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FRED GUIDRY RECEIVES LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Emile, our president presents member Fred Guidry with his trophy for his years of dedication to preserving the art of wildfowl carving. Mr. Guidry said he was inspired by carver and member of LWCCG Don Naquin and started carving decoys and attending wildfowl festivals with Mr. Ralph Schnexnaydre good friend. They attended festivals all over and always supported LWCCG. He started carving miniature decoys, hunting camps, pirogue boats, and hunting gear (buckets, rifles, etc.) He also went to schools and did demonstrations for kids. He is now retired but still works in his shop and enjoys carving for friends and family. He has carvings on display in Breaux Bridge Louisiana tourist and Visitors Center and at Atchafalaya Wildfowl Refuge Welcome Center.

Top Right: Mr. Guidry with his family members. Sue, our new membership chairman winner of Mr. Guidry's Carving. Joan, told members of Mr. Guidry's dedication to LWCCG and the art of carving to children as well as adults.

ATTENTION MEMBERS :

LWCCG Board/General Meeting will be held
Wednesday, March 26, 2025
5:00 P.M. at Piccadilly Cafeteria; located on Clearview Pkwy. in Metairie.

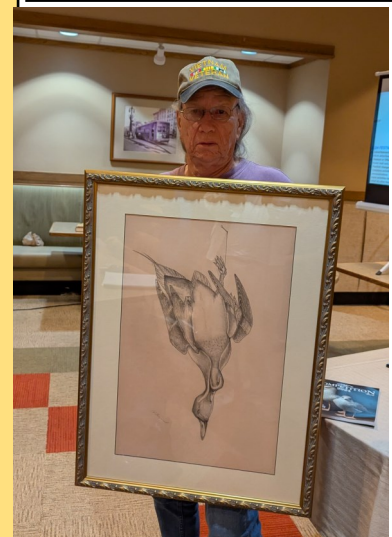


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Chris shows another one of his oil paintings; this one a shrimp boat. Chris said several times when he was off shore, he saw this scene and took a picture of it. He painted it in tender oils.

Below : Cal holds a great pencil sketched drawing of pintails; one of 12 he did. It is free hand and smaller than the other 11 because the others are full size and different species of birds.



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LWCCG BOARD/ GENERA. MEETING MINUTES –FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Emile thanked everyone for coming and asked if we had any guest present. Mr. Guidry introduce Debbie Jones, Robin Guidry, and Elaine Stephens, members of his family who came with him for his award presentation.

We then held the pledge.

Illness: Emile said that Janice Smith had a heart attack. Mr. Gerard Ruth is having some health issues. Both are feeling better but not up to attending tonight.

Mr. Curt was planning on coming but had some car problems.

The presentation of “Life Time Achieve Award” trophy to Mr. Guidry was then held. Emile mentioned the many accomplishments Mr. Guidry achieved and contributions he has made throughout his many carving years and thanked him. Joan Bonner also told members how she met Fred at a festival and of the influence he had on her and on children when he demonstrated carving to them.. After the presentation, a drawing was held for a miniature boat with decoys in it; generously donated and carved by Mr. Guidry.

Newsletters: Members said their newsletters were received in good condition and on time.

Nominations for board and officers: were opened last month and closed tonight. Two new board nominations; Janice Smith and Kevin Henry were made, voted on and passed. Emile welcomed our new board members.

Matthew our webmaster is finishing up the Rules Book and Flyer for this year. Joan requested flyers for the Art and photo competitions.

What worked well in 2024 and will be used for 2025:

Name Tags worked well. Please save if you have one. Sign in Volunteers list. Auction organized prior to show. Decks Ducks a few left if anyone would like to do one for 2025 Auction. Getting young people involved in the butterfly-painting-activity (advertisement). Suggestion was made to add Christmas cut-outs to butterfly-activity for 2025 Activity carving “kits for kids” duck head/sandpaper. Suggestion was made to have a soap carving competition for kids in 2025.

Membership chairman was filled by Sue Armand.

Art-Chairman by Kim Barkley. Emile expressed his thanks to them and to Joan for her guidance now and all her years of service.

Storage Space: Still working on getting items moved from storage to the show preferably by an insured service.

Competition Magazine 2025 is out with a nice five page spread of our show winners in it. We have ordered some and will bring them to our meeting when they arrive if you want to purchase one.

Lockport, Louisiana show: coming up March 22 & 23 at their community center. There will be a competition and Auction.

Heritage Festival : coming up first week in June.

World Ward Show coming up in the end of April.

Auction: Gene Hebert brought 20 birds tonight for Richard to photograph for a catalog flyer before the Auction.

Show and Tell was held; see front page .

Being no further business, door prize drawing was held and the meeting adjourned.