



## *Iowa Ducks Unlimited - Art Program*

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IOWA DUCKS UNLIMITED  
ARTIST OF THE YEAR/PRINT OF THE YEAR  
CONTEST RULES 2025

1. The contest coordinator shall be the Iowa Ducks Unlimited State Art Co-Chairman.
2. The contest shall be judged on Saturday, February 15th, 2025, at the Iowa Ducks Unlimited State Convention, located in the: West Des Moines Sheraton, 1800 50<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, Iowa.
3. Each entry will be considered an official entry if received by the State Art Co-Chairman before 8:30 a.m. on February 15th, 2025, or if by mail by February 10, 2025. The judging will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> at a time to be announced. All entries must be accompanied by a signed Artist Contract (see rule #9)
4. It shall be the artist's responsibility to deliver the artwork entries to the site of the contest, and to remove the artwork immediately following the completion of the contest. If entry is mailed or cannot be picked up immediately after the contest, please include prepayment for the return of the artwork. Payment must be in the form of check, money order or prepaid UPS, FEDEX, USPS return label / call ticket. POSTAGE STAMPS will NOT be accepted. Iowa Ducks Unlimited Staff **WILL NOT** pick up or drop off artwork for contest to the artist.
5. The contest shall be open to all interested individuals.
6. Artists may submit a maximum of two (2) entries for consideration by the judges.
7. Entries must conform to the following sizes: (does not include frame)
  - (A.) Horizontal image:           Maximum images size of 30" x 24"  
Minimum image size of 18" x 12"
  - (B.) Vertical image:               Maximum images size of 24" x 30"  
Minimum image size of 12" x 18"

## CONTEST RULES –2025 (continued)

8. To assure the anonymity of the artist, the Art Chairman prior to the entry being publicly displayed will conceal the artist's signature of identification on the artwork.
9. An entry Form/Reproduction Rights Agreement is attached. Please make a copy of the entry form if you have two entries. One form must be completed and affixed to the back of each entry. (***Please have in an unsealed envelope***). A countersigned copy of the agreement will be returned to the winning artist.
10. The artist will retain ownership of all original artwork.
11. The subject matter for 2023 is: "***Generations in the wetlands***". Each entry must depict generations in the wetland setting. The painting's subject matter to show generations can be waterfowl, hunters, or dogs.
12. The design must be the entrant's own original creation and may not be copied or duplicated from copies or duplicated from previously published art or photographs. The artwork must not have previously won the Iowa Ducks Unlimited POY or been published by any other Ducks Unlimited Inc. entity. Entries may have been submitted but NOT selected to be published from other art contests.
13. It is preferred that each entry be framed to protect the art; however, artwork should be easily removable. No other form of enhancement is allowed, including the use of glass or matting. **Exception:** for the purpose of protecting watercolor, pencil, or chalk artwork you are allowed to use a white mat and glass for protection.
14. To prevent damage to the artwork each entry must be in the "FINISHED" state meaning no wet paint or ink.
15. Iowa Ducks Unlimited will announce the judges on the day of the contest. The judges will be knowledgeable in the field of wildlife, art and/or conservation. Artists submitting entries in the contest and their relatives are not eligible to serve as judges.
16. The judging will be the basis of scoring between a low score of "one" and a high score of "ten". The entries receiving the top one-half of the scores, plus ties, will be advanced to the next round. The entire panel of judges will again vote on all remaining entries. The contest shall continue using this method until a winner has been chosen. The winning entrant will become the Iowa Ducks Unlimited 2025 "Artist of the Year" and the entrant's work will become the 2026/2027 "Print of the Year".
17. The winning artist shall make the winning entry available to Iowa Ducks Unlimited immediately following the contest in order that Iowa Ducks Unlimited can begin the process of printing its' new "Print of the Year".

18. All contestants are hereby notified of the advisability of obtaining adequate property coverage for their respective entries. Iowa Ducks Unlimited will not insure the entries it receives, and will not be responsible for any damages including, but not limited to, those incurred in shipping, or by fire, or by vandalism, or by theft or by mishandling.

**TIMELINE OF POY:**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
State Convention	POY chosen
After Convention	Painting to printer for scanning
	Digital Signature to Printer
	Approval of POY (Hard copy approval, no digital images)
	Prints shipped to artist

Art Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

State Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_