

The 38th Annual Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest for 2012-2013

Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Friends of Patuxent.



Winning entry of the 2011-2012 Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Contest
Artist - Jim Taylor

Information, Rules, and Entry Forms

The design contest judging will be held in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and will begin at noon on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel, Maryland.



Species eligible for depiction in the 2012-2013 Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest

This list is representative of waterfowl species common to the Atlantic Flyway.

American Wigeon	Greater Scaup	Red-Breasted Merganser
Atlantic Brant	Green-Winged Teal	Redhead
Black Duck	Greater Snow Goose	Ring-Necked Duck
Black Scoter	Lesser Scaup	Ruddy Duck
Bufflehead	Lesser Snow Goose*	Shoveler
Canvasback	Long-Tailed Duck	Surf Scoter
Common Goldeneye	Mallard	Tundra Swan
Common Merganser	Pintail	White-Winged Scoter
Gadwall		Wood Duck

*(white and blue color phase)

Eligible for 2013-2014: Blue-Winged Teal Eligible for 2014-2015: Hooded Merganser

Eligible for 2015-2016: Canada Goose

Contest Rules

Eligibility Requirements: Artists entering the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest must be residents of the State of Maryland. Winners from the past three years are not eligible to enter.

Requirements to enter:

- All entered designs must be the artist's original work, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published paintings, drawings, prints, or photographs of the contestant, or any other artist.
- Each contestant may submit up to three entries. Entries must be accompanied by the fee of \$15 for one entry; \$20 for two entries; \$30 for three entries. Fees are to be made payable to "Friends of Patuxent".
- For the 2012-2013 contest, species depicted on stamps may not be Blue-Winged Teal, Hooded Merganser, or Canada Goose .
- An Entry Identification Form must be completed and attached to the back of each entry.
- All two dimensional media, except photographs and computer generated art, in either black and white or color, are acceptable for entries.
- Designs must have a horizontal orientation and be 7 inches in height by 10 inches in width. Each entry must be matted, with the exterior mat dimensions not to exceed 9 inches in height and 12 inches in width. Mats must be white. Designs on paper should be mounted between the front mat and a back mat. The entire entry must not exceed three eighths (3/8) of an inch in total thickness. All materials must be affixed so as to remain together for the duration of the contest.
- Entries in frames or under glass or plexiglass will not be accepted. Acetate and shrink wrap used during shipping over the surface of a design will be removed for judging.
- Designs may be titled as long as the name of the depicted species is not part of the title. Titles may be included on the mat. Neither the name of the species nor the name of the artist may appear on the front.

Delivery: The entry fee, a signed "Agreement to Enter the Contest" form, and entries with completed "Entry Identification Forms" attached to the back must be received (by mail, UPS or Federal Express only- no walk-ins) by 4:00 pm Friday, March 16, 2012 at the following address only:

The Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest

Friends of Patuxent

Patuxent Research Refuge/National Wildlife Visitor Center

10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop

Laurel, MD 20708-4027

Mailed entries should be appropriately packaged for shipping. Contestants are advised to obtain adequate insurance coverage for entries. A postcard will be sent to each entrant upon receipt of entry.

Return of Entries: Entries will be returned to the contestants either by UPS, USPS, or Federal Express. Entries will be returned within two weeks following the contest.

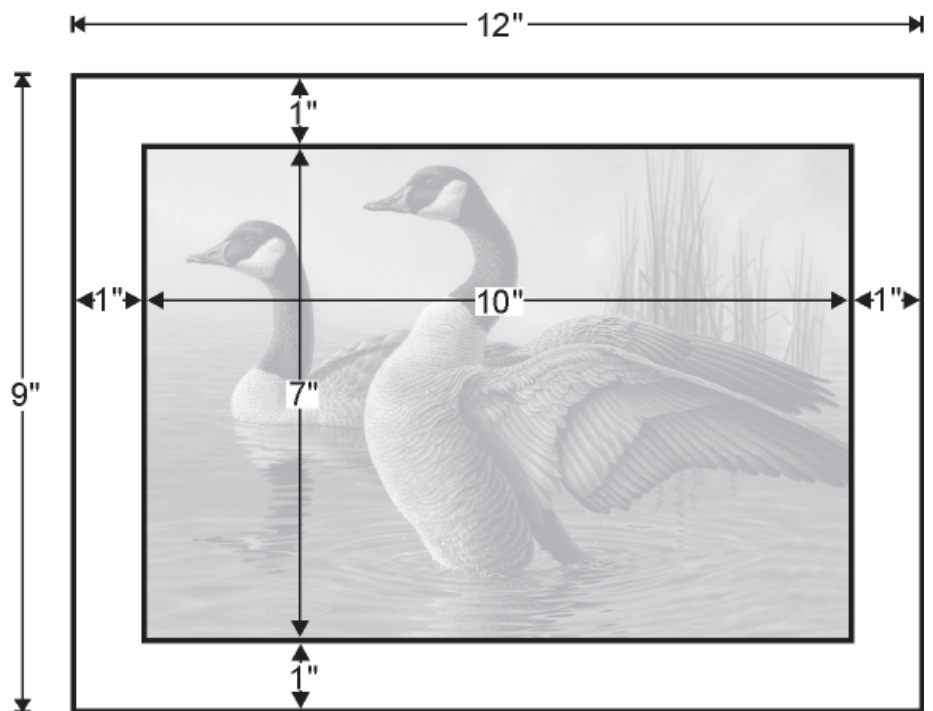
Guidelines for Judging

- Five judges and one alternate will be selected annually. Any of the following circumstances would disqualify a potential judge: having an entry of his/her own entered; having a relative with an entry; having seen an entry; having or planning any kind of financial interest in the work of any entering artist; having or planning any financial interest in the printing, distribution, or sale of the waterfowl prints; having close personal or social connections with an entering artist or having enough familiarity with an entering artist's work that there would be a high probability of recognizing those entries.
- The judging will be open to the public, but the contest director may close the contest to the public if there is any sign of communication between the audience and the judges.
- Entries will be given randomly selected numbers so that multiple submissions by the same artist will not appear in sequence.
- There will be no communication among the judges during the judging of the entries.
- For the first round of judging, each entry will or will not receive a checkmark from each judge. Entries receiving two or more checkmarks will advance to the second round.
- For the second round, judges will conduct a silent vote by holding up a score card indicating how many of one to six points they are giving each entry. Judges will not consult each others' cards. A highest point number and a lowest point number will be dropped, with the remaining points totaled for the score. The total will not be announced. Entries having 12 or more points will advance to the third round.
- For the third (final) round, judges will again conduct a silent vote by holding up a score card indicating how many of the three to six points they are giving each entry. In the third round, all points will be counted and the artwork receiving the highest number of points will be the winner.
- In the case of a tie for first, the judges will choose a winner.
- The winner will be announced immediately following the final round of competition. There will be no official second or third place or honorable mention. The names of the 20 artists receiving the highest total points will be made available upon request.
- Protests, by contestants only, may be registered with the contest director and should be submitted, clearly stated and in writing, within five (5) working days after the judging. In the event the winning entry is disqualified, the entry receiving the second highest score shall be declared the winner.

Stamp Design

Submission Format

Designs must have a horizontal orientation and be 7 inches in height by 10 inches in width. Each entry must be matted, with the exterior mat dimensions not to exceed 9 inches in height and 12 inches in width. Mats must be white. Designs on paper should be mounted between the front mat and a back mat. The entire entry must not exceed three eighths ($3/8$) of an inch in total thickness.



Agreement to Enter the Contest

I, the undersigned, have prepared and submitted an original design featuring the following species:

entry 1: _____

entry 2: _____

entry 3: _____

to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Friends of Patuxent for the 2012-2013 Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest. I agree to the following conditions if my design is selected as the winner: 1.) Ownership of the original design and all copyrights shall be retained by me except as outlined in the following. 2.) By signing this agreement I agree to provide the DNR, the use of the art for the printing of the stamp, and for reproduction in DNR publications and the DNR Internet website relating to migratory game bird seasons and publicity for future Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contests and related stamp revenue projects. 3.) The design, as prepared by me and submitted to DNR/Friends of Patuxent, may be retained by the DNR until such time as reproduction of the stamp has been completed. 4.) By signing this agreement; I affirm that the entry is a design of my own creation, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published art including paintings, drawings in any medium, photographs, or previously published work of my own; and if an entry is found to have been copied or duplicated, it shall be disqualified. 5.) I understand that the Maryland DNR, Friends of Patuxent, and the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center's National Wildlife Visitor's Center will not be held liable for any damage and/or loss to my entry(s), and I am responsible for providing adequate insurance at my own discretion. 6.) I affirm that I have read the rules governing this contest and agree to abide by them.

Artist's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Artist's Website _____

(to be used in the press release for the winning entry and artist)

Entry Fee: \$ _____ (\$15 for 1 entry; \$20 for 2 entries; \$30 for 3 entries)
(Make payable to: Friends of Patuxent)

Exhibition Agreement: Do you wish to display your entry(s) for a period of three weeks starting March 31st and ending April 21, 2012 at Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center? Yes _____ No _____
Are you willing to sell your artwork? Yes _____ No _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Agreement must be signed by each submitting artist and accompany submission of design(s) for the DNR & Friends of Patuxent acceptance.

For questions about the receipt of submissions, please call Evelyn Adkins at 301-937-7954 or 301-497-5789.

Entry Identification Forms
(Attach one to the back of each entry)

Artist's Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
Local Newspaper _____
Phone # _____
Species Depicted _____
Title of Entry _____
For Friends of Patuxent/DNR Use Only:
Accepted for Judging _____ Disqualified _____

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For additional information concerning the Maryland Migratory Game Bird Stamp Design Contest contact:

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