

**North Carolina Ducks Unlimited
3rd Annual “Artist of the Year”
“Print of the Year” Contest
August 16, 2014**



**2013 Artist of the Year Winner
Robert Hickman**

On behalf of the North Carolina Ducks Unlimited, you are cordially invited to participate in the *Third Annual North Carolina Ducks Unlimited “Artist of the Year/Print of the Year” Contest* to be held at Hilton Garden Inn, in Kitty Hawk, NC on August 16, 2014.

With over 75 years of wetland conservation and approaching 13 million conserved acres the vision of Ducks Unlimited has remained the same “*wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever*”.

Help us promote that vision by portraying the images of waterfowl and the settings we picture them in with your original paintings. Many now famous artists gained their notoriety by participating in and contributing their talents to Ducks Unlimited artists programs. The beauty of art continues to be a large part of the Ducks Unlimited story and now is your chance to be a part of that legacy while showcasing our waterfowling heritage in North Carolina.

The contest will consist of a two part competition with the first round of judging by the NCDU Arts Council using digital images of the original paintings and the field narrowed down to the top 5 submissions. The top five original paintings will be displayed at the banquet reception where the convention attendees will chose by individual vote the winning painting. The winner of this prestigious honor will be announced that night at the banquet and receive a cash prize of \$2000 along with the honor of being named the winner of the NCDU “**Artist of the Year**” Contest. The image will subsequently be reproduced as the NCDU “**Print of the Year**” and used at area DU banquets and events, generally at auction to raise funds for wildlife and wetland conservation.

Please see the attached contest rules.

Thanks in advance for your participation and good luck!

Ernie Tart
State Chairman

Jay Taylor
State Chairman Elect

Kelli Dale
Arts Council Chairperson

North Carolina Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year/ Print of the Year 2014 Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all interested individuals.
2. The contest coordinator shall be the NCDU Arts Council Chairperson as appointed by the State Chairman.
3. Initial entries must be images of original hand drawn and painted artwork completed by the entering artist and must not have been previously reproduced or published for profit or duplicated from previously published art, photographs or images.
4. Entries are to be submitted as digital images with sufficient clarity and resolution to depict the true colors and details of the original painting. Images may include a title but bear no indication as to the name of the artist.
5. Photographs, computer generated art, or art produced from a computer printer or other computer or mechanical output devices are not eligible. Falsified misrepresentation of art other than being originally created and painted by the submitting artist will disqualify the entrant from the current and all future contests.
6. Submissions are limited to two entries per artist.
7. Entries will not be considered without the completed and signed Contest Application and Artist Agreement and the entry fee received at the time of application submission. The entry fee is non-refundable.
8. Submissions must be received no later than July 18, 2014 at 5:00 pm at the location designated on the application.
9. The subject can be anything pertaining to waterfowl or waterfowl hunting as could be relative to North Carolina.
10. Judging of all submissions will be by members of the NCDU Arts Council Chairperson or State Chairman. The Arts Council Chairperson shall present all submissions to the judges in a manner as to preserve complete anonymity of the artist. Each judge will score each submission on an ascending scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being considered the highest score.
11. Judging considerations will be given to :
 - Level and accuracy of detail in all aspects of the subject.
 - Appropriateness, accuracy, and detail in depiction of the setting.
 - Attractiveness and creativity of the composition, regarding spatial balance, lighting, and harmony of the subject and background.
 - Suitability for print reproduction.
 - Visual appeal and marketability of subject matter.
12. The Arts Council Chairperson will then tabulate the scores from each judge for each submission. The artist of the five highest total scores will then be notified and requested to sign and deliver the Participation and Reproduction Rights Agreement prior to August 8, 2014 at 5:00pm to the Arts Council Chairperson. Upon receipt of the said agreement, the artist is then considered a finalist of the contest and therefore required to provide the original paintings for the final selection process within the terms of the agreement. Should the artist be unable to participate as a finalist, the Arts Council Chairperson may select the next highest score submission as a finalist.
13. Once an image is selected, no alterations will be allowed unless so directed by the Arts Council, with the exception of each original must be framed with no other form of enhancement, including the use of glass or matting. It is advisable that the artist have the original professionally scanned prior to framing for the purpose of commercial reproduction of the image in the event it is chosen as the contest winner. The original may include a title but any indication as to the artist must be hidden or covered during the final selection process. To assure the anonymity of the artist, the Arts Council Chairperson prior to the entry being publicly displayed will conceal the artist's signature or identification on the artwork if necessary.

(2014 Contest Rules Continued)

14. The final part of the competition will be held at the following time and location:

Hilton Garden Inn
5353 North Virginia Trail
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

The finalists are responsible for the delivery of the original artwork entries between 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm. If delivery during this time is not possible please contact the Arts Council Chairperson to determine other arrangements. Should the finalist fail to provide the original artwork entries to the final competition without reasonable cause, then the artist shall be disqualified from the current and all future competitions.

15. All finalists will be announced at the event; however finalists are prohibited from providing any information or promotion to the attendees regarding any association that might influence the outcome of the competition.
16. North Carolina Ducks Unlimited is not responsible for any damage, theft or mishandling of the entries. The finalists are advised to insure their entries against loss or damage.
17. The winner of the contest will be determined by popular vote of the attendees at the State Convention Banquet. Each registered attendee will be given one ballot to cast their vote for the finalist of their choice between the times of 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. The finalist with the most number of ballots cast will determine the winner of the contest. Should there be a tie vote the attending members of the Art Council shall determine the winner.
18. The winning artist and original painting will be announced at the banquet as the North Carolina Ducks Unlimited "Artist /Print of the Year".
19. Other finalist may choose to provide their artwork to North Carolina Ducks Unlimited upon approval of the Arts Council for fundraising purposes at future events.
20. The remaining finalists are responsible for removing the artwork following the completion of the event. Entries must not be removed from the competition area prior to check out from the Arts Council Chairperson.
21. North Carolina Ducks Unlimited intends to produce a limited edition series of prints of which the artist agrees to sign and number in accordance with the Participation and Reproduction Rights Agreement.
22. The winning artist will be ineligible to participate in the contest the following year after winning the contest. The winning artist will be asked to participate as a member of the Arts Council to judge the entries of the following year's contestants.
23. The Arts Council reserves the right to modify the rules of the contest from one year to the next to best serve the continued success of the contest.

**2014 North Carolina Ducks Unlimited
Artist of the Year/ Print of the Year
Contest Application & Agreement**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ARTWORK

1. Medium _____

2. Title _____

3. Size of Painting (do not include frame) Height _____ Width _____

I have read and agree to the general rules of this contest as set forth by the North Carolina Ducks Unlimited Arts Council and agree if so selected as a finalist of this competition to sign and execute the Participation and Reproduction Rights Agreement and uphold the conditions therein, and furthermore if in the event selected as the winner of this competition agree to fulfill my obligation as set forth as the North Carolina Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year".

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please review the rules carefully. If you have any questions please contact the Arts Council Chairperson listed below.

ENTRY FEE \$50 per entry-Make checks payable to: North Carolina Ducks Unlimited.

DEADLINE for application: July 18, 2014 5:00 pm

Submit a signed application/agreement and digital image of the original artwork for each entry (limited to two per artist) to:

Kelli Dale
North Carolina Ducks Unlimited
Arts Council Chairperson
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Fuquay Varina, NC 27526
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