

The Ward Foundation, Inc. presents

SAM DYKE MEMORIAL "OLD BIRD" ANTIQUA DECAY CONTEST



Sponsored by

The Delmarva Decoy Collectors Association

The contest was held in Easton, MD, during the Delmarva Decoy & Sporting Collectibles show on September 26, 2026.



Best in Show

Best in Show Dave "Umbrella" Watson Yellowlegs from the collection of Chris Pusey
Second Best in Show Ward Brothers Canvasback Pair from the collection of Pete Pappas
Third Best in Show Josh Brewer Black Duck from the collection of Grant McLoughlin

Categories

Best Maryland Working Decoy

First in Category Ward Brothers Canvasback Pair from the collection of Pete Pappas
Second in Category John "Daddy" Holly Canvasback from the collection of Tyler Bryon
Third in Category Ward Brothers American Widgeon (Baldpate) from the collection of David & Bennett Scott

Best Virginia Working Decoy

First in Category Ira Hudson Blue Bill Hen from the collection of David & Bennett Scott
Second in Category Charles Birch Red Head from the collection of Ron Lewicki
Third in Category Ira Hudson Pintail from the collection of Ron Lewicki

Best Delmarva Shorebird Decoy

First in Category Dave "Umbrella" Watson Yellowlegs from the collection of Chris Pusey
Second in Category Avocet from the collection of Linda Robinson
Third in Category Whimbrel from the collection of Linda Robinson

Best Delmarva Contemporary Decoy

First in Category Josh Brewer Black Duck from the collection of Grant McLoughlin
Second in Category Pintail Hen from the collection of Rod Benjamin
Third in Category Merganser from the collection of William Scott Belote

People's Choice

First in People's Choice Ward Brothers American Widgeon (Baldpate) from the collection of David & Bennett Scott
Second in People's Choice Ward Brothers Widgeon from the collection of Kim Smith
Third in People's Choice Josh Brewer Black Duck, from the collection of Grant McLoughlin