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JULY  
13-16, 2022

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## *Dear Friends of the Ducks,*

We hope you plan to join us in New Orleans for Ducks Unlimited's 85th National Convention, July 13-16, 2022 as we celebrate our passion for conservation. Our dedicated Louisiana DU volunteers have created a gathering not to be missed! With the traditional "lagniappe" – a little something extra - added to every detail, the New Orleans convention will be one to remember!

To assist in your planning, we have created this brochure which provides important details. The New Orleans Marriott, in the historic French Quarter, will serve as our host hotel. Louisiana is a sportsman's paradise and with redfish jumping less than an hour from the hotel, we have put together a fishing tournament for those able to arrive early. With an early departure from the hotel on Tuesday morning, you will be on the water catching fish by sunrise. After lunch and weigh-in, you will return to the hotel with fresh fish waiting in the hotel's deep freeze for your departure! Catch a quick nap and enjoy a fun dinner in New Orleans before convention begins.

Official convention festivities begin Wednesday with a Roadkill Cookoff. This isn't your typical possum-off-the-road, this is something Louisiana does best! Fresh seafood, alligator and a few other surprises prepared by award-winning DU chefs who cook in a style that is decidedly Louisiana! BAM! This party will be held at Mardi Gras World overlooking the Mississippi River. With plenty of indoor and outdoor space, this evening is one you don't want to miss. How can you top great local music and classic Louisiana cuisine? Easy, you include your DU friends!

It has been two years since Ducks Unlimited leaders, volunteers and supporters last gathered for our national convention. As we emerge from the pandemic, we have much to celebrate! Thanks to you, our organization has not only survived, but thrived during the last two years!

Please join us in New Orleans for a long overdue celebration!

Sincerely,



Doug Schoenrock  
President  
Ducks Unlimited





# Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!

at **DUCKS UNLIMITED'S  
85TH NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
in **NEW ORLEANS**



**N**o matter if you refer to it as NOLA, the Big Easy or just plain New Orleans, we couldn't think of a better place for DU to gather for our 85th national convention! From the music to the cuisine, we will feed your

soul with rich history and culture, immersing DU convention attendees in everything that is truly New Orleans.

Please join us in the Big Easy for the Ducks Unlimited 85th National Convention and enjoy all the festivities. We have been away too long and have some catching up to do!

— **Pattie Kempka**

*Director, National Meetings & Conferences*



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**JULY 13-16, 2022**

**NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT**

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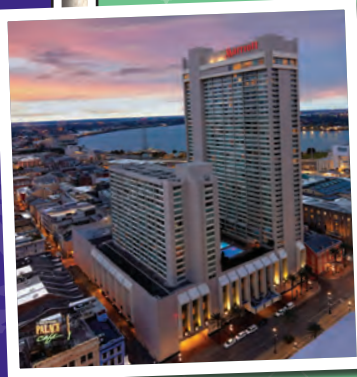


# HOPE AND FAITH

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### New Orleans Marriott

555 Canal Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130  
(504) 581-1000



**Standard Room** **\$159**

**City View Room (King or Double)** **\$179**

**Executive King Room** **\$209**

**M CLUB Room (King or Double)** **\$229**

**M CLUB Rooms and members** can access the M CLUB Lounge's amenities including: Breakfast buffet 6:30 am – 11:00 am; Culinary offerings 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Cocktail service 24/7; Grab-N-Go Station

**Executive Suite** – Contact Elizabeth Harris, eharris@ducks.org, (901)758-3843

**Marriott Hotel Parking** – Discounted rate of \$38 per day

### Cancellation Policy

*Reservations must be canceled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night's room and tax charge.*

**Reservations must be made by June 20, 2022.** For booking information, call (800) 654-3990, or visit [convention.ducks.org](http://convention.ducks.org) for the link.

## AIR TRAVEL INFORMATION

Fly into Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.  
(airport code: **MSY**)

**Delta Airlines** is proud to partner with Ducks Unlimited for flights to our National Convention in New Orleans. Go to **Delta.com**, enter your travel destination and dates and select 'Advanced Search' to enter DU's meeting event code, **NMVFZ**. You should receive a discount of 2-10%. You may also call Delta Meeting Network® at **1.800.328.1111\*** Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. (CT) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NMVFZ**.

*\*Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 800 number.*

## AIRPORT TRANSFER INFORMATION

Ducks Unlimited has arranged for a convenient airport shuttle service for all attendees and their family through Airport Shuttle New Orleans at a discounted rate of \$40 round trip. Minimal stops are made en route to the New Orleans Marriott.

Check back at [convention.ducks.org](http://convention.ducks.org) for a direct link that will be provided for you to book this Airport Shuttle Service at discount rates.

For all Hotel and Air questions, contact  
Elizabeth Harris at [eharris@ducks.org](mailto:eharris@ducks.org) or **901-758-3843**.



## TUESDAY, JULY 12

### Pre-Convention Fishing Tournament

Gathering and DU Pin Trading



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Tours

Committee Meetings

Hospitality

### Roadkill Cookoff Opening Reception and Dinner at Mardi Gras World



## THURSDAY, JULY 14

Tours

Committee Meetings

DU Board Luncheon\*

DU Board Meeting

President's Council Reception and Dinner\* /  
Dinner on Your Own

Hospitality

## FRIDAY, JULY 15

Morning Coffee and Pastries

General Business Session I

Tours

Committee Meetings

### Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Dinner

Hospitality



## SATURDAY, JULY 16

Morning Coffee and Pastries

General Business Session II

Tours

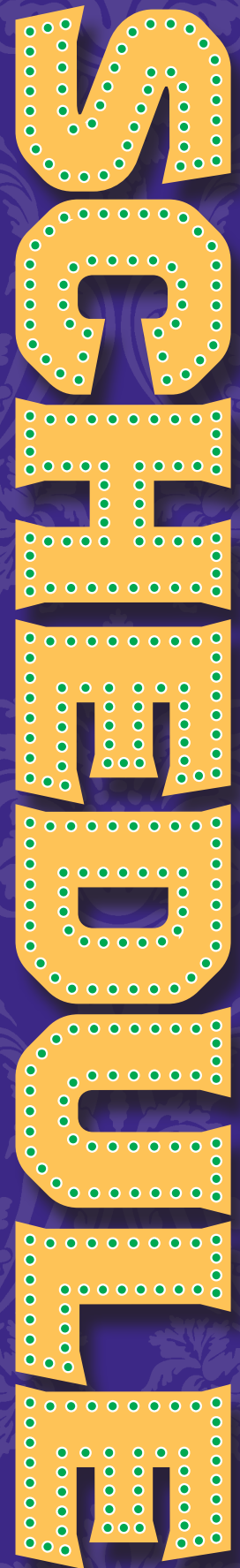
### 85th National Convention Reception and Gala



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\* by invitation only



of Events



 **REGISTER  
EARLY!  
SPACE IS LIMITED.**

BERNARD

# Ducks Unlimited Coastal Redfish Tournament

**\$250**  
/person

**A**n early Tuesday morning departure from the New Orleans Marriott puts you on the water by sunrise! You will soon realize why people travel from across the country to experience casting for redfish in the Delacroix Marsh of coastal Louisiana.

You can put together your team of four or allow us to put boats together. All boats will have an experienced guide and all the gear, all you need is

your license! We cannot imagine a better way to spend the morning and start convention! After fishing we will enjoy a great lunch. Prizes will be awarded, and fish will be frozen and ready for you upon your departure! The hotel will store the fish in their freezers as a courtesy to our guests.

Food and beverages will be provided.

\* gratuity not included



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# Redfish and Roadkill APPAREL



*Purchase a Roadkill Cookoff t-shirt today...*



*...and grab a t-shirt to wear on the Delacroix Marsh!*

**CELEBRATE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHT EVENTS  
UNIQUE TO THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION!**

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING ONLINE IS MAY 30.**

Order your Fishing tournament and Roadkill cookoff t-shirts at:

••••• **STORES.INKSOFT.COM/DUCKS\_UNLIMITED** •••••





# TOURS

**\$100**  
/person

**BEHIND THE MUSIC  
AT PRESERVATION HALL**



**THURSDAY  
10:00 AM – NOON, 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM**

Exclusive VIP access to the historic Preservation Hall is just one of the many perks of this experience. On arrival, you will join a Preservation Hall historian who will recount stories from the history of this extraordinary musical landmark. Built in 1750, the building previously served as a tavern, private residence, and gallery. It was in the early 1960's that Preservation Hall began its journey to preserve the artistry and culture of New Orleans jazz. Following your time in the courtyard, you will step into the world-renowned Jazz Hall where you will engage in an intimate, private performance by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The musicians will take you on an audible journey of New Orleans Jazz through song, storytelling and soul. *Seating is limited to wooden benches, standing room and floor cushions. This is a short walk from the hotel. Casual attire and comfortable walking shoes recommended.*





**\$120**

/person

## DOWN-HOME AIRBOAT ADVENTURE



**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Zip through narrow canals lined with moss-covered cypress trees to wide-open grassy marshes crawling with wildlife. From bullfrogs to alligators, nutria and bald eagles, there is no telling what you will get up close and personal with on any given day! This tour will fascinate guests of all ages. *Casual attire, comfortable shoes, hat and sunscreen recommended.*

**\$45**

/person

## SECRET WORLD OF THE FRENCH QUARTER



**THURSDAY, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
SATURDAY, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**

Step off the beaten paths of the French Quarter and into the secluded stillness of some of the quarters most beautiful and historic courtyards and homes. This tour follows the life of Laura Locoul, grande dame of a Creole plantation. Here you will learn the history, tradition, and dichotomy of New Orleans culture. *Comfortable walking shoes recommended.*



**\$55**  
/person

## COOKIN' GUMBO YAYA COOKING CLASS



**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Learn to prepare distinctive dishes that make New Orleans famous! Fun is the ingredient in the kitchen as entertaining chefs teach the basics of Louisiana cooking. This class is seasoned with history, trivia and Louisiana lore. Be prepared to don an apron and get your hands dirty as our chefs will ask for volunteers to help create these wonderful dishes. Most importantly, after the entertaining experience you will be able to sit back and enjoy the delectable feast that was prepared!

**\$65**  
/person

## CRESCENT CITY TOUR



**FRIDAY**  
**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Starting where it all began, in the French Quarter, travel down Esplanade Avenue, "Promenade of the Creoles," to languid Bayou St. John. Next, view the historic "Dueling Oak," the New Orleans Museum of Art, and the Botanical Gardens among the magnificent oaks of City Park. Sit under the oaks and enjoy a cup of New Orleans-brewed coffee and beignets. Next, the tour follows the crescent of the River to the old town of Carrollton and the route of the St. Charles Streetcar. Now in the heart of Uptown, some of the city's loveliest neighborhoods can be viewed. Following Uptown is the Garden District, which was once a thriving sugar plantation. Returning to the "new" city, the Central Business District, brings us full circle: New Orleans past, present and future.





**\$100**

/person

## FRENCH QUARTER TREASURE TROVE ANTIQUING TOUR

**WEDNESDAY**  
**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

The French Quarter of New Orleans is a treasure trove of antiques and collectibles. A stroll down Royal Street is where you can find the best of the best! On this excursion, you will be guided through the incredible treasures at M.S. Rau Antiques by one of their expert antique professionals. As North America's most respected antique houses, with clients throughout the world, you will see up close historical collections of great significance. Next, we will journey through the French Quarter's most exclusive antique stores with our expert guide. Your antiquing experience will conclude with a visit and light lunch at the Historic New Orleans Collection. *This is a walking tour, comfortable shoes are a must!*





# SUPER DUCK

## *Sweepstakes*

### **SUPER DUCK PACKAGE**

The Super Duck package is \$300 and limited to the first 300 buyers. Reserve your tickets online today. Remaining packages will be for sale at the raffle desk or Hospitality starting Wednesday while supplies last.

Every Super Duck package includes a full-sized, numbered "limited edition" Charles Jobes Cinnamon teal decoy, the third decoy in our Super Duck series.

**SUPER DUCK** buyers who purchase their package prior to 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 14 receive additional lucky duck tickets.



### *Included in the* **SUPER DUCK SWEEPSTAKES**

#### **Ten Tickets for the Convention Raffle**

Winner receives an all-expense paid trip to the 2023 National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada

#### **Nine Tickets (three each day) for the Ducks Unlimited Lucky Duck Gun**

Four lucky winners each day (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

#### **One Ticket for the Grand Prize**

1 in 300 chance for winner's choice from our dream vacation package.



# Convention Merchandise



## **Pre-order and show your DU colors at convention!**

Our convention store has the perfect mix for everyone to enjoy. Visit us online or at the merchandise room! Items are available to be shipped to your home or at the convention merchandise room. Deadline for shipping order is June 1st. All items ordered after this date will only be available for pick up at the merchandise room.



**NOLADUCONVENTION2022.ITEMORDER.COM**





Convention

# REGISTRATION

## ONLINE

Submit Convention Registration Form with credit card information at:  
**convention.ducks.org**

## MAIL

Send Convention Registration Form with payment information to:

**Elizabeth Harris**

*Ducks Unlimited*

*One Waterfowl Way*

*Memphis, TN 38120-2351*

## FAX

Fax Convention Registration Form to: **(901) 758-3850**

## CANCELLATION POLICY

While COVID conditions continue to improve, we realize some may need a more flexible cancellation policy. A full refund of registration and tours will be given with written cancellation notice received by Monday, June 20, 2022. Please contact Pattie Kempka, **pkempka@ducks.org**, with additional questions.

## ACCESS

A full convention registration (\$450.00/adult, \$200.00 young adult) and credentials grant you access to:

### Wednesday, July 13

- Opening Reception and Dinner at Mardi Gras World
- Hospitality

### Thursday, July 14

- Hospitality

### Friday, July 15

- Coffee and pastries
- General Business Session I
- Wings Over Wetlands Celebration
- Reception and Dinner
- Hospitality

### Saturday, July 16

- Coffee and pastries
- General Business Session II
- 85th National Convention Reception and Gala

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## GALA SEATING FORM

Please check your email in May/June for the gala seating request form. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Harris at **eharris@ducks.org** or **901-758-3843**.





# REGISTRATION FORM

## 85TH Annual Ducks Unlimited National Convention

### Main Registrant Information

☐ First Convention

First \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level  
(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

#### FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION WITH CREDENTIALS INCLUDES:

All scheduled meals, social events, hospitality,  
convention reception, and gala. Gala-only credentials  
will be available Saturday.

Adult Registration. . . . . ☐ \$450

I plan to attend the:

Opening Night Roadkill Cookoff (Wed., July 13) . . . . . Y / N

Wings Over Wetlands Dinner (Fri., July 15) . . . . . Y / N

Gala (Sat., July 16) . . . . . Y / N

Saturday Gala Only (not registering for convention) . . . ☐ \$175

Young Adult Registration (ages 15-24)

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$200

Super Duck Sweepstakes Ticket(s) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$300/each  
(Available for pick up at DU's onsite registration desk)

Pre-Convention Fishing Tournament (all day) . . . . . \$250

☐ Tuesday, July 12

French Quarter Treasure Trove (AM) . . . . . \$100

☐ Wednesday, July 13

Down-Home Airboat Adventure Tour (AM) . . . . . \$120

☐ Wednesday, July 13 ☐ Thursday, July 14

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French Quarter Walking Tour (Thurs AM – Sat PM) . . \$45

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Crescent City Tour (PM) . . . . . \$65

☐ Friday, July 15

Total for Main Registrant \$

### Spouse, Guest, or Child Information

☐ First Convention

☐ Spouse ☐ Guest ☐ Child

First \_\_\_\_\_

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if child) \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level  
(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: For children 14 years of age and younger, convention registration is complimentary. Fees for tours are the same as adults and are listed below. Gala meal options are \$125 for a child or \$35 for a kid's meal.

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Saturday Gala Only (not registering for convention) . . ☐ \$175

Young Adult Registration (ages 15-24)

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \$200

Child's Gala Meal (14 or under\*) . . . . . ☐ \$125

Kid's Meal at Gala (14 or under\*) . . . . . ☐ \$35

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Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ CHECK PAYABLE TO: Ducks Unlimited-Convention 2022

☐ CHARGE: ☐ Discover ☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total for Entire Party (USD) \$



# WELCOME

Session

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### - ARCHIE MANNING -

#### Family, Football and Ducks



Archie Manning

Archie Manning is synonymous with football, but his appeal goes well beyond his considerable athletic achievements.

Born in Drew, Mississippi, Archie attended University of Mississippi where he was named an All-American Quarterback and led Ole Miss football to their greatest season. As the second player drafted by the NFL in 1971, Archie spent his career playing for the New Orleans Saints where he received numerous honors throughout his professional career. His post-playing career has earned him incredible respect and recognition.

Known for his warm personality, drive and sense of humor, Archie, will take you from sunrises in a duck blind to Sunday night football!



## SATURDAY KEYNOTE

### - TABASCO -

#### Avery Island – Spicing up Conservation

Tabasco, Avery Island and McIlhenny are three well known words in Louisiana. Home to Bird City, Avery Island has played an important role in conservation since 1895. What began as a refuge to protect the snowy egret from extinction, became a nesting area for over 20,000 birds including blue heron, wood ducks, geese, and snowy egrets. DU enjoys an active conservation partnership with the McIlhenny family and has recently completed numerous projects protecting critical coastal marsh lands from storm surge as well as habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife.





The legacy still stands as the conservation mantle is passed from generation to generation. From the early conservation interests of Edwin and Ned McIlhenny in the 1890's to Paul McIlhenny and his involvement of Ducks Unlimited help the legacy go on.

## - ADDITIONAL TOPICS -

### ✿ **Introduction of Chuck Smith, Ducks Unlimited's 46th President** -

Chuck is a lifelong duck hunter, former state chairman of Tennessee, Secretary and then First Vice President of Ducks Unlimited. In addition, he has served as a Trustee of Wetlands America Trust since 2018. Duck hunting has been a lifelong passion for Chuck. In the early 1990s, when Ducks Unlimited was looking for a new city to call home, Chuck Smith hosted a cocktail party where Memphis cotton icon, Billy Dunavant made a gift of one million dollars along with land that was presented to DU. The rest is history!



*Chuck Smith*

✿ **Ducks Unlimited's continental lands approach** - DU leaders from Mexico, Canada and the United States provide updates about our land conservation programs. Working together we have identified the continent's highest priorities...the landscapes most important for nesting, migrating and wintering waterfowl. While our efforts since 1937 have exceeded expectations, much more must be done to ensure thriving populations.

✿ **Policy, Ag, and Conservation ... Roped Together** - As the pressure increases on DU's efforts to protect the most important places where waterfowl nest, we employ an increasing number of strategies for achieving our ambitious acre goals. Fourth generation cattle rancher and director of DU's public policy efforts in the Prairie Pothole Region, Ryan Taylor, will share tales of growing up and working on a modern cattle ranch in North Dakota, his experiences serving in the state legislature and how DU is using policy to promote our conservation program in one of our most important conservation regions.



*Ryan Taylor*

✿ **Wings Over Water Imax film** - Debuting across the country this summer, Wings Over Water takes you on a journey through the migratory flyways as we follow a Sandhill Crane, Yellow Warbler and Mallard Duck. This Imax movie shows the significance of the Prairie Pothole Region and how important this area is for nesting ducks, geese, and neo-tropical songbirds. The videography is stunning and the story is epic. Ducks Unlimited played a lead role in funding the production and serving as scientific advisor.

*And much more!*



*Don't Miss Our*  
**- FIRST NATIONAL  
ROADKILL COOKOFF -**

Indulge at National Convention's first Roadkill Cookoff at Mardi Gras World! From shrimp to alligator, gumbo to courtbouillon, Louisiana chefs create dishes one can only find in the bayou state. Dress in Mardi Gras purple, gold, and green to watch the parade and end the night dancing to the James Brown of Zydeco, Rockin' Dopsie!



◆ LIVE MUSIC ◆ DELICIOUS FOOD ◆ PARADE ◆ DANCING ◆ FUN ◆



# *Fun for the entire family!*

## **DU KIDS ACTIVITIES**

New Orleans has the reputation for being an adult playground, but there are many kid-friendly things to do that are close by!

From the Audubon Zoo with acres of animals and an amazing butterfly exhibit, the Audubon Aquarium just a few blocks from the hotel. Take a swamp tour and have an up-close and personal encounter with alligators and snakes or spend an afternoon at the WWII museum as you experience the war that changed the world.

With many more kid-friendly sites to take in, New Orleans is the perfect location to bring your family. Additionally, DU's Kids Zone – The Roost, will have activities throughout the week. From Mardi Gras mask making, to decoy painting, we have it all!

MASK MAKING ♦ DECOY PAINTING ♦ SCAVENGER HUNT ♦ AUDUBON ZOO ANIMALS ♦ DUCK CALLING 101 ♦ OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

## *The Art of* **THE DECOY**



**I**n Louisiana, traditions are passed down and shared through generations. What began as a necessity, the means to bring waterfowl closer to the hunter, became a sought-after art form collected and admired. Through the years, the old masters craft has been honed by contemporary carvers taking the utilitarian decoys and pushing the boundaries to create decoys which have become a highly collectable American work-of-art. Friday's Wings Over Wetlands reception showcases several Louisiana carvers. From slicks to decorative decoys, each of the Louisiana carvers featured have donated birds to two rigs featured on the Gala live auction.



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