



Iowa Ducks Unlimited - Art Program

IOWA DUCKS UNLIMITED

ARTIST OF THE YEAR/PRINT OF THE YEAR

CONTEST RULES 2024

1. The contest coordinator shall be the Iowa Ducks Unlimited State Art Co-Chairman.
2. The contest shall be judged on Saturday, February 10th, 2024, at the Iowa Ducks Unlimited State Convention, located in the: West Des Moines Sheraton, 1800 50th 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 10th, 2024, or if mailed received by end of day February 5, 2024. The judging will be on February 10th 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 UPS, FedEx, USPS return label / call ticket, checks or money orders. All packages will be returned via FedEx if a pre-paid return label is not included. Please ensure your check or money order will cover the cost of FedEx shipping and insurance. 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 –2024 (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 2024 is: "***DU in the wetlands***". Each entry must include at least one species of waterfowl in a wetland setting and will include the Ducks Unlimited logo somewhere in the painting. This can be the words "Ducks Unlimited" or the Duck Head Logo painted somewhere in the painting scenery.
12. The design must be the entrant's own original creation and may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art or photographs. No art developed by means of computer programming or AI technology will be allowed. 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. Iowa Ducks Unlimited is NOT responsible for damage/smudges to any artwork that is not in a finished state.
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 2024 "Artist of the Year" and the entrant's work will become the 2025/2026 "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:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Action</u>
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: _____