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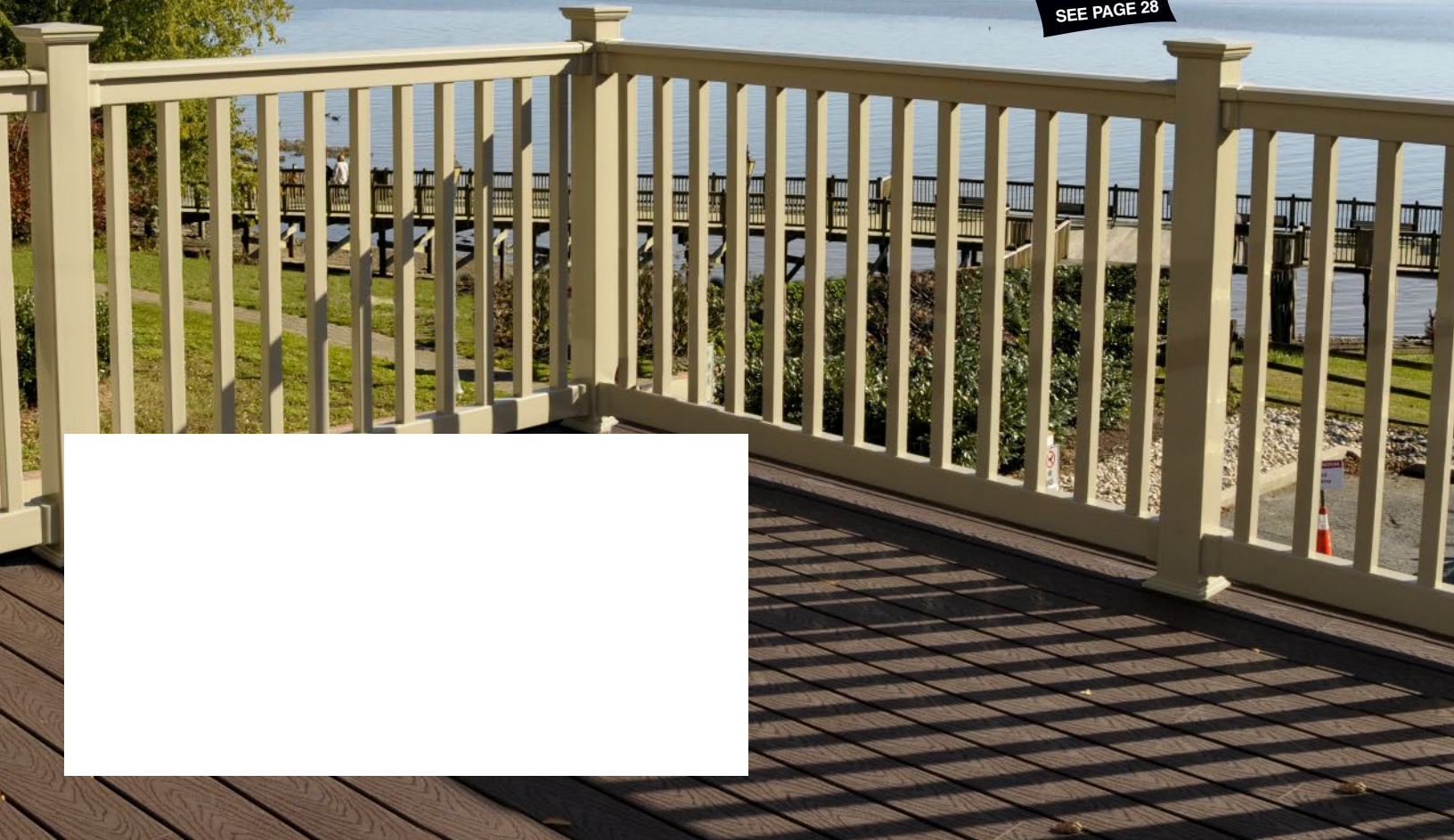


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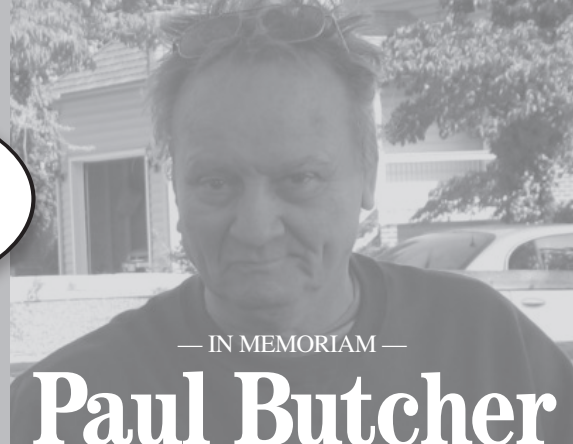
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— IN MEMORIAM —

Paul Butcher

January 20, 1943 – June 20, 2013

We were sad to learn that Paul Butcher, master decorative carver, Honorary Chairman of the Decoy Museum's 2008 Duck Fair, and longtime supporter of the Museum, suffered a heart attack and passed away in his sleep at his home in Middle River, Maryland on Thursday afternoon June 20, 2013. A down-home West Virginian at heart, he loved carving, fishing, camping, gardening, and making home-brewed spirits.

He and his beloved wife Debra, who died 3 ½ years ago, were a great team. Paul would carve and Debra would assist in painting. Their beautiful carvings were well known, and they displayed and sold them for over 20 years.

Paul started carving wood at age 12 with no formal training and relied on his knowledge of nature. He never hesitated to share his skill with fellow carvers. Paul loved to teach and considered his students as part of his family. The five class members at the time of his death ranged in age from 48 to 95.

In recent years, he and his student Sandie Butt teamed up. She helped him paint, and he taught her everything he could about the art of decorative carving. He became her mentor and best friend and introduced her to his carving friends. They would carve, sand, burn, and paint, sometimes six days a week and eight to ten hours a day.

Paul is also survived by his loving nephew Collin, family, and friends. He wanted his friends to remember him as the character he was, and his wishes were to be cremated without a service. Paul and Debra will not be forgotten by us here at the Decoy Museum or by many other people whose lives they touched and enriched.

His family has proposed that Paul and Debra may be honored with contributions in their memory to either The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum or The Upper Bay Museum in Northeast. ■

ON THE COVER

This month's cover shows a gathering of Ducks Unlimited supporters on the deck of the Decoy Museum and the spectacular view of the Susquehanna Flats that is offered from that vantage point. It is one of the finest event venues in the area.

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From the President

Dear Museum Member,

The mid-summer heat makes me think back to the perfect early spring weather when I sat down to write this letter for the Decoy Festival issue and how much has happened in the meantime. I told you about the festivities at R. Madison Mitchell Endowment dinner held in March, and we have included a few pictures in this issue.

The big spring event, always, is the Decoy Festival on the first weekend in May, which this year coincided with the War of 1812 Bicentennial celebration. That brought hordes of visitors into Havre de Grace. But with so many attractions to choose from, our visitors did not linger as long as they have in the past, which was a big disappointment to our exhibitors. The more we do, the more we learn. This year's big "learn" was that with so much going on, visitors and exhibitors alike will benefit from improved signage on our part. Future visitors need to be better directed to all corners of the Festival within the complex that includes the Middle School and the Activities Center, as well as the parking lot in between.



Photo by Leo Heppner

During the Festival weekend we hosted a special VIP reception for many prominent citizens from the public, private, and military spheres at the city, county, and state levels and were very pleased to have the opportunity to showcase the Museum to so many of Maryland's movers and shakers. We have also included some pictures of that event.

I can't say it enough: "Thank you" to all of the people who made the Festival another success.

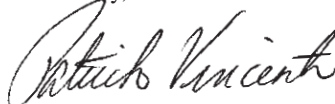
Mayor Wayne Dougherty and the City Council provided tremendous support, especially by keeping two major and simultaneous events coordinated. MacGregor's Restaurant provided excellent catering for the exhibitors. The Museum staff and dedicated volunteers put in long hours and great effort. Our exhibitors have shown tremendous loyalty, and next year we will help them by applying the lessons we learned this year. We appreciate every single thing that every single person did.

The sporting clays shoot at Pintail Point in June was well attended, and the shooters had a good morning with cloudless skies, mild temperatures, and no humidity. We treated everyone to a picnic buffet lunch during the awarding of prizes. Capt. Bill Collins decided this was the year to pass the torch as committee chairman. He provided vital tutelage to Margaret Jones and Ed Henry who took the handoff from him and assumed the leadership role. Special thanks go to John Hostetter and Jerry Rutkowski for their generous financial support and fund raising efforts.

Around the office, we have upgraded the computers to Microsoft Office 2013 and will soon upgrade the Museum's primary database software, Past Perfect, all thanks to the generosity of John Hostetter. We are targeting groups, such as hunters, for membership solicitations. We are converting all 22 years of our past issues of *The Canvasback* to electronic versions for archival purposes. We are putting the finishing touches on a new look for the website. And we are planning a 5K run through Havre de Grace on September 28th as a fund-raising event.

So, there is never a dull moment around the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum! You and our loyal volunteers make it all possible. Again, we are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,



Pat Vincenti

TO OUR 2013 FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS



A huge “Thank you!” to all the many volunteers
who in ways both great and small helped make the 32nd Annual Havre de Grace Decoy and
Wildlife Art Festival a success, many of whom worked quietly behind the scenes with little recognition.

You did it! We could not manage this event without you!

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DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE FLOATING—OPEN

Diver

Red-breasted Merganser

1st Robert Whiting

Hooded Merganser

1st Dwinton Morgan

2nd Dwinton Morgan

3rd Jimmy Hockett

Scaup

1st F. J. Valentino

Best of Diver

1st F. J. Valentino, *Scaup*

2nd Dwinton Morgan,
Hooded Merganser

3rd Robert Whiting,
Red-breasted Merganser

Best of Show

1st F. J. Valentino,
Scaup

2nd Dwinton Morgan,
Hooded Merganser

3rd Robert Whiting,
Red-breasted Merganser

DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE FLOATING—INTERMEDIATE

Diver

Bufflehead

1st Sam Grasso

Ruddy

1st Charles Elin

Best of Diver

1st Sam Grasso,
Bufflehead

2nd Charles Elin,
Ruddy

Marsh

Pintail

1st Gerald Everett Argoe

Shoveler

1st James P. Drabo

Best of Marsh

1st Gerald Everett Argoe,
Pintail

2nd James Drago,
Shoveler

Goose & Confidence

Other—Eider

1st Karen Hattman

Best of Goose & Confidence

1st Karen Hattman

Best in Show

1st Karen Hattman,
Eider

2nd Gerald Everett Argoe,
Pintail

3rd Sam Grasso,
Bufflehead

DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE FLOATING—NOVICE

Diver

Ring-necked Duck

1st Michael Collier

Best of Diver

1st Michael Collier,
Ring-necked Duck

Marsh

Black Duck

1st Bill Bertz

Best of Marsh

1st Bill Bertz,
Black Duck

Best in Show

1st Michael Collier,
Ring-necked Duck

2nd Bill Bertz,
Black Duck

DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE NON-FLOATING—OPEN

Shore Birds

1st Jerry Wheatlay,
Woodcock

2nd Jerry Wheatlay,
Night Heron

Birds of Prey

1st Ralph Nester,
Barred Owl

2nd Robert Hostetler,
Screech Owl

Songbirds

1st Edward Itter,
Kingfisher

2nd Bill Burchey,
Blue bird

Best of Show

1st James Ralph Nester,
Barred Owl

2nd Edward Itter,
Kingfisher

3rd Bill Burchey,
Blue Bird

DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE NON-FLOATING— INTERMEDIATE

Waterfowl

1st Carol Tosi,
Wood Duck

2nd Carl Tosi,
Widgeon

3rd Phil Nevin,
Eider

Shorebird

1st Harry T. Morrison,
Avocet

Birds of Prey

1st James McClaskey,
Owl

2nd Konrad Steck,
Eagle

3rd Konrad Steck,
Owl

Songbirds

1st James McClaskey,
Goldfinch

2nd Henry T. Jacobs,
Nuthatch

3rd Henry T. Jacobs,
Red-bellied Woodpecker

HM Sam Grasso,
Goldfinch

Seabirds

1st Timothy Curley,
Tern

Best of Show

1st James McClaskey,
Goldfinch

Carving Competition Results

- 2nd Timothy Curley,
Tern
- 3rd James McClaskkey,
Owl

DECORATIVE LIFE-SIZE NON-FLOATING—NOVICE

Waterfowl

- 1st William F. Weidman III,
Mandarin Duck
- 2nd Ken Guelta,
Harlequin
- 3rd Ron Kussrow,
Blue-winged Teal

Shorebirds

- 1st Bill Bertz,
Curlew
- 2nd Mark Daly,
Heron
- 3rd Gene Daugherty,
Heron

Birds of Prey

- 1st Clinton Cottrel,
Owl
- 2nd Joe Zappo,
Merlin

Songbirds

- 1st Marianne Stoecker,
Baltimore Oriole
- 2nd Ron Kussrow,
Cardinal
- 3rd Richard Bush,
Kingfisher

Seabirds

- 1st Joe Zappo,
Tern

Flat bottom Decorative

- 1st Em Stange

Best of Show

- 1st William F. Weidman III,
Mandarin Duck
- 2nd Marianne Stoecker,
Baltimore Oriole
- 3rd Ken Kussrow,
Harlequin Duck

MINIATURE—OPEN

Waterfowl

- 1st Jerry W. Wheatlay,
Black Duck
- 2nd Oscar Haines,
Pintail
- 3rd Duke Johnston,
Merganser

Shorebirds

- 1st Charlotte Dutton,
Semipalmated Plover
- 2nd William Scott Belote,
Pied-billed Grebe
- 3rd John Alexander,
Sanderling

Bird of Prey

- 1st Jack E. Bowman,
Sea Eagle

Best of Show

- 1st Jack E. Bowman,
Sea Eagle
- 2nd Charlotte Dutton,
Semipalmated Plover
- 3rd William Scott Belote,
Pied-billed Grebe

MINIATURE—INTERMEDIATE

Shorebirds

- 1st James McClaskey,
Blue Heron
- 2nd Richard E. Belote,
Sanderling
- 3rd Richard E. belote,
Red Knot

Best of Show

- 1st James McClaskey,
Blue Heron
- 2nd Richard E. Belote,
Sanderling
- 3rd Richard E. Belote,
Red Knot

MINIATURE—NOVICE

Upland Game Bids

- 1st Michael E. Adcock,
Turkey

Songbirds

- 1st Marianne Stoker,
Raven

Best of Show

- 1st Michael E. Adcock,
Turkey
- 2nd Marianne Stoecker,
Raven

"WHITEY FRANCK" SLICK DECOY

Diver

- Hooded Merganser*
- 1st William P. Bailey
- Red Head*
- 1st Steve G. Reiner
- Ruddy*
- 1st Allen Lopez

Best of Diver

- 1st William P. Bailey,
Hooded Merganser
- 2nd Steve G. Reiner,
Redhead
- 3rd Allen Lopez,
Ruddy

Marsh

- Black Duck*
- 1st Allen Lopez
- 2nd Richard E. Belote

Mallard

- 1st Allen Lopez
- Pintail*
- 1st William P. Bailey
- 2nd Roger Webster
- Wood Duck*
- 1st David Robbins

Best of Marsh

- 1st Allen Lopez,
Mallard
- 2nd William P. Bailey,
Pintail
- 3rd Allen Lopez,
Black Duck

Best in Show

- 1st William P. Bailey,
Hooded Merganser
- 2nd Allen Lopez,
Mallard
- 3rd William P. Bailey,
Pintail

GUNNING DECOY

Diver

- Bufflehead*
- 1st Scott Green
- 2nd Louis A. Caputo
- 3rd Nick Ossman
- HM Bill Bertz

Canvasback

- 1st Ronnie Young
- 2nd Ronnie Young
- 3rd Scott Green
- HM Kevin Rumassi
- HM Rodney D. Klahr

Goldeneye

- 1st Scott Green
- 2nd Scott Green
- 3rd Brian Lilly
- HM Heck Rice
- HM Teri Ford

Merganser—Red-breasted

- 1st Scott Green
- 2nd Richard E. Belote
- 3rd Bill Bertz

Merganser—Hooded

- 1st Scott Green
- 2nd Teri Ford
- 3rd Heck Rice
- HM Heck Rice

Oldsquaw

- 1st James Romig

2nd James Romig
3rd Ronnie Young
HM Heck Rice

Redhead
1st Scott Green
2nd Robert A. Barlett
3rd William Doley Jr.
HM Jerry Wheatlay
HM Robert A. Wheatlay

Ring-necked Duck
1st Ronnie Young
2nd James Romig
3rd Nick Ossman
HM Michael A. Adock
HM Scott Green

Ruddy
1st Rodney D. Klahr
2nd Rodney D. Klahr
3rd Louis A. Caputo

Scaup
1st Robert Barlett
2nd Robert Barlett
3rd Louis A. Caputo

Other—Scoter
1st Heck Rice
2nd Paul Dogrosky
3rd Scott Green
HM Heck Rice

Other—Eider
1st Scott Green
2nd Karen Hattman

Best of Diver
1st James Romig, Oldsquaw
2nd Ronnie Young, Ring-necked Duck
3rd Ronnie Young, Canvasback

Marsh
Black Duck
1st James Romig
2nd Michael H. Collier
3rd Jerry W. Wheatlay
HM Richard E. Belote
HM Tom Heron

Gadwall
1st Robert Barlett

Pintail
1st James Belote
2nd James Romig
3rd Karen Rynarzeski
HM Vincent A. Pagliaroli

Shoveler
1st Kevin Rumassi
Teal, Blue-winged
1st Scott Green
Teal, Green-winged
1st Tom Heron
2nd Gene Daugherty

Wood Duck
1st James Romig
2nd Heck Rice

Widgeon
1st Vincent A. Pagliaroli
2nd Vincent A. Pagliaroli

Best of Marsh
1st James Belote, Pintail
2nd Robert Barlett, Gadwall
3rd James Romig, Black Duck

Goose & Confidence
Canada
1st Mark Daly
Brant
1st Rodney D. Klahr
2nd Jack Koenig
3rd David Robbins
HM David Robbins

Other—Goose
1st Robert A. Bartlett, Ross's Goose
2nd Bill Bertz, Snow Goose

Swan
1st Guy S. Bandy
Coot
1st Heck Rice
Grebe
1st Heck Rice
Cormorant
1st Heck Rice
2nd Mark Daly
3rd Mark Daly

Best of Goose & Confidence
1st Robert A. Bartlett, Ross's Goose
2nd Guy S. Bandy, Swan
3rd Heck Rice, Grebe

Best in Show
1st James Romig, Oldsquaw
2nd Ronnie Young, Ring-necked Duck
3rd Robert A. Bartlett, Ross's Goose

TRADITIONAL WORKING SHOREBIRD

1st James Belote, Plover
2nd Vincent A. Pagliaroli, Stilt
3rd Vincent A. Pagliaroli, Plover

SLICK WORKING SHOREBIRD

1st David Robbins, Stilt
2nd Charlotte Dutton, Sandpiper

Best In Show Working Shorebird
1st David Robbins, Stilt
2nd James Belote,, Plover
3rd Vincent A. Pagliaroli, Stilt

Decorative Cocktail
1st William Scott Belote, Grebe

Gunning Cocktail
1st Karen Hattman, Pied-billed Grebe

Best In Show Decorative Cocktail
1st William Scott Belote, Grebe
2nd Karen Hatman, Pied-billed Grebe

CONTEMPORARY ANTIQUE STYLE DECOYS

Diver
1st Jeff Keiffer, Merganser
2nd Kristi Reinaker, Canvasback

Owl
1st Jeff Keiffer

Marsh
1st Mike Amaral, Green-winged Teal
2nd Kristi Reinaker, Black Duck
3rd Louis A. Caputo, Mallard

Goose & Confidence
1st Heck Rice, Canada Goose
2nd Jeff Keiffer, Snow Goose
3rd Heck Rice, Coot

Egret
1st Jeff Keiffer

Shorebirds
1st William Scott Belote, Sanderling
2nd William Scott Belote, Black Belly Plover
3rd William Scott Belote, Sanderling

Best in Show Contemporary Antiques
1st Mike Amaral, Green-winged Teal
2nd William Scott Belote, Sanderling
3rd Heck Rice, Canada Goose

YOUTH

Gunning
1st Corey Green, Goldeneye
2nd Jeremy Vest, Bufflehead

Carving Competition Results

Best in Show

- 1st** Corey Green,
Goldeneye
2nd Jeremy Vest,
Bufflehead

FISH

- 1st** James S. Belote,
Bluegill

INTERPRETIVE WOOD SCULPTURE

- 1st** Ralph Nester

WOMEN'S CARVING DIVISION

Shore Bird

- 1st** Peggy Wroten,
Advocet

Waterfowl

- 1st** Peggy Wroten,
Mallard
2nd Sandie Butt,
Mallard
3rd Helen Amos,
Blue-winged Teal

Best of Show

- 1st** Peggy Wroten,
Avocet
2nd Peggy Wroten,
Mallard
1st Sandie Butt,
Mallard

RIVER GUNNING DECOY

Diver

- Bufflehead*
1st Ed Lewandowski
Canvasback
1st William Thurman
2nd Ronnie Young
3rd Heck Rice
HM Ed Lewandowski
HM Heck Rice
Goldeneye
1st Rob James
2nd William "Russell" Owen

- Merganser—American*
1st Heck Rice

- Oldsquaw*
1st Ronnie Young

- Redhead*
1st William Thurman

- Ring-necked Duck*
1st Ronnie Young
2nd William "Russell" Owen

- Ruddy*
1st Heck Rice

- Scaup*
1st Ed Lewandowski
Other—Scoter
1st William "Russell" Owen

Best of Diver

- 1st** Heck Rice
2nd Mike Smyser
3rd Scott Green

Marsh

- Black Duck*
1st David Sikorski
2nd Paul Dobrosky
3rd Jeff Truman
HM Heck Rice
HM Jeff Truman
Mallard
1st William Thurman
Shoveler
1st William "Russell" Owen
Teal—Blue-winged
1st Ed Lewandowski
2nd William "Russell" Owen

- Teal—Green-winged*
1st David Sikorski
2nd David Sikorski
3rd Jacob Drebelbis
HM Ed Lewandowski

- Teal—Cinnamon*
1st William C. Thurman
Wood Duck
1st Ed Lewandoski
2nd William C. Thurman

- Widgeon*
1st Paul Dobrosky

Best of Marsh

- 1st** David Sikorski,
Black Duck
2nd David Sikorski,
Green-winged Teal
3rd Paul Dobrosky,
Widgeon

Goose & Confidence

- Canada*
1st Heck Rice
Brant
1st David Jack
2nd Paul Dobroski
3rd Jeff Truman
HM Jeff Truman
Coot
1st William "Russell" Owen
Gull
1st Heck Rice

Best of Goose & Confidence

- 1st** Heck Rice,
Canada Goose
2nd David Jack,
Brant
3rd Heck Rice,
Gull

Best in Show

- 1st** David Silorski,
Black Duck
2nd William C. Thurman,
Canvasback
3rd Heck Rice,
Canada Goose

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The Endowment derives its income from the annual R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Trust Banquet which is held in March on the Friday closest to Mr. Mitchell's birthday. This year's event at the Bayou Restaurant was another sellout starting with fresh-shucked oysters and a cocktail buffet followed by a dinner including Maryland crab cakes.

Many contributors were recognized, including the Sellers family's donation of a Thompson-built bushwhack boat, which was on display during the evening. Also of particular note was an award presented to Stu Wheeler of Miller's Island Propeller whose family fabricated 35 pairs of bronze castings of Mitchell pintail heads that had been fashioned into bookends and were offered for sale during the dinner. The silent auction, live auction, and raffles drew generous participation, and a fun evening was enjoyed by all to support a cause dear to everyone's heart. ■





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by Jim Trimble

This year's annual festival was held May 3-5 and coincided with the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial events (the Brits bombed, invaded, and burned the city May 3, 1813). City celebration activities included tall ships with booming cannonade, fireworks, and a re-enactment of the British landing at the Concord Point lighthouse. Pitched re-enactment battles followed.

Downtown display windows were decorated red, white, and blue with fife, drum, and musket along with 15-star American Flags to reflect the period celebration. Mother Nature cooperated with sunny bluebird skies. As part of the bicentennial celebration, several forces within the state and the city made it possible for the Decoy Museum to offer free admission to this year's show, and a special thanks goes to Mayor Wayne Dougherty and the City Council for their support.

The small Chesapeake Bay waterfront community of Havre de Grace, and surrounding regions, was the east coast's waterfowl gunning Mecca of yesterday and is the self-proclaimed "Decoy Capitol of the World." This region claims, and justifiably so, that more decoys were made here and more ducks were shot here,

compared to any other waterfowling region.... anywhere. The first full weekend each May, waterfowl enthusiasts fill the town to buy, sell, compete, or just enjoy the variety of "duck" events.

This year's Honorary Chairman was John Meredith, a hunter, guide and long-time decoy maker from Worton, a town located just north of Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore. His hand chopped keeled decoys are attractive, well made, finely painted; and are popular with the current-day collector. Meredith follows a long line of Honorary Chairmen who were also decoy makers. Besides decoy vendors and an antique decoy competition, the three-day show, all to benefit the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, also included carving as well as contemporary gunning rig decoy competitions. Outdoors sporting

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vendors (guide services, hunting equipment, dogs, etc.,) filled the city's Activity Center, and there was an outdoor nautical/decoy/hunting flea market to complement. The Havre de Grace Middle School was the venue for the decoy vendors as well as for the J. Evans McKinney Old Decoy Contest.

Decoy vendors offered a fine mix of old and new decoys with the Potomac Decoy Collectors Association taking two tables for their members with an excess of 45 old decoys offered. Gary Guyette of Guyette, Schmidt & Deeter as well as Jon Frank of Frank & Frank Decoys were on hand providing decoy appraisals as well as displaying decoys for forthcoming auctions. Joe Engers' table was stocked with Decoy Magazine issues that featured a wide variety of articles on upper Chesapeake Bay carvers.

Maryland collector Will Freng displayed a smorgasbord of fine original paint decoys from his collection that included shorebirds made by Elmer Crowell, Harry V. Shourds and George Boyd. Also featured was a Lloyd Parker swimming brant and a Harry M. Shourds black duck. Upper Chesapeake Bay representation included a Leonard Pryor black duck and a pintail. Many commented on the fine ¼-sized Charles Perdue mallard and pintail pairs; each pair mounted on their original display boards.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police (NRP) had a nice historical display that traced some of their police activity over the years in trying to maintain the state's conservation laws. The artifacts included a large cannon and a deck mounted machine gun that were used by the NRP during the famed Potomac River "oyster wars", a series of often violent conflicts that began in 1865 and continued for nearly 100 years.

Jim & Clo Trimble worked again this year as festival volunteers, taking responsibility and accepting decoys for the 10-category J. Evans McKinney Old Decoy Contest. Chad Tragakis and Tom East worked again as "duck handlers." Decoy judge selection is on a yearly rotation basis with collectors Bill Cordrey, Bruce Baynard and Chris Worch selected to serve. Judges did not serve where disqualified because of decoy entry. This year saw 19 contestants enter 86 decoys with many commenting as to the number of quality decoys entered. Maryland collector





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John Sullivan won the Holly Family category with a rare Jim Holly widgeon in fine old mellow original paint. This bird also grabbed Best in Show honors. Sullivan struck again with a fine original scratch-painted Jim Holly goose that won the Upper Bay Goose category. Sullivan also won the Graham/Graham Family category with a diminutive ruddy duck in old paint that had originally been made as a teal with teal original paint plainly visible. Virginia collector Chad Tragakis won the Hoopers Island Merganser category with a fine original worn paint and unusual Alvin Meekins' flying drake. Tragakis' small rounded Cecil County ruddy duck in original paint, defined chine and small paddle tail won the Unknown category. A large Jim Currier hi-head canvasback hen in mellow original paint won Jim Currier category for Delaware collector S.R. Smith. Smith also won the Ben or Joe Dye category with a sculpturally pleasing Ben Dye redhead in a mixture of original and nice old paint. Pennsylvania collector Gene Gregory won the Delaware River Black Duck category with a fine sculpturally pleasing Joe King black duck. Maryland collector Mort Kramer won the "Oldest Decoy" category with a fine but worn "Daddy" Holly canvasback that carried a Carroll's Island brand. Virginia collector Tom East won the Virginia Bluebill category with a sleek Ira Hudson bluebill that had a mixture of original and re-paint.

This writer did not attend the late-day decoy auction held Saturday, however Ralph Hockman reports: The live auction had 58 lots with 50 registered bidders. The two top dollar lots were an Ira Hudson bluebill that sold for \$800 and a pair of Charles Bryan iron wing ducks that sold for \$400.

This was a red, white, and blue weekend with a full serving of duck! Most vendors seemed pleased with the buy-sell activity. Museum President Pat Vincenti and his host of volunteers deserve a lot of credit for another fine well-run show that pulls his community together while enhancing the museum's bottom line. ■

See you in May 2014!

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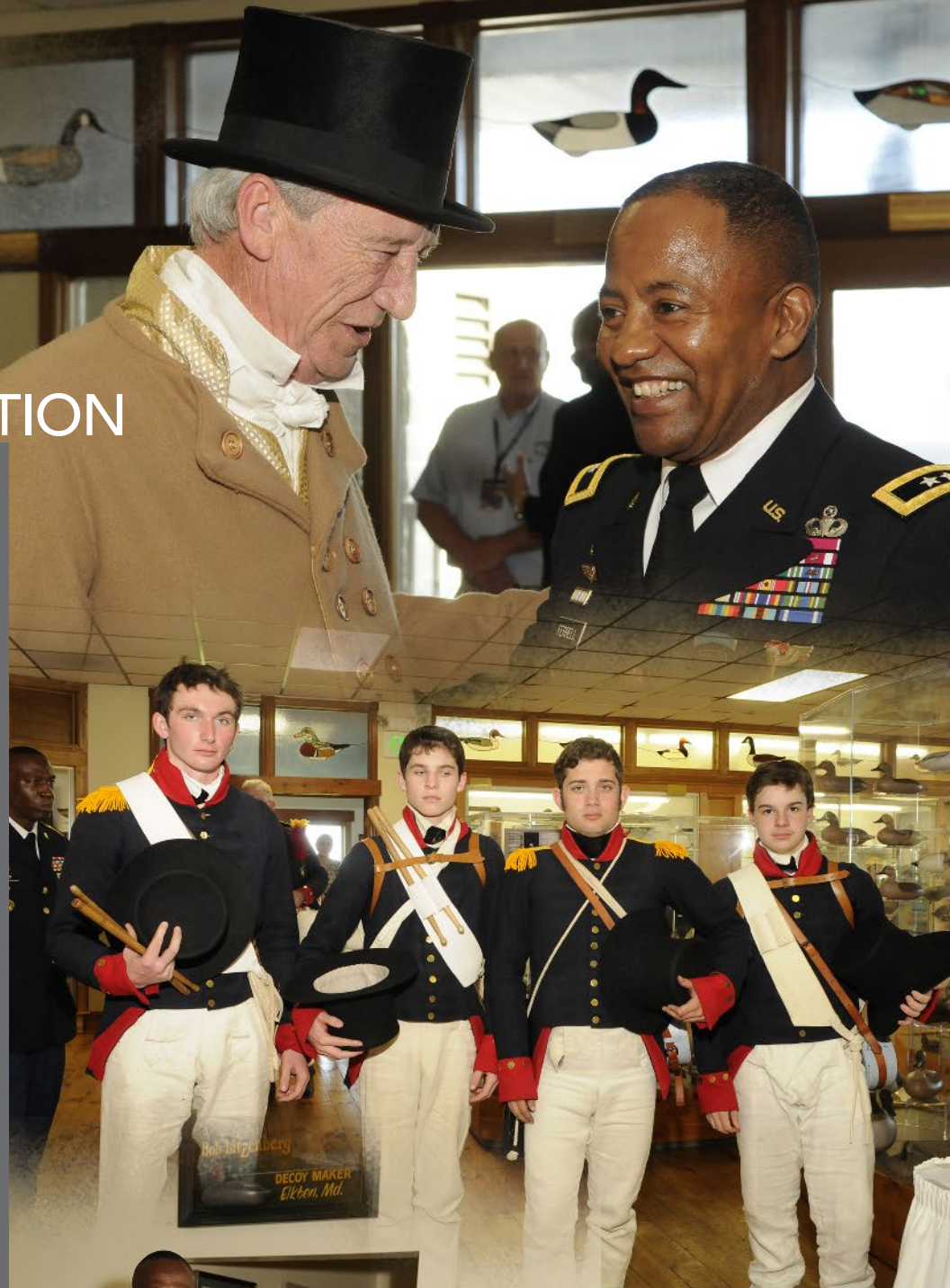
RECEPTION

On Saturday evening, May 4th, the Decoy Museum hosted a special reception to celebrate both the 32nd Annual Decoy and Wildlife Art Festival as well as the War of 1812 Bicentennial observance of the devastating British attack on Havre de Grace that occurred on May 3, 1813. It should be remembered that the current site of the Decoy Museum on the bluff overlooking the Susquehanna Flats was the epicenter of the events of that fateful day.

In attendance were many prominent citizens from the public, private, and military spheres at the city, county, and state levels. We were very pleased to have the opportunity to showcase the Museum to so many of Maryland's movers and shakers who influence daily life in the Upper Chesapeake Bay community.

It was a gala event, and a great time was had by all. The new deck gave the kids an outlet to escape the din of adult chitchat and soak up the sun and breeze of a gorgeous spring afternoon overlooking the Susquehanna Flats while still remaining within comforting sight of their parents.

Dan and Cindy Lee at MacGregor's Restaurant laid out their usual sumptuous cocktail buffet with something to please every palette. ■





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The 2013 Decoy Museum sporting clay shoot was held at Pintail Point in Queenstown, Maryland on June 15th. It was a truly spectacular day with unusually mild temperatures and low humidity. After the shoot, approximately 60 participants—men, ladies, teens and seniors—sat down for a picnic buffet, some face time, and the awarding of prizes. It is a fun event and a great sport that challenges the serious shotgunners, but also leaves room for the novices, and appeals to waterfowlers and decoy collectors, too. We hope to see both old and new faces next time!



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Museum Member Champion

- 1st. Mark Wells (70)
2nd. Jack Kemp (69)

Non-Member Champion

- 1st. Mark Neff (66)
2nd. John Soistman (65)

Side-by-Side Champion

- Michael White (59)

Ladies

- 1st. Anne Mauro (62)
2nd. Wendy Miller (60)

Senior

- 1st. Dwight Moore (63)
2nd. Charles Harding (62)

Class I

- 1st. Gary Phillips (72)
2nd. Fang Campbell (68)
3rd. Steve Warren (68)

Class II

- 1st. David Defernelmont (62)
2nd. Bob Haase (62)
3rd. Butch Duncan (61)

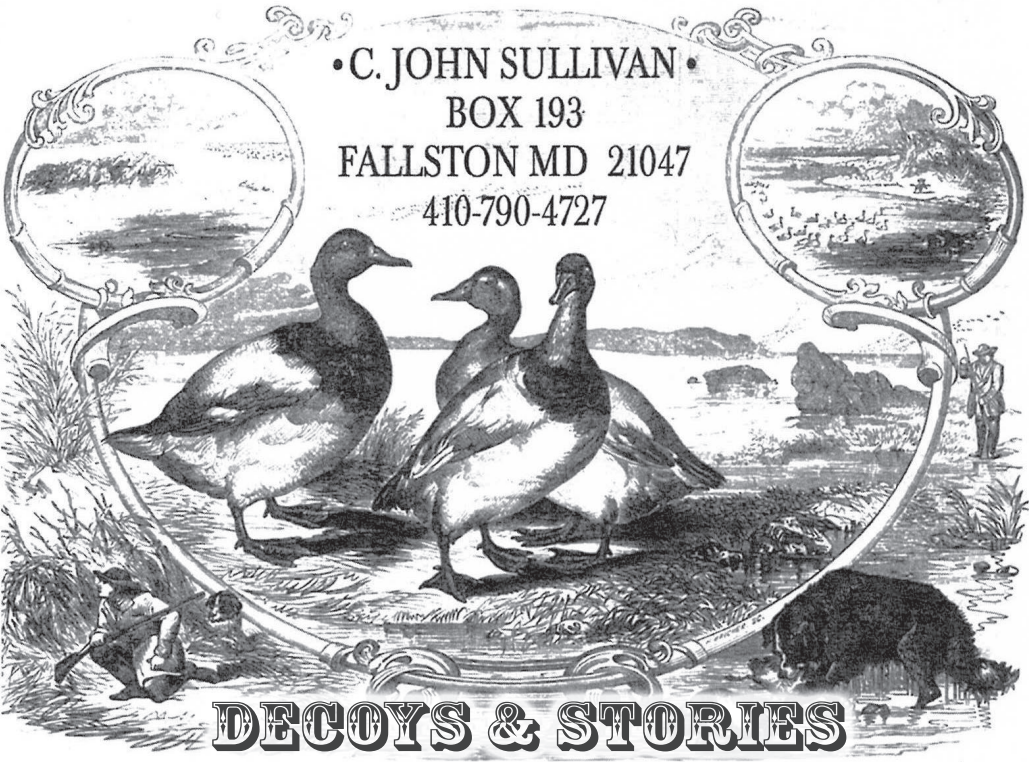
Class III

- 1st. Chuck Brady (56)
2nd. Bryan Tyler (56)
3rd. John Mercer (55)

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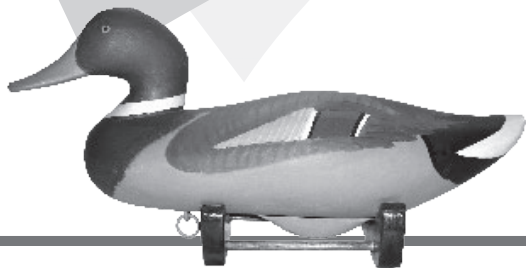
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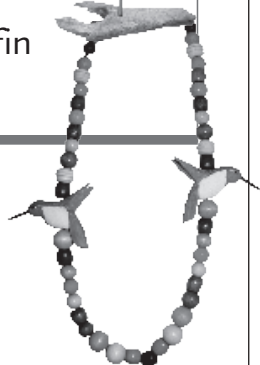
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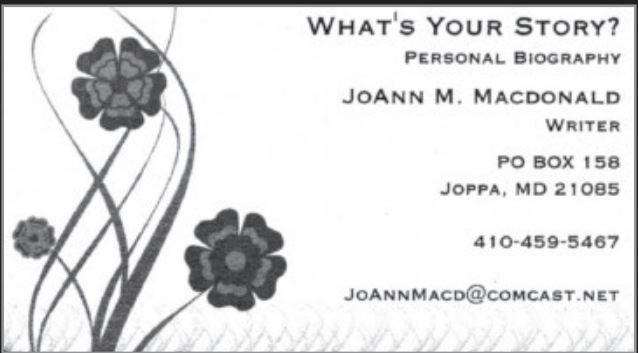
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For more information, please contact Margaret Jones at mjones@decoymuseum.com or 410-939-3739







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<p>25th Annual Children's Arts Festival & Contest. 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM. Join us at Millard E. Tydings Park for our annual Children's Arts Festival. For Children ages 3-10. There will be ongoing craft projects, face painting, and entertainment. Children may submit art work (limit 2 per), for the Art Contest, to the HdG Library (August 1 thru September 1) The event is open to the public (no rain location).</p> <p>Admission is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 410-939-2100.</p>	<p>Fall Harvest & Craft Festival. 11am- 4pm. Come to the Steppingstone Farm Museum for the Fall Harvest Festival featuring bluegrass music, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing and pressing, clogging, straw maze, hayrides, crafts and food! Admission is \$5.00.</p> <p>For more information call 410-939-2299 or visit their website at www.step-pingstonemuseum.org.</p>
SEPTEMBER 21ST	SEPTEMBER 28TH
<p>North Park Trail Walk. 10 AM. This guided nature and historic walk is free to the public. Distance 1.5 miles in 90 minutes. Meet at the Lock House, 817 Conestego Street. Admission is free.</p> <p>For more information call the Susquehanna of HdG at the Lock House at 410-939-5780, email: lockhousemuseum@gmail.com or visit their website at www.thelockhousemuseum.org</p> <p>City Wide Yard Sale. 8:00AM- 4:00PM. Huge, community-wide event. Yard sales, sidewalk sales, and bargains galore. Rain date September 22 For more information call 410-939-6562 or 410-939-2100, email: info2@havrede-gracemd.com or visit their website at www.hdgtourism.com.</p>	<p>Havre de Grace Decoy Museum's Inaugural 5k Run/Walk. 8:00AM. The course will go through downtown Historic Havre de Grace Maryland! Start and finishing lines will be right at Tydings Park with plenty of free parking both there and at the Decoy Museum.</p> <p>All entrants registering before September 18th 2013 will be guaranteed a performance grade 5K shirt (sized S-2XL) included in their race bag.</p> <p>A Vincenti Canvasback Decoy will be awarded to the male and female runners finishing with the fastest times. Ribbons will be awarded to the top male and female finishers per age group.</p> <p>Contact Jeff at 410-937-4034. Register online at active.com.</p>

OCTOBER 4TH

HdG MAIN STREET: PRESENTS FIRST FRIDAYS! 5pm- 9pm. Enjoy a family friendly, festive celebration on closed downtown streets. Live entertainment, cafe seating, merchant specials and more!

Price: Free Contact: HdG Main Street 410-939-1811 Email: hdgmainstreet@verizon.net or visit <http://www.mainstreethdg.com/>

OCTOBER 5TH

The Susquehanna Flats Classic is Back in Havre de Grace Maryland on Saturday October 5th 2013 right on the grounds at the Havre de grace Decoy Museum. This is a One Day Outdoor Show that will include anything and all Waterfowl Related, Food Vendors, And MORE!!! The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum will be opened!

This is a great chance to come spend an early Fall day shore front on the Susquehanna Flats right at the Decoy Museum... enjoying everything we love about Waterfowling as well as what the Historic town of Havre De Grace has to offer!

If you need more information and or would like to be a vendor please contact Jeff at: 410-937-4034.

OCTOBER 11TH

HdG Chamber of Commerce Community Bull & Oyster Roast. 6:30-10:00PM. Catered by Fast Eddie's pit beef, held at the HdG Community Center, DJ, door prizes, Bomboy's chocolate, Bruster's Ice Cream. Tickets are \$50.00. For more information contact the HdG Chamber of Commerce at 410-939- 3303, email: hdegchamber1@comcast.net or visit their web-site www.hdegchamber1.com

OCTOBER 12TH

HdG Main Street, Inc, Presents: 6th Annual Graw Days Festival. 9am- 6:30pm. Celebration of our horse racing history and the Graw Racetrack! Live music, over 100 vendors and crafters, food and beverages. Admission is free.

For more information call 410-939-1811, email: hdgmainstreet@verizon.net or visit their website at www.mainstreethdg.org.

OCTOBER 19TH

Annual Maritime Museum "Rockfish" Tournament. 6:30am- 3pm. Striped Bass (Rockfish) and Angler Teams. Prizes for biggest and second place. Held at the Tydings Park Marina. Entry fee is \$100.

For more information call 410-939-4800, email: directorhdgmm@gmail.com or visit their website www.hdgmaritimemuseum.org.

OCTOBER 30TH

Halloween Parade presented by the HdG Recreation Committee. 6 pm Registration, 6:30 pm Parade begins. Meet at corner of Washington St. and Congress Ave. dressed in costume.

For more information call 410-939-6724 or email hdgactivityctr@harf-countymd.gov.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

www.hdgtourism.com



2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt: March 23,24,28,29,30, April 1

Farm Market & BIG BackYard Re-Open: June 7

U-Pick **CHERRY** Adventure: Mid-June

PEACHES: Late June-all summer (no upick)

U-Pick **BLUEBERRY** Adventure: Late June

Summer Apple Harvest Begins: Early July

Blastin' Blueberry Harvest Party: July 6,7

Ice Cream "Sundae" Sunday: July 14

U-Pick **BLACKBERRY** Adventure: Mid July

Blackberry Bash Harvest Party: July 27 & 28

Peach Party Weekend: Aug 10 & 11

Rockin' Raspberry Harvest Party: Aug 24 & 25

U-Pick **RASPBERRY/GRAPE** Adventure: Mid-Aug

U-Pick **APPLE** Adventure Begins: Aug 31

Sept 14, 15: Grandparents Weekend

Sept 21,22: Johnny Appleseed's B-day Weekend

Sept 28, 29: Apple Harvest Celebration

Oct 5, 6: **PUMPKIN** Harvest Celebration

Oct 12,13: Family Fun on the Farm Weekend

Oct 19,20: Autumn Colors Weekend

Oct 26,27: Trick-or-Treat Weekend

Nov 25,26,27: Thanksgiving Pie Days

Dec 7,8 & 14,15: Free Photo with Santa

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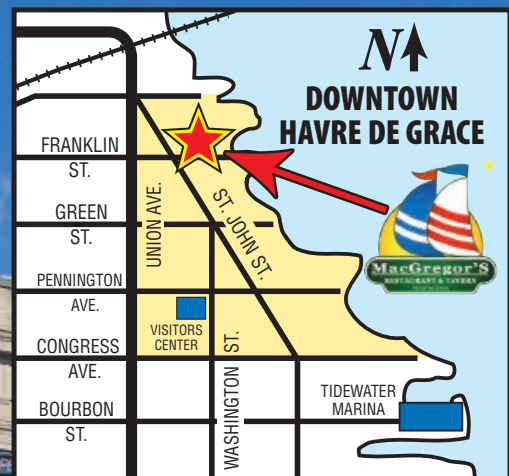
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