

Washington Brant Foundation

Decoy Carving Contest Rules and Details

Contest will be held on **May 17, 2025** at:

Maiben Park
1011 Greenleaf Avenue
Burlington, WA 98233

Working Class Decoy Rules

1. Decoys must be of a species common to North America.
2. Decoys may be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas, unless otherwise specified.
3. Bills, tails, and other “vulnerable” areas must be durable and can be reinforced.
4. Ballast weights, keels, and tie-on devices are part of the decoy and will be judged as such.
5. All markings identifying the carver will be covered.
6. Any decoy that splits, checks, or has paint deterioration prior to completion of the judging will be disqualified.
7. Decoys must self-right.
8. Decoys require an anchor line attachment.
9. All entries will be pre-judged by the show chairman to confirm compliance to rules prior to floating.
10. Simple paint and sculpture with good field markings preferred.
11. Can have raised primary feathers but must be supported no under cutting.
12. Bills can be detailed without restriction or no restriction.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Craftsmanship - Relates to the technical skills involved in the carving. Are all glue lines blended in? Are eyes seated properly?

Serviceability - Will this entry work? Will it require special handling in a decoy bag or boat? Is it durable?

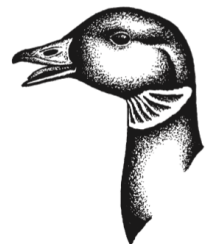
Accuracy - Are the feather patterns in the correct shape and color? Are the eyes in the proper position and alignment?

Projection - Will the entry display the species in low light conditions (dawn/dusk)? You can't see detail; does the silhouette identify?

Overall Presentation - This category encompasses all of the displayed and will be in the water.

All judging decisions are final.

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WBF Working Class Contests

Open Decoy Division

There are three classes in this division: Diver, Puddler, and Confidence. This division includes any waterfowl common to North America except for brant.

Best of each class will compete for best of show with replacement rules applying as winners are chosen. For example, if the 1st place diver wins best of show, the 2nd place diver will be move up to compete in the remaining best of show judging.

Open Division 1st best of show winner is a purchase award and belong to WBF.

First Prize: \$250.00 and Medallion
Second Prize: \$50.00 and Medallion
Third Prize: \$25.00 and Medallion

Brant Division

Carving must be of any North American Brant.

Brant Division winners are purchase awards (1st and 2nd only) and belong to WBF.

First Prize: \$350 and Medallion
Second Prize: \$250.00 and Medallion
Third Prize: \$50 and Medallion

Youth and Novice Division

Open to all who have not placed (first, second, third places) in any competition. This includes any waterfowl common to North America. Note that this division does not include purchase awards. **No entry fee required.**

Awards include ribbons and carving supplies.

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Mini Floating Decoy Swap

All entrants go home with a new miniature decoy. This year's carving will be a **Drake Ring Neck**.

1. 6" maximum length chest to top of tail coverts (bill length not considered).
2. **Must self right**. No keel necessary—must have anchor attachment.
3. No restrictions on detail, style or carving material.
4. Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd—Ribbons and cash \$75, \$50, \$25.
5. 1st place gets pick, then 2nd gets pick, then 3rd. The remainder draw a number. But you can't take your own bird!

The winner selects next year's bird.

REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$5.00 for the first bird, \$5.00 each additional entry, max \$25.00.

Registration starts at 7:00am, Decoys must be registered by 9:00am and Judging begins at 9:30am.

All decoys will remain on display at the show until 1:30pm. You are encouraged to mail in your entries if you cannot stay until the end of the show. All mail ins **MUST HAVE SHIPPING PRE-PAID**. UPS is recommended.

Please address mail-ins to:

Kurt Benson
8413 319th St NW
Stanwood, WA 98292

Purchase awards are auctioned off at the event. They help defray event costs and help greatly in the financing of the WBF Educational Programs. If a carver does not place and wishes to donate his carving to WBF, he will receive a 501(c)3 tax deduction slip the day of the event.

You can contact Kurt Benson with any questions on the contest:

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