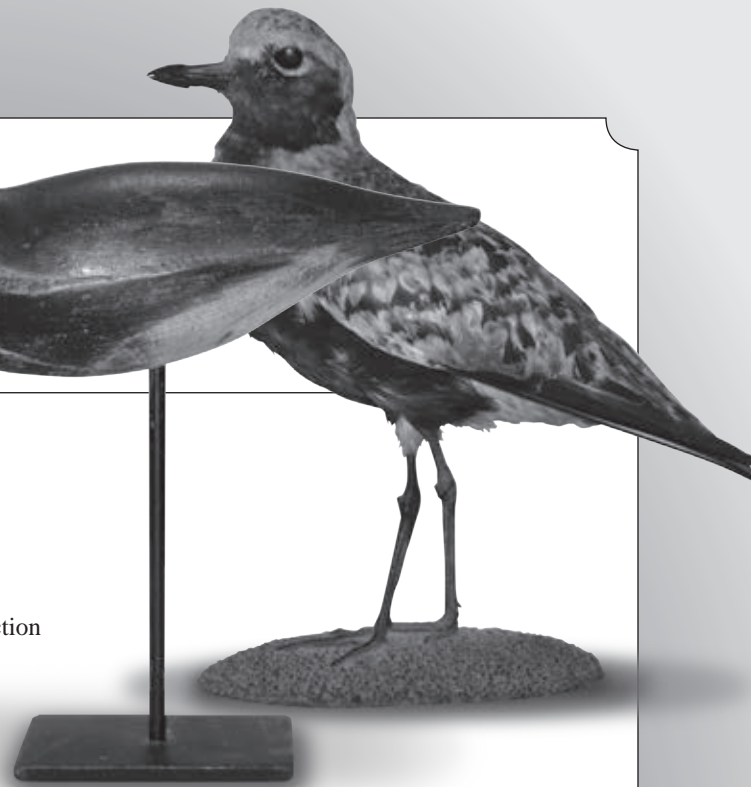
I have kept a journal for many years. My mother and my grandmother kept journals. My father and grandfathers kept notes, receipts, time records, and letters of important events in their lives. Those items constituted their journals. I now have the ability to have a glimpse back to times in my family's past. I can see what their daily routines were; I can share their joys and frustrations by opening up their archives. Those items give direction and meaning to my collecting and continue to inspire me.

In addition to those journals and the journals and logs of others, I collect a few other items aside from my decoys. In a recent search through one of my storage areas, I came across a box of Native American ax heads and tomahawk heads. I was given those items by the widow of a local stone mason many years ago. That mason collected Native American stone artifacts and traveled throughout the area searching shorelines almost 100 years ago. They

were his lifelong collection and were presented to me for my safe keeping.

The instructions that came with them were brief but still echo in my mind, "take care of those stones, John Sullivan; my husband collected those throughout his life and they meant so much to him." Shortly before a trip down memory lane with those old stone artifacts I opened up another box. The odor of mothballs permeated the air before I had removed the lid. The moment the lid came off I was transported back to an attic in Berlin on Maryland's Eastern Shore on a blistering hot day in the summer of 1994. It was on that day that my oldest decoy friend, Henry A. Fleckenstein, Jr., and I crawled through the attic of Donald Walker.

The Walker family vacationed in Ocean City, Maryland, for decades beginning before 1900. They shot duck, geese, and shorebirds on their annual trips. They carved their own decoys and purchased shorebird decoys from the Mason Decoy Factory in Detroit, Michigan. I long to return to that attic to see if there is anything that I might have missed. The contents of this box, which might well have no appeal to any collector but me, was filled with bird skins from Ocean City, Maryland. The



skins were of shore birds and ducks that Donald's father, Robert Craighead Walker, shot on the beach in Ocean City. Each specimen has its original tag fastened around the bird's leg. The tag indicates the date in the 1920's when the bird was shot, the species, the sex of the bird, and where it was shot, on the beach or on the bay side.

Out of respect for this collection, I had written a note of when Henry and I had made the discovery and when I packed them in the box. I removed most of the shorebirds to take home to display. The bird skins like the Indian artifacts were collections of someone else, yet I feel compelled to make them part of my collection.

I find them as fascinating today as on the day that they came into my caretaking. Will someone who follows me find them as fascinating as I? I certainly hope so, but if not, I just hope that someone will say someday that "he had a good eye, didn't he?" Or maybe, "he really had some neat stuff." But most importantly, they just might say, "He really was a caretaker, wasn't he?". ■

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering

EDWARD LEROY WATTS

September 30, 1935 — November 29, 2010

By JoAnn M. Macdonald

Edward Leroy Watts is remembered by members of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum with much fondness. This fraternity of decoy carvers shared many stories, both serious and cheery, of Ed's generosity and dedication to the Museum. Patrick Vincenti, President of the Board of the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, knew Ed not only as a past president of the Museum and a fellow member of the Board of Directors, but as a close friend. He spoke with pride in knowing Ed for his involvement with other non-profit and volunteer organizations, as well, both local and across the country.

Several of us Museum members were with Mr. Vincenti at the Memorial Service which was held in



ever he could to support the Decoy Museum. Vincenti said Ed was concerned about the debt on the construction of the decoy gallery and exhibits. It should come as no surprise that Ed requested remembrances of him to be made to the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum.

Jerry Rutkowski, also a member of the Board, remembered Ed as a strong supporter of the Upper Chesapeake Chapter of Delta Waterfowl. The two organizations "grew a strong bond and helped each other grow," Jerry recounted, as he and Ed worked together in making this happen for the benefit of both the Decoy Museum and Delta Waterfowl. "Mr. Watts...left a pair of shoes that cannot be filled."

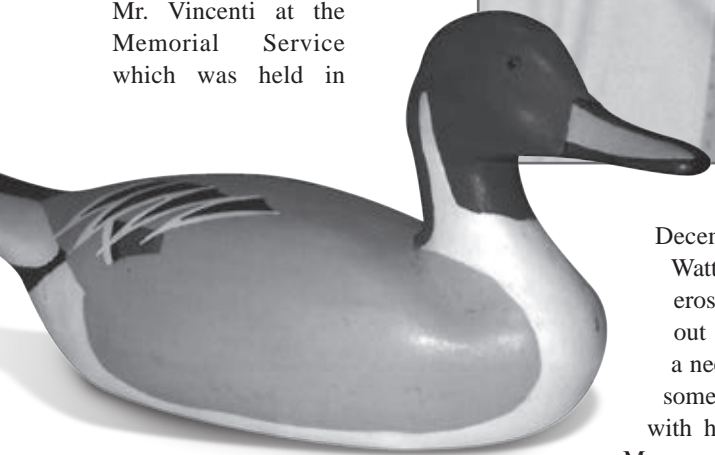
Dale Heitkamp recalled how Ed "managed the Decoy Show's Carving Competition. He always encouraged the youth to get into the hobby of carving and entering the competitions. He will be missed by all at the Museum."

Kenny Stevenson also worked in concrete construction with Ed—high rise office buildings, schools and such. "Ed was my foreman and my mentor...always brought out the best in me and everyone on the crew...There are few days that go by that I don't think about the things I learned from Ed."

Ed's friendliness with everyone he met was remembered by Margaret C. Jones, who is the Special Events/Education Coordinator for the Museum. Her daughter considered him another grandfather. Indeed, he was the jolly grandfather to

December in Ed's church. The Watts family spoke of his generosity with the ability to pull out his checkbook when he saw a need or an opportunity to assist someone somehow. And so it was with his generosity for the Decoy Museum, Vincenti recounted. "It is more important to think of the man not the checkbook. For the Museum, the festivals, the many events, Ed Watts was always there."

He came with his son Michael Watts to burn decoys after the last hospital visit in November, "and I gave him hell," to quote Vincenti. Ed was eager to do what-



Carving of a Pintail, by Ed Watts.



Some of Ed Watts' whimsical carvings.

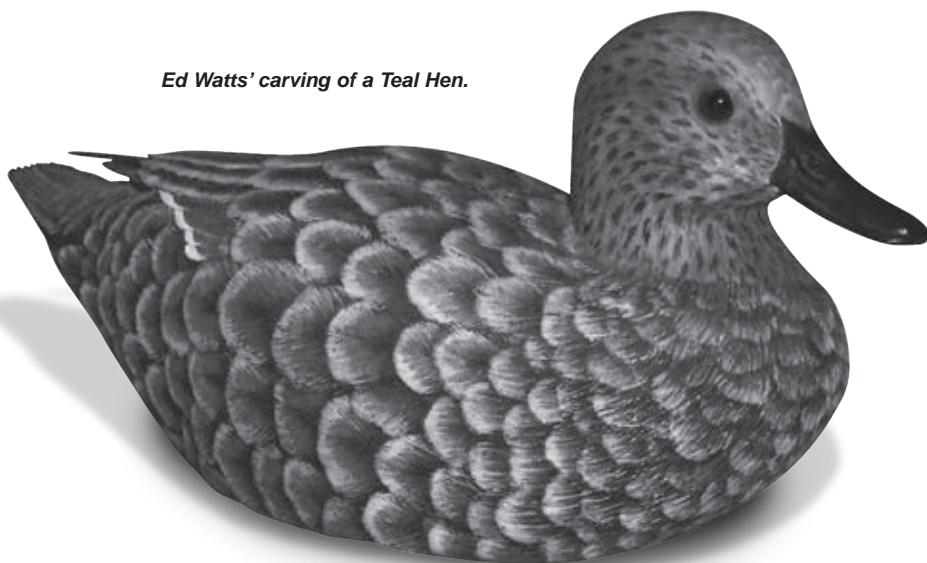
seven and great-grandfather to nine. He leaves behind two sons and a daughter, a sister, many relatives and many friends.

In addition to his documented volunteer contributions, Ed was a long-time carver of decoys, other birds, and unique creations. For example, several truly impressive decoys and sculptures convey Ed's depth of perception and attention to detail. There was a Santa Claus figure about nine inches tall with a mug of cocoa

in his right hand. It was carved and sculpted, the chipping marks uniform on Santa's figure with the "stitching marks" of a sewing machine standing out for the observer to see. Santa was in his BVDs; when turned around he gave the viewer a peek of an open "trap door" in the rear of his BVDs...Ed's sense of humor.



Ed Watts' carving of a Teal Hen.



Perhaps the most outstanding of his sculpted creations is the huge moose antler which is brownish in color. One can see the bone grain. Ed carved out most of the large bone area and within that space he carved five white flying geese in a vertical formation. The white is the inside of the antler bone plate. The piece is exquisite in its detail; absolutely a treasure to behold. It is as if the geese were in there all the time, just waiting for him to carve away the rest of the bone plate.

Edward Leroy Watts left behind the admiration of his colleagues in whatever capacity he worked. He left behind fellow hunters and carvers and collectors. He gave without a thought of himself in the act of giving. He left behind his love for all and for all of us to remember. He is missed. ■

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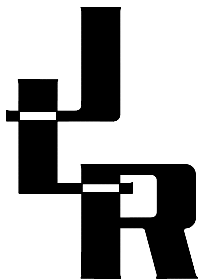
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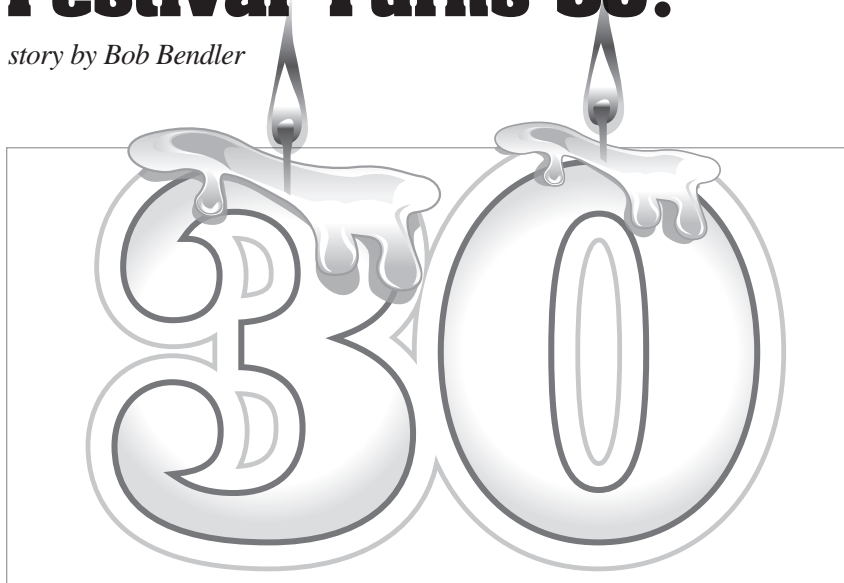
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Mark your calendar and make plans now to participate in this milestone event on May 6, 7 and 8, 2011. Allocate some extra time for visiting the Museum's second floor gallery and reflect upon the Master Decoy Makers and their works. ■

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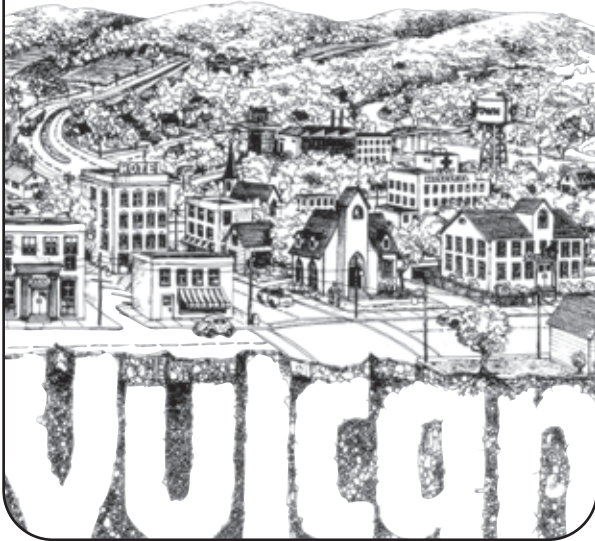
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The Decoy Museum's Exhibits

"Tools of the Market Gunner" Exhibit featuring a number of punt and battery guns, on loan from the R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Trust, in the Library

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An exhibit of Factory Decoys, donated by Dr. M. Kramer, second floor gallery

Louisiana Decoys, Library gallery

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APRIL 2ND TO OCTOBER 30TH	APRIL 16TH TO APRIL 17TH
<p>Guided Historical Walking Tours begin! (every Saturday) 2pm and by appointment. Tours led by costumed guides. History includes HdG involvement in War of 1812. Group rates available. Tickets can be purchased on-line. Call for admission. For more information call: 410-939-1811 or email: hdgmainstreet@verizon.net or go to their website: www.mainstreethdg.org</p>	<p>City-wide Yard Sale. 8:00am-4:00pm. Huge, community-wide event. Yard sales, sidewalk sales, and bargains galore. Note: HdG residents interested in having a yard sale on this weekend should contact Ron Browning no later than 2 weeks prior to get your address posted in the Record Newspaper and the Tourism Website. For more information contact: Ron Browning & HdG Office of Tourism at: 410-939-6562 or 410-939-2100 or email: info2@havredegracemd.com or visit their website: www.hdgtourism.com</p>
APRIL 9TH	APRIL 23RD
<p>Susquehanna Museum 2011 Re-Opening Event. Join us as we re-open the Lock House Museum for 2011 season. Open to the Public. For more information call: 410-939-5780 or email: director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p>	<p>Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway's Annual River Sweep Event. 8:30-1pm. General clean-up along shoreline of Susquehanna River and its tributaries in Havre de Grace from Tydings Park to the Lock House. For more information contact: Peter Green at: 410-939-7644 or email: PETER.D.GREEN@ATT.NET</p>
APRIL 14TH	
<p>Ellsworth Shank Lecture Series. 7:00 pm "Lightships of the Chesapeake" presented by Wayne Kirlin. Come to City Hall at 711 Pennington Ave. for this very interesting presentation. Open to the Public. For more information call: 410-939-5780 or email: director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p>	<p>Easter Egg Hunt at Tydings Park! 12 noon - sharp! Bring your family to enjoy a spectacular Easter Egg Hunt. Don't be late, Race starts promptly at noon! Sponsored by HdG Recreation Committee. For more information contact: Karen Green at 410-939-6724</p>

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MAY 6TH	MAY 14TH
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MAY 6TH TO MAY 8TH	MAY 14TH TO MAY 15TH
<p>30th Annual Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival. Fri. 6-9pm, Sat. 9-5pm, Sun. 10-4pm. Festival features Decoy Carvers, Artists, Commercial Outfitters, Guide Services, Live & Silent Auctions, and Retriever Dog Demonstrations. Held at 3 locations: HdG Middle School, HdG Activity Center, and Decoy Museum. Admission is \$8/person for the weekend. Children 12yrs and under accompanied by an adult are free. For more information call: 410-939-3739 or email: decoymuseum@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Medieval Days at the Steppingstone Farm Museum. 12-5pm both days Event features a Medieval Encampment with heavy weapons fighting, arts and sciences demonstrations, period music and dance, artisans, games and more! Admission is required. For more information call: 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762 or email: steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit their website: http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org</p>
MAY 7TH	MAY 21ST
<p>War of 1812 Re-Enactment 10am-4pm. Visit the grounds of the Susquehanna Museum at the lock House as the British once again storm HdG as they did on May 3, 1813! There will be drill formations, men and women in period attire, troop encampments, craft demonstrations, and discussions on the War and its effects on the town of Havre de Grace. For more information call: 410-939-5780 or 410-939-2100 or email: director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p> <p>Farmers' Market—Every Saturday though October! 9:00am -12:00 noon. Farmers' Market bringing fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, honey, cut flowers, bakery, pesto, and potted plants in a festive atmosphere to the downtown district. For more information contact: Rory White at 443-250-5443 or email: rory.white@edwardjones.com or visit their website: www.hdgmainstreet.org</p> <p>Free Comic Book Day in Havre de Grace! 11-5pm. Get your free comic book at Washington Street Books & Music! Also get a free comic book at Just For Fun shop located on Franklin St. to celebrate National Free Comic Book Day! For more information call: 410-939-6215 & 443-502-2798 or email: WASHBKS@EROLS.COM & JUSTFORFUNMD@Comcast.net or visit their website: http://www.washingtonstreetbooks.com</p>	<p>Antiques Crawl of Havre de Grace. 9-4pm. Come to downtown HdG to enjoy the many treasures offered by over 50 antique vendors! Food and music available to make this event especially festive! For more information call: 410-939-1811 or email: hdgmainstreet@verizon.net or visit their website: www.hdgmainstreet.org</p> <p>Historic Nature Walk on North Park Trail. 10am. This guided nature and historic walk takes approximately 1 hour. Meet at the Lock House Museum. Open to the Public. For more information call: 410-939-5780 or email: director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p>
MAY 12TH	MAY 30TH
<p>Ellsworth Shank Lecture Series. 7:00 pm. "Forging and Testing the Greatest Generation in Harford & Cecil Counties" presented by Erika Quesenbery. Come to City Hall at 711 Pennington Avenue for this very informative presentation. Open to the Public. For more information email: director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p>	<p>Memorial Day Event-Sponsored by American Legion Post 47. 9am and 11am. Memorial Day observances begin at Angel Hill Cemetery at 9am and then proceed to Tydings Memorial Park at 11am. Sponsored by American Legion Post 47. For more information call: 410-939-0234</p>
MAY 12TH	JUNE 3RD
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MAY 12TH	JUNE 4TH
	<p>Upper Chesapeake Residential Hospice's 11th Annual Regatta. 5-10pm Come to the Concord Point Lighthouse to enjoy the Sailboat Regatta and dinner provided by notable chefs from several of Harford County's finest restaurants. Enjoy unlimited beer & soda, music, gaming wheels and a silent auction. Tickets are required. For more information call: 443-643-3469 or email: dbt.01@ex.uchs.org or visit their website: www.uchs.org</p>

<p align="center">JUNE 9TH</p> <p>Ellsworth Shank Lecture Series. 7pm. Historians Roundtable Discussion at City Hall. Join some of the area's foremost historians as they discuss interesting and controversial issues about HdG's past. Open to the Public. For more information call: 410-939-5780 or email: director@lockhouse-museum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 25TH</p> <p>Summertime Blues Festival. 2-8pm. Come to Steppingstone Farm Museum to enjoy lively blues music; food, beer and wine; artisans in an outdoor setting. Rain or Shine event! Advance Tickets Sold. For more information call: 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762 or email: steppingstone-museum@msn.com or visit their website: http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 12TH</p> <p>25th Annual Celtic Festival at Steppingstone Farm Museum. 12-5pm. This festival features live Celtic music, clans, vendors, dancing, military encampment, historical crafts and more! Admission is required. For more information call: 410-939-2299 or 888-419-1762 or email: steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit their website: http://www.steppingstonemuseum.org</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 28TH TO JULY 3RD</p> <p>HdG's Independence Celebration Carnival. Bring the entire family to the annual Independence Celebration Carnival held at Tydings Memorial Park! Rides and attractions for all ages. Times vary. Admission for rides is required. For more information contact the Independence Day Celebration Committee at 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100 or visit their website: www.hdgtourism.com</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 18TH</p> <p>The Decoy Museum's Annual Sporting Clay Classic. 9am. The HdG Decoy Museum invites you to this 75 target, 3 Lewis Class event! Shoot takes place at Pintail Point in Queenstown, MD. All proceeds benefit the Decoy Museum. For more information call: 410-939-3739 or email: decoymuseum@yahoo.com</p>	<p align="center">JULY 3RD</p> <p>Annual Havre de Grace Parade & Fireworks. 2pm. Parade, 9:15 Fireworks (approx.) Come to Union Ave. to watch the area's best parade around! Then, enjoy the carnival at Tydings Park from 6-10pm, with a concert in the park at 7pm and then... the awesome fireworks at 9:15 approximately. For more information contact the Independence Day Celebration Committee at 410-939-4362 or 410-939-2100</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 20TH TO JUNE 25TH</p> <p>Teen Boat Building School at Maritime Museum. 9am-4pm. Teens will learn how to build their own canoe with help from the instructors of the Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School. Register through Harford Community College at www.harford.edu. Advance Registration and Orientation Required. Must register thru HCC Course Fee & Tuition. For more information call: 410-939-4800 email: museum@comcast.net or visit their website: www.maritimemuseum.org</p>	<p align="center">JULY 9TH TO JULY 10TH</p> <p>Pirate Encampment at the Lockhouse Museum. Sat. 10-4pm, Sun. 11-4pm Come to meet pirates in an historical encampment. The Lock House features an authentic living history pirate encampment with intermittent pirate skirmishes, period clothing, and black powder weapons demonstrations. Admission required. For more information call: 410-939-5780 or email: director@lockhousemuseum.org or visit their website: http://www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p>

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