

We need duck stamps!



Duck stamps aren't just for duck hunters or stamp collectors. And the wetlands that duck stamps buy aren't just for ducks.

We all need duck stamps - more than people think. Wetlands catch water, lessening the impact of floods and droughts. They naturally purify the water, allowing it to seep back into the soil, replenishing underground reservoirs. Wetlands are for water-loving plants, wildlife and people.

Since 1934, people who care about the environment have invested in wetland preservation by buying duck stamps. Nearly 690 million dollars of duck stamp revenue has been used over the past 70 years to buy or lease over 5 million acres of precious wetlands.

But that's not enough. Millions of acres of life-rich marshes, swamps and estuaries are still being destroyed each year.

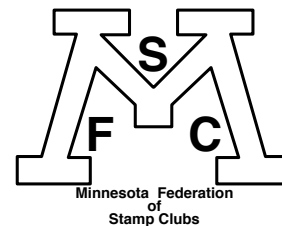
So, the next time you're in the post office or sporting goods store, buy a duck stamp. It won't mail a letter, but it will preserve a vital link in the chain of life!

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
 People with hearing impairments can contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service through the Federal Information Relay System at 1 800/877 8339.

For more information, check out website at:
<http://duckstamps.fws.gov>



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Minnesota Waterfowl Association



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Saturday, September 20

<i>Event</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Youth Waterfowl Hunt.....	Minnesota Waterfowl Association
Minnesota Valley NWR	

Tuesday, October 7

Art of the Wild.....	Bell Museum of Natural History
Bill Webster/Joe Hautman (7:00 p.m.)	University of Minnesota
(\$10.00 fee public, free for members)	

Friday, October 10

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Bird Walk/Identification.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Minnesota Valley NWR	
(7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.)	

Unveiling of Art.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.)	

Saturday, October 11

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Bird Walk/Identification.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Minnesota Valley NWR	
(7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.)	

Stamp Show.....	Maplewood Stamp Club
Century College/Maplewood	
(10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)	

Families, Nature & Photography- Creating Lifelong Connections	Beverly Anglum
Bloomington Art Center	
(11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.)	

Duck Art & Waterfowl Wonders Family Event.....	Bell Museum of Natural History
University of Minnesota (1:00-3:00 p.m.)	University of Minnesota
(\$5.00/adult; \$3.00/children, free for members)	

Sunday, October 12

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(1:00-10:00 p.m.)	

Stamp Show.....	Maplewood Stamp Club
Century College/Maplewood	
(10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)	

Family Walk for Wetlands.....	Ducks Unlimited and Audubon
Minnesota Valley NWR	
(1:00-4:00 p.m.)	

Monday, October 13

<i>Event</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Tuesday, October 14

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Kids in Nature Day.....	Cabela's, Pheasants Forever, Minnesota Valley NWR and MN Department of Natural Resources, Refuge Friends, Inc. USFWS
Bloomington Art Center	
(10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)	
Reservations Required - Space Limited	
(Sessions include: Dudley Edmondson Program, Bird Banding Demo, Wildlife Art Clinic, Waterfowl & Hunting Heritage, Wildlife Photography)	

Wildlife Photography Program.....	Dudley Edmondson
Bloomington Center for the Arts	
(10:00-11:00 a.m.)	

Beginning Bird Watching Class.....	Audubon Minnesota
Minnesota Valley NWR	Minnesota River Valley
(4:00- 5:30 p.m.)	Audubon Chapter

Wednesday, October 15

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Padelford Boat Birding Trip.....	Audubon Minnesota
Mississippi River	
(9:00-11:00 a.m.)	
\$25.00 (Reservations)	

Meet the Artists Night.....	Wildlife Forever
Bloomington Art Center	(previous winners, current
(6:00-9:00 p.m.) \$35.00 (Fee)	entrants, former judges)
(Call 763 253-0222)	

Thursday, October 16

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Prairie Wildlife Photo Contest.....	The Nature Conservancy
Bloomington Art Center	
(9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)	

Youth and Family Hunting Expo.....	Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club
Prior Lake, MN	Minnesota Waterfowl Association
(11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)	

Judges' Reception.....	Delta Waterfowl
Minnesota Valley NWR	Minnesota NWRS Friends
(6:00 p.m.)	Groups

<i>Event</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Waterfowl Hunters Party.....	Ducks Unlimited
Bloomington Art Center	Avery Outdoors
(6:00 - 9:00 p.m.) \$35.00 (fee)	Sportsman's Warehouse

Friday, October 17

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Vintage Minnesota Waterfowl Decoy Display.....	Minnesota Decoy Foundation
Bloomington Art Center	
(9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.)	

Joe Hautman Poster Signing.....	Friends of Rice Lake NWR
(9:00-10:00 a.m.) (Posters @ \$10.00 each)	
Bloomington Art Center	

Opening Ceremony (10:00 a.m.).....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Judging (10:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.)	City of Bloomington
Bloomington Art Center	

Stamp Cachet Sales/Cancellation.....	Minnesota Federation
Bloomington Art Center	of Stamp Clubs
(9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)	

Duck Stamp Gala.....	Ducks Unlimited
Holiday Inn Select, Bloomington	Wild Wings
(5:30-10:00 p.m.) \$195.00 (fee)	

Saturday, October 18

Artwork on Display.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	Bloomington Center for the Arts
(9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.)	

Vintage Minnesota Waterfowl Decoy Display.....	Minnesota Decoy Foundation
Bloomington Art Center	
(9:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.)	

Joe Hautman Poster Signing.....	Friends of Rice Lake
(9:00-10:00 a.m.) (Posters @ \$10.00 each)	

History of Wildlife Art.....	David Wagner
Bloomington Art Center	
(8:45-9:30 a.m.)	

Stamp Cachet Sales/Cancellation.....	Minnesota Federation of
Bloomington Art Center	Stamp Clubs
(9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)	

Judging, Round 2.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	City of Bloomington
(10:00 a.m.)	

Contest Winners Announced.....	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Bloomington Art Center	City of Bloomington
(1:00 p.m. approximately)	

Although most duck stamp events are free and open to the public, some have a fee or, due to space limitations, require reservations. Check the color-coded legend, at right, to determine the status of events in which you are interested.

■ Event Open to the Public, Free

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■ Reservations Required, Fee

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■ Event by Invitation Only