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## **JUNIOR DUCK STAMP ART DISPLAYED AT SQUAW CREEK REFUGE**

**Mound City, Missouri** -- Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge will display the Missouri Junior Duck Stamp artwork through Wednesday, May 27, 2009. Missouri's best of show was awarded to 18 year-old Rebekah Nastav of Amoret, Missouri. Rebekah's painting entitled "Serenity" is of a pair of common goldeneyes that won for her top honors in the state competition and can be viewed on the website <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/bigmuddy>. Rebekah Nastav's painting was entered also into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's, Federal Junior Duck Stamp Design National Contest held on April 22 at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. Rebekah's common goldeneye artwork won third place in the 2009 National Junior Duck Stamp Contest held in Washington D.C. In 2006 Rebekah won first place in the national competition when she was only 15 years of age. The talented Rebekah Nastav's artwork won again top honors as Best of Show in this year's Missouri's Junior Duck Stamp Contest in which more than 660 entries were received from across the state.

Visitors may view the top winning artwork entries from the Missouri contest in the Squaw Creek Refuge auditorium during weekdays in May. Refuge office hours during the week are from 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. **Exhibit artwork show hours are 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. for International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 9.**

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The Junior Duck Stamp Program is based on the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. The Washington Office makes the national winning painting available as a stamp for sale at \$5.00. Proceeds from the Junior Duck Stamp sales are used to support environmental education efforts and awards for contest winners. The Junior Duck Stamp Program has many benefits. It introduces school-age children to the natural world. It instills a sense of individual responsibility in the maintenance of our environment. The program benefits waterfowl and their habitats as well as all migratory birds and hundreds of plants and animals that share wetland habitats. In Missouri a color copy of Rebekah Nastav's Best of Show artwork and all the other 99 winning original art paintings have been framed and covered for display across the state. The display schedule is as follows:

May: Squaw Creek Refuge Headquarters, Mound City      November: Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, Kirkwood  
June: Runge Conservation Nature Center, Jefferson City      December: Cape Girardeau Conservation Campus Nature Center,  
July: Springfield Conservation Nature Center, Springfield      Cape Girardeau  
August: Bass Pro Outdoor World, Springfield      January: Mingo national Wildlife Refuge, Puxico

September: Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center, Blue Springs      February – April: Lake Arts Council, Sunrise  
October: Discovery Center, Urban Conservation Campus, Kansas City      Beach

**Please call (660) 442-3187 to obtain further information.** Squaw Creek Refuge is located 5 miles south of Mound City and 30 miles north of St. Joseph, Missouri. To reach the refuge, take I-29 to exit 79, then two and ½ miles west on Highway 159.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 100-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System which encompasses more than 550 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores a wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

For further information about programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region, please visit our website at <http://midwest.fws.gov> or Friends of Squaw Creek at <http://squawcreek.org>

