LOUISIANA WILDFOWL CARVERS AND COLLECTORS GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Preparations are underway for the show at the end of October.
There will be at least two special guests that will join us at the show and the dinner on Saturday.
If you are planning to join us for dinner on Saturday please let us know so we can have a good count.
I have purchased some art panels for this year's show. Hopefully this will streamline the fine art process.
Please let us know if you plan on bringing food for Friday.
I heard from several people last year that by the time they were finishing up it was almost closing time. It was suggested we have the food available earlier.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:
LWCCG Board/General meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. at Piccadilly Cafeteria in Clearview, Metairie, La.

FREE ADMISSION

NO ENTRY FEE FOR OUR FESTIVAL THIS YEAR
Invite your family, neighbors, friends.

Come join us at Picadilly Cafeteria for our last meeting before our Show. Dinner is Free compliments of LWCCG



SHOW & TELL

Left: Cal holds a framed painting of a decoy he just finished painting with acrylics.

Right: Chris holds a Mallard drake decoy he carved 26 years ago. He got a call from a couple in Alabama who bought his bird at an estate sale. On the bottom were the words Katarina Duck 2000. They sent it to him to repair. Chirs said it must have floated out of someone's house.



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LWCCG BOARD/GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2026

A.J. opened the meeting at 5pm and asked if we had any new guests or new people tonight. None present. Next we did the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A.J reminded everyone that we are getting ready for our show and he said we have a lot of new ideas we are trying this year.

Trust Fund: One of those is in our executive committee level.. We now have our CPA, our Financial Investor, but have been trying to figure out things about our trust which we have paper work on, but really isn't spelled out as to what we can and can't do. Emile has been trying and Dickey was trying for a long time as well to figure it out. Richard referred us to an attorney he knew; we met with him and had a real good meeting . He is very familiar with our business, has been in Ducks Unlimited for 27 years, is on their executive committee and said he really wants to help us to succeed. He will give us an outline of our trust so that in the future new people coming into our club will understand it. A.J. said that he, Emile, Lonnie and Richard who met with him feel that he is the right guy for the job.
Chris said that he was in the club when the trust was created. He said that the club auctions and other things brought in money, so Mr. Frank decided to create a trust which would allow them to keep track and invest the money and would always be there for the club to keep going and pay for future shows.

Art : A.J. mentioned that we are considering a donation to help the Art teachers in St. Tammany Parish schools; we found out they don't get money to pay for their student's art supplies which are very costly for them each semester. Maybe we can start a fund where they could draw money for the supplies instead of having to use their own.
A.J. said we are also looking into and considering contributing some scholarships for young people next year. Emile mentioned that doing this might reach young people who are getting ready to go to college, interested in art, and looking for scholarships to learn who we are and about the art of carving.

Advertising : Chris Weaver said that for several years we have been advertising with Don Dubuc on the radio, but he has retired. He said he contacted Chris Lacoste at Bayou Wild TV who has been advertising for us a while with small clips along with Don's radio show to see if he could do it for us. Chris Lacoste offered to film some of our carvers if they were willing to meet at Chris Weaver's home. He told them to bring their carvings and info on what was going to go on at the show and he would do same short clips to advertise on social media and you-tube. Chris said a few of our carvers showed up at his home with their carvings that morning for the filming. Chris Lacoste made short clips and interviewed them on information about our show. Chris said he ordered pictures and what we need for the kids games, all magazine adds are ordered and Emile will be receiving the bills.

Carvers talked first about the club and how they started carving, dates of our show, free kids' activities, a live wildlife show with birds etc., talked about a variety of carvings and the competitions. Richard talked about being a World champion carver and showed some of his carvings. Cal had some old birds showing the collectors' side of carvings and how some people bring their old carvings and get more information on them; find out who carved them and get them appraised, A.J. relatively a new carver, showed some of his carvings and told how he got started carving and what motivates him to keep carving. We can also put those shots and clips on our website for people to view.

Auction: Gene asked if we want to do the Auction birds this year; pictures or flyers? Mike said last year we had 22 birds. It was decided that we will handle them again this year. Gene said he will pick them up. He said we should have about 15 total birds. Gene said that Del Herbert is coming to our show and will be our "guest speaker" this year for our Festival Dinner.

Newsletter: Kathy said everything is going ok and members have been receiving their newsletters.. A.J. said that by sending the newsletters out ourselves, the money we save will almost cover having free admission to our show which we are doing this year.

Festival Dinner: If you haven't ordered your tickets, please try to do it soon if you plan to attend, it is important to get a head count to the Caterer.

A.J. reminded everyone to take flyers on the table to give out. We also have rule books available. Chris said he leaves flyers every where he goes. A.J. said he has been doing the same thing for about a month. Richard said he also drops them at dentists and doctors waiting areas .
A.J. said that we will have a table at the show in remembrance of Dickey and a table at the Banquet for his family.

Treasurer: Emile said he received a contract to fill out from the insurance company who covers us e each year. He said he will get the same coverage we had last year. He also spoke to the Castine center about it and is checking it out. Gene asked if it covers us for the alcohol we sell. Emile said that he needs the Carver Registration Page checked. Emile said that they went to the storage shed and took care of changes that had to be made.

Door Prizes were given out.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.
See Show & Tell front page.