

The Gathering

2022 – 2023

UPDATED 11/08/2022

Many class numbers have changed.

Additional classes added

Some classes deleted

New rules

New definitions

New Awards

Please discard the copy you picked up at Perham.

24TH ANNUAL SHOW

THE GATHERING 2023

CONTEST INFORMATION

APRIL 14, 15 & 16th, 2023

Perham Area Community Center ---- Perham MN
Featured Events

- Saturday and Sunday Sporting Collectibles Show
 - John Jensen National Fish Decoy Contest
 - Bob Johnson Memorials
 - P.A. Keystone
 - **Midwest Nationals Gunning Bird Contest**
 - **South Dakota Nationals**
 - **North Dakota Nationals**
 - North American World Cup/ Fish Decoy
 - **Youth Duck Decoy Midwest Nationals**
 - NFDA Awards Banquet

Please watch the website for details and announcements at

www.NFDAdecoys.org

www.PerhamShow.com

Face Book – National Fish Decoy Association

Info: Carvers

Registration fees will be \$5.00 per decoy capped at \$50.00

If you enter the contests, you get free admission arm bands for the buying floor, for all 3 days.

Registration is:
Friday 10 am to 2 pm
Saturday from 7 am to 8 am.

Definitions:

Decorative Decoy- a high end working decoy with more detail, paint and carving, that gives a more taxidermy style look to the decoy.

Folk Art Decoy: While all decoys are folk art, the judges are looking more to the side of artist interpretation of what they think the decoy species looks like if non decorative. The Otis Lael classes really fit this definition

NEW RULES

**Any entries into PURCHASE AWARD classes must be signed, with a legible full name. If this bothers you, you can cover your name with 3M painter's tape.
Initials and stamps are not enough.**

If you are entering the NFDA Invitational classes, you must enter the EBAY class with at least one decoy. You may enter this class up to three times, increasing your chances to win a motel stay at the next year show.

MOTELS IN PERHAM

Both motels have been sold to the same owners group. For the foreseeable future these motels are going to be near half capacity with workers that have been employed in the surrounding towns.

We suggest you book your rooms direct and very early

Grand Stay - 1.218.346.2033

Super 8 -- 1.218.346.7888

Upcoming shows

Fish House Festival in New York Mills/July

Bejou Show

Park Rapids Show

Grand Rapids

Little Falls Show ----- Saturday March 4th, 2023

Alexandria

Medina

The Gathering --- April 14th thru 16th, 2023

NORTH AMERICAN WORLD CUP OF FISH DECOYS

Class 1 – **Hand -Painted** Rainbow Trout 11 -12 inches
Class 2 – Northern Pike (open paint) 12 – 13 inches
Class 3 – Black Crappie (open paint) 10- 11 inches

\$800.00 purchase award- 1st place /each class

Decorative working fish decoys

Swim tested

WORLD CUP ---- FOR 1ST PLACE IN EACH CLASS

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5th PLACE/EACH CLASS

NATIONAL RULES ALSO APPLY

**QUALIFICATIONS- CARVER MUST ENTER AT LEAST 3 CLASSES IN THE
JOHN JENSENS NATIONALS CLASSES 4-11, DESIGNATED**

***Class 3 is the show logo for the 25th Anniversary Show**

JOHN JENSEN NATIONALS

THE GATHERING 2023

DESIGNATED CLASSES 4-11

DECORATIVE WORKING FISH DECOYS

CLASS	DECOY	LENGTH	PAINT	PURCHASE AWARD
4	Cutthroat Trout	9-10	Open	1 st \$400.00
5	Walleye	9-10	Open	1 st \$400.00
6	Any Sunfish	8-9	Open	1 st \$400.00
7	Brown Trout	9-10	Open	1 st \$400.00
8	Artic Char	9-10	Open	1 st \$400.00
9	Tiger Muskie	10-11	Open	1 st \$400.00
10	White Bass	8-9	Open	1 st \$400.00
11	Largemouth Bass	9-10	Open	1 st \$400.00

Purchase award on first place each class.

Ribbons and certificates through 5th place

Qualifying classes for World Cup, carver must enter at least 3 of these classes.

**** Please note Best of Show on classes 4-11 is**
\$500.00

The NFDA Invitationals

The following classes, 12 through 44, are sponsored by the National Fish Decoy Association.

In order to enter these classes, you must enter Class 15, Ebay Class, at least once.

(The spear class and Juniors are the exception)

You may enter the Ebay class up to 3 times, and each entry gives you a chance at a free motel stay for the next Gathering.

Please support the industry. We sell these decoys on Ebay and use the proceeds to help pay for contest, show, and banquet costs, which seem to go up every year.

We also want to keep the non-purchase award money going for the Juniors.

We should be getting 100 decoys. Let's see how we do.

As a carver we need you to attend the NFDA Awards banquet every year, even if you didn't enter decoys. We lose the Banquet, we lose the whole show. We will raise prices before we let the Banquet go.

Carver recognition is important. -The banquet is important

BOB JOHNSON MEMORIAL

JUNIOR DIVISION

(JUDGED 50% SWIM – 50% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP)

CLASS	DECOY	LENGTH	PAINT	AWARD
12	Perch (decorative)	5 - 6	OPEN	1 ST – 5 TH
13	Mouse	4-6	OPEN	1 ST - 5th

16 AND UNDER ONLY

CLASS 14 Tiger Striped Northern 5-7 OPEN 1- 5TH

NATIONAL RULES APPLY
RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES TOP 5 PLACES

Non purchase award

Paying out \$100.00/ea. to top 5 in the Perch class.

CLASS – 15

NFDA – EBAY SERIES CLASS – DECORATIVE WORKING

(JUDGED 50/50 AS ONE CLASS)

SEGMENT	SIZE	SIZE	PAINT	AWARD
E1	CHOICE	6-15	OPEN	1 - 5
E2	CHOICE	6-15	OPEN	
E3	CHOICE	6-15	OPEN	

New Rules for 2023

- CARVER MAY ENTER THIS CLASS 3 TIMES, PROVIDED EACH ENTRY IS A DIFFERENT SPECIES.
- ALL ENTRIES ARE DONATIONS TO THE NFDA AND WILL BE SOLD ON EBAY AS A FUNDRAISER

RIBBONS AND CERIFICATES THRU 5TH PLACE

FIRST DRAWN NAME WINS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT STAY AT THE GRAND STAY HOTEL IN PERHAM IN 2024.

2ND DRAWN NAME WINS A FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT STAY AT SUPER 8 IN PERHAM IN 2024

Please note—We will be drawing for the Hotel weekends. Each entry gets one name in the hat. Enter 3 fish, get 3 chances to win.

This qualifies you to enter all NFDA INVITATIONAL classes

Class - 16

BOB JOHNSON
MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

PURCHASE AWARD

Shiner Minnow

7 – 8 inch

(60% DECORATIVE 40% SWIM)

1ST - \$200.00

2ND – 150.00

3RD – 150.00

CERTIFICATES AND RIBBONS THRU 5 PLACES

**EACH OF BOBS BOYS, DILLION AND ANDY, WILL RECEIVE 1
DECOY. THE THIRD DECOY GOES TO DEREK CARTER, SO THANK
DEREK FOR PUTTING UP THE AWARD MONEY.**

**SPONSORED BY – NEX-GEN PAINTING
TOP 3 PLACES ARE PURCHASE AWARDS**

Class -17

2nd annual

Upper Peninsula Michigan

“ YOOPER”

World Championships

Decorative Working Fish Decoy

10 -12 inches (with the tail) eelpout

\$500.00 PURCHASE AWARD 1ST PLACE

1st place gets the coveted “YOOPER CUP”

The rest of you can go pout!

Ribbons and certificates 1st thru 5th

Qualifications—you must enter at least 2 decoys in the John
Jensen Nationals

Sponsored by Harley Ragan

Class - **17.5**

2023 Perham

MI.

Wolverine

World Championships

Decorative Working Fish Decoy

14 inches minimum

LAKE STURGEON

\$900.00 PURCHASE AWARD - 1ST PLACE

\$800.00 PURCHASE AWARD – 2ND PLACE

Must have- wood tail, glass eyes, and at least 1/3 hand painted.

Swim tested

Please pre sign your name and use tape if you desire

Ribbons and certificates 1st thru 5th

Qualifications—You must enter at least 2 decoys in the John Jensen Nationals

CLASS 18

2nd ANNUAL

SPEAR OF THE YEAR

6 TINE METAL SPEAR

**PURCHASE AWARD
WINNER TAKE ALL**

1ST PLACE \$600.00

PLUS, CUP, RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES

2ND THRU 5TH PLACE, RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES

(JUDGED ON CRAFTMANSHIP, FUNCTIONALITY, AND ORIGINALITY)

**SPONSORED BY
JARED SYPNIESKI**

CLASS 19

Pickle

SPEAR OF THE YEAR

9 - 10 inches long

5 tine minimum

METAL SPEAR

PURCHASE AWARD

WINNER TAKE ALL

1ST PLACE \$200.00

PLUS RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5TH PLACE

(JUDGED ON CRAFTMANSHIP, FUNCTIONALITY, AND ORIGINALITY)

**SPONSORED BY
JARED SYPNIESKI**

CLASS-20

Shall We?

Build a better decoy?

Decoy

about 14-inch-long **Brook Trout**,
male spawner, slightly open mouth

Swim Tested

Purchase award—

\$600.00 -1st place

\$500.00- 2nd place

Ribbons and certificates thru 5th place

Sponsored by: Shallbetter Decoys

Qualifications—you must enter at least 2 decoys in the John
Jensen Nationals

CLASS --21
7TH- ANNUAL
PENNSYLVANIA – KEYSTONE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
(P.A.Keystone)

Bringing awareness to invasive species
in our rivers and lakes

Decoy – Snakehead

STYLE – DECORATIVE WORKING FISH DECOY
SIZE – 10 TO 14 INCHES LONG
PAINT – OPEN

PURCHASE AWARD

1ST PLACE - \$650.00

2ND PLACE - \$400.00

3RD PLACE - \$400.00

CARVERS MUST ENTER 2 **CLASSES** IN THE JENSEN NATIONALS TO QUALIFY FOR THIS CLASS

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU TOP 5

Class -22
3rd ANNUAL
SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONALS

PURCHASE AWARD

High End

Classic Smoothie

High end, with that classic 70's look and feel

7-9 inches

1ST PLACE \$400.00

2ND PLACE \$300.00

3RD PLACE \$200.00

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5 PLACES

SPONSORED BY RYAN GOOD, SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

CLASS – 23

6TH ANNUAL

RON HAMM

DECOY ART CHALLENGE

Half n Half

11 – 12 inch long

Decorative Working

½ Northern 1/2 Sucker

**Build it any way you want, top, bottom, end to end, sideways,
just build it!**

1ST - \$500

2ND - \$400

3RD - \$300

RIBBONS AND CERIFICATES THRU 5TH PLACE

Purchase awards

**Qualifications—you must enter at least 2 classes in Jensen
Nationals, classes 4 to 11, to qualify for this class.**

SPONSORED BY RON HAMM

Class 24
4th ANNUAL
RICK WIRTH DECOY CHALLENGE

PURCHASE AWARDS
WORKING DECOY
10 – 12 INCHES FOLK ART FISH DECOY
JUDGED
50% SWIM – 50 % CLEAN CRAFTMANSHIP

PURCHASE AWARD

1ST—125.00
2ND- 100.00
3RD – 75.00
4TH – 50.00
5TH – 50.00

DECOY MUST BE MADE AFTER- APRIL 2022

ALSO, RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5TH
SPONSORED BY RICK WIRTH

Class 25

MICHIGAN 2nd Annual

LAKE ST. CLAIR

INVITATIONAL

PURCHASE AWARD

DECOY- High end Smoothie

NORTHERN FAMILY—YOUR CHOICE

(Grass Pickerel, Chain Pickerel, or Northern Pike)

SIZE - 8-10 INCHES

OPEN PAINT

1ST - \$ 200.00

2ND- \$ 150.00

3RD- \$ 100.00

4th--- \$100.00

5th---\$100.00

Ribbons And certificate thru 5th place -Attend the banquet for awards

Class # 26

2nd Annual Wisconsin Challenge

While Wisconsin doesn't have the pike spearing culture like some states, they do have a lake sturgeon spearing season like no other. These dinosaurs are notoriously hard to get, with some spearers going decades without ever getting one. What kind of decoy do you think it'd take to draw a sturgeon into view from the murky depths of Lake Winnebago? Something bright and folky, a natural looking sturgeon, flashy copper fins, maybe it doesn't even resemble a fish....?

Let's see what lurks in the backs of your creative minds!

Working Fish Decoy
70% swim, 30% craft/creativity
Minimum 10 inches, no max length

Non-Purchase Awards/Prizes
1st Place — \$50 & the "Dairyland" Trophy
2nd Place — \$40
3rd Place — \$25
4th Place — 12 Pack Spotted Cow
5th Place — 6 Pack Spotted Cow

Ribbons and certificates 1st thru 5th

**Co-Sponsored by Ryan Ebert & Nick Grode on behalf of the
Wisconsin Darkhouse Angling Association.**

OTIS LAEL MEMORIAL FOLK ART

CLASS 27— SIDE HOOKED CRIPPLED CRITTER	-	7-8 INCHES
CLASS 28 – SPACE ALIEN SPEARING DECOY	-	8-11 INCHES
CLASS 29 – ANY PICTURESQUE CRAPPIE	-	3-4 INCHES
CLASS 30 – ANY RODENT	-	4-9 INCHES

Best of Show on above classes

Ribbons and certificates on 1st thru 5th place

Class - 31
World of Decoys - Online Magazine
Invitational

Sate Fish of Louisiana

White Crappie Fish Plaque

Fish- at least ½ to full body, 7-10 inches long
Any back board ready to hang

We pay you-- \$50.00 /1st

(NON- PURCHASE AWARD)

Ribbons and certificates thru 5th place

Feature story on winners in magazine

Free subscription at Worldofdecoys.com

CLASS -- 32

ANYTHING BUT WOOD

(DECORATIVE)

FISH DECOY - ANY SPECIES

LENGTH 6 - 14 inch

ANY MATERIAL, EXCEPT WOOD

ANYTHING GOES

JUDGED 50-50

SWIM TESTED

DECOY MUST BE MADE AFTER- APRIL 2022

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5 PLACES

AWARDS AT SAT. NIGHT BANQUET

Sponsored by COLLEEN DUFNEY

CLASS -- 33

ANYTHING BUT WOOD

(FOLK ART)

FISH DECOY - ANY SPECIES

LENGTH 6 – 14 inches

ANY MATERIAL, EXCEPT WOOD

ANYTHING GOES

JUDGED 50-50

DECOY MUST BE MADE AFTER- APRIL 2022

SWIM TESTED

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5 PLACES

AWARDS AT SAT. NIGHT BANQUET

Sponsored by COLLEEN DUFNEY

CLASS - 34

LADIES ONLY

ANY FROG DECOY

AS LONG AS A FROG

Spots like a Frog

\$100.00 -1st Place (non-purchase Award)

\$50.00- 2nd Place (non-purchase Award)

(SPEARING DECOY- SWIM TESTED)

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5 PLACE

DOUD DAVIS CHANGES

Doug Davis contest classes are : ---

35 to 41

Read---that is 7 classes of fish house/service working
decoys competing for the Doug Davis Best of Show

(This allows different judging teams to be involved)

The Triple Crown

(chosen from 1st place fish in above classes)

New Awards

2nd runner up -Best of Show

1st Runner up -Best of Show

Best of Show

All receive cups at the banquet

(In theory a single carver could win all three)

Class- 35

Doug Davis Memorial Contest

FISH HOUSE DECOYS

(Also known as service working)

90/10 JUDGING

(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)

Decoy

5-6 inch

Wood -tailed Largemouth Bass

Certificates and ribbons through 5th place

Class----36

Larry Lange

Memorial Challenge

Decoy

Tiger Striped Fish Decoy

About 7 inches, with Metal Tail

Certificates and ribbons through 5th place

******* A DOUG DAVIS FISH HOUSE DECOY CLASS**

**(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)**

***** This is the NFDA Button class- 25th Anniversary**

CLASS -- 37

2nd ANNUAL

NORTH DAKOTA NATIONALS

7– 8 INCHES – Jumbo Perch – Fish Decoy

\$50.00 paid to 1st place

We pay you.

(NON PURCHASE AWARD)

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5TH

SPONSORED BY RICK WHITTIER DECOYS

******* A DOUG DAVIS FISH HOUSE DECOY CLASS**

**(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)**

Class 38
Carving Magazine
Invitational

Working fish decoy -swim tested

Pileated Woodpecker

(spearing decoy)

6- 8 inches long

Judged on swim, carving, paint and cleanliness

Win a free subscription for 1st and 2nd place
Certificates and ribbons thru 5th place

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**** A DOUG DAVIS FISH HOUSE DECOY CLASS**

**(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)**

**You need a subscription. Sharpen your carving
and painting talents with this magazine.**

Class - 39

NFDA

Minnow Series

CENTRAL MUDMINNOW
8-9 inches with wood tail

\$50.00 to 1st place

- We pay you-

(NON-PURCHASE AWARD)

Certificates and ribbons through 5th place

******* A DOUG DAVIS FISH HOUSE DECOY CLASS**

(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)

Class 40
NFDA
Saltwater Series

Empress Angelfish

(any)

(spearing decoy)

5-6 inches long with wood tail

Ribbons and certificates through 5th place

\$50.00 non-purchase award to top 2 places

We pay you

******* A DOUG DAVIS FISH HOUSE DECOY CLASS**

(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)

Class 41

**Patriotic
Decorative**

Sunfish

Wood Tailed Spearing Decoy

Length 4-5 inches

Ribbons and certificates through 5th place

\$50.00 non-purchase award to 1st place

We pay you

******* A DOUG DAVIS FISH HOUSE DECOY CLASS**

(90% SWIM ,10% CLEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AND ARTIST RENDITION OF
LIKENESS)

CLASS 42

**RUSTY JESSE
LURE CONTEST**

MUSKY LURE
(any species or critter)

**MINIMUM LENGTH - 8 INCHES
MINIMUM 4/0 HOOKS
AT LEAST 2 HOOKS
ALL HAND CARVED WOOD**

Non-purchase award

50.00 -1st

50.00- 2nd place

**Ribbons and certificates thru 5 places
Sponsored by Rusty Jesse Premium Lures**

Class-43

The Wife's Walleye

WINNER TAKE ALL

\$1000.00

**24 inch
Decorative Walleye**

Going after a leech on a red slow death hook.
Full body carving on a nice limb.

Ribbons and certificates thru 5th place

Must be able to hang.

Class 44

**6TH ANNUAL
SCHWICHTENBERG CLASSIC**

Trophy Northern Head

From a 25 lb. plus northern.

Taxidermy, fresh caught look and quality, with glass eyes.

On a painted scene backboard
(may include weeds, fake or painted, etc-)

Just like the old head mounts you used to see at resorts. Open mouth, teeth, fierce looking, awesome, flared gills, total head length 12 – 14 inches.

Should leave several inches behind the gill, to attach to backboard.

Questions, talk to us first.

Purchase awards

1st place -- \$800.00

2nd place --- \$700.00

3rd place --- \$500.00

Ribbons and certificates through 5th place

DUCKS
ORIGINAL ART
MIDWEST NATIONALS
JUNIOR DUCK

CLASS --45

**WINNER TAKE ALL
DUCK DECOY**

PURCHASE AWARD

DECORATIVE WORKING DECOY

DECOY - -- DRAKE MALLARD

1ST - \$800.00

NO CORK, MUST BE WOOD

HOLLOW

GLASS EYES

NO WOOD BURNING

SWIM TESTED

**MUST HAVE REMOVABLE KEEL OR WEIGHTS FOR LATER DISPLAY
PURPOSES**

**PURCHASE AWARD FOR 1ST PLACE
1ST thru 5TH RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES**

Class - 46

ORIGINAL PAINTING

YOUR CHOICE OF SUBJECTS

RED FOX

2 RABBITS IN THE WILD

DEER IN THE WOODS

MEDIUM- YOUR CHOICE

MATERIAL—WOOD OR CANVAS

(MUST BE READY TO HANG AND SIGNED)

SIZE—MINIMUM 12X 16

PURCHASE AWARD

\$250.00- 1ST PLACE

200.00 - 2ND PLACE

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5TH PLACE

SPONSORED BY; KANSAS CITY

CLASS -- 47

2nd ANNUAL

Genes Sport Shop

WORKING DUCK DECOY

Mallard Drake

(Like a Mason Premier or Snakey-head Challenge Grade)

PURCHASE AWARD

WINNER TAKE ALL

1ST PLACE - \$300.00

RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5TH PLACE

Swim tested

**Winning decoys will be on display at Genes Sport Shop,
downtown Perham,**

Late addition to 2023 Gathering contest. Added 07/2022

Class 47-A

1st Annual

Lake of The Woods Legacy

Purchase Award - \$250.00 Winner Take All

Drake Goldeneye

Working Decoy

Details- Any head position, hollow wood, or cork, or stretched canvas over wire. Decoy must be well made, hunt ready, self-righting, no fragile parts. Swim and tank tested.

Ribbons and certificates thru 5th place

Sponsored by: Matt Gau and Family

MIDWEST NATIONALS

GUNNING BIRD COMPETITION

CLASS	BIRD	SIZE	AWARD
48	Bluebill Drake	FULL	\$50.00
49	Duck Butt	FULL	\$50.00
50	Cob of Corn	FULL	\$50.00
51	Bar-tailed Godwit	FULL	\$50.00
52	Northern Cardinal Songbird	FULL	\$50.00

****NOT PURCHASE AWARDS**

Working decoys only – Judges expect field ready birds, Ducks are swim tested. Calls are tested. Ribbons and Certificates for 1st thru 5th place at NFDA awards banquet. \$5.00 ENTRY PER BIRD

BEST OF SHOW ON ABOVE GUNNING BIRDS

Class 53

MIDWEST NATIONALS
YOUTH DUCK DECOY CONTEST

DECOY -- DRAKE WIDGEON

COMPOSITION CORK OR WOOD

Age 18 and under

Cash Award

1ST PLACE \$200.00

2ND PLACE 100.00

3RD PLACE 50.00

4TH 50.00

5TH 50.00

PLUS RIBBONS AND CERTIFICATES THRU 5TH PLACE
1ST PLACE DUCK WILL BE FEATURED ON 2023 LOGO

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MORE INFO?

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(cash is non purchase award)

BEST OF SHOW AWARDS

DIVISION	CLASS	AWARD	RIBBON	CUP
Designated Classes	4-11	500.00	X	x
OTIS LAEL	27-30	100	X	X
DOUG DAVIS	35-41	100	X	3
Midwest Nationals	48-52	\$100.00	X	x

NFDA AWARDS BANQUET

The NFDA Awards Banquet will be held at The Cactus, on Ft Thunder Road, south side of freeway. **The banquet is Saturday evening, April 15th, 2023 (218-346-2554)**

This banquet is open to the public, collectors, carvers, dealers and press with advance ticket purchase . Ticket price includes a meal, door prizes and awards to contestants of all the Perham contests.

The banquet is fun for everyone, including the carvers who have no idea if they were a winner until their name is announced at the award ceremony. If you have not attended the banquet before, you are missing half the show

This is our annual fundraiser event.

WORLD CUP/ NATIONALS /ALL CLASSES

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2022– 2023

FISH

All decoys must be working decoys that swim. Swimming is defined as forward and down movement of the decoy when pressure is released on the line, while the decoy is suspended in the tank.

1. All decoys are swim tested in 6 ft tanks
2. Any decoy that does not swim, sink, lists to one side, or swims backwards, or noticeably falls apart in the water will be disqualified and will not be judged.
3. You can only enter one decoy per class, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
4. Decoy registration fees are \$5.00 per entry in any NFDA sanctioned event. Capped at \$50.00
5. All decoys, fish plaques in all classes must be made from wood, unless otherwise noted.
6. **Another person may register your decoys at any event.**
7. Air brush classes means 98% airbrush, 2% hand touch up.
8. Hand painted means 100% hand painted with a brush or paint pens – NO airbrush touch ups allowed.
9. No bondo, putty or body fillers are allowed to mold any body parts except teeth/unless noted.
10. Filler may be used to cover lead cavity or fin gaps.
11. If one person carves and another paints, they must register under both names.
- 12.
13. Juniors are considered anyone STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL AT TIME OF EVENT.
14. Decoys must be tagged before registration, which is Friday from 11 – 2 pm, and Saturday from 7 – 8 am. Late entries are NOT accepted. ALL DECOYS MUST BE REGISTERED AT THE SAME TIME AND IN ORDER OF CLASSES.
15. No plastic fins/tails allowed in any classes unless otherwise noted.
16. All judges' decisions are final.
17. Judges and officials accept no liability for any damage to entries.
18. If you do not agree with the rules, then do NOT enter.
19. We are not responsible for stolen decoys from the contest area, this means the carvers or cash sponsors. We accept no liability for purchase award sponsors that do not pay, in any class.
20. All work must be full name signed before registering for any purchase award classes.
21. NFDA Nationals require you to enter the ebay class at least once.

Rules subject to change before posting on the web. Any changes, modifications or adjustments to the rules will be posted on the website at www.nfdadecoys.org www.perhamshow.com
Contact – Rod Osvold 218-841-3566 or perhamshow@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

We are always in need of sponsorship dollars to help keep the shows and contest alive. The following are the dollars we need:

LITTLE FALLS SHOW PROMOTION - \$1500.

PERHAM SHOW - \$25,000.

NFDA Banquet-- \$4,500.00

NFDA JUNIOR PROGRAMS \$6,500.00

Anyone knowing of potential individuals or corporate sponsors please contact Rod Osvold at NFDA 218-841-3566 or perhamshow@gmail.com

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