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1965-66 FEDERAL DUCK STAMP CONTEST ANNOUNCED BY INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

The 1965-66 Federal "duck stamp" contest was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

Artists were urged to submit designs picturing various species of waterfowl that have not previously appeared on such stamps. Those not previously depicted include: red-breasted merganser, hooded merganser, white-winged scoter, surf scoter, oldsquaw, Barrow's goldeneye, fulvous tree duck, black-bellied tree duck, and emperor and Ross' geese.

Secretary Udall stated that a drawing of any species of North American waterfowl, except redhead, pintail, and mallard ducks, brant, and Nene geese will be acceptable. These five species are excluded because they have appeared on duck stamps within the last five years.

The first issue in the duck stamp series was in 1934, and since that time they have become familiar to stamp collectors as well as waterfowl hunters. A new stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which also is in charge of its distribution and sale. The stamp goes on sale July 1 and expires on the following June 30.

Anyone 16 years of age or older who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have one of the stamps in addition to his State hunting license. The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act requires all receipts from the sale of the stamps, less costs of printing and distribution, to be spent for the acquisition of lands for waterfowl.

Standard rules for the contest are:

The design must be horizontal, 7 inches wide and 5 inches high, in black and white only, and on a mat no larger than 8 by 11 inches in order to facilitate display for judging;

Drawing may be pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching, pencil, or other drawing technique;

No scroll work or lettering can appear on the picture itself, but the artist's signature and the name of the species depicted, plus his title for the drawing, should be added just below the picture. The artist's name and address must be printed on the back of the entry;

No picture can be accepted in a wooden frame or under glass; each picture should be mounted on a mat and protected by a covering of tissue or cellophane;

Designs showing brant, nene geese, and pintail, mallard, and redhead ducks will not be considered;

Drawings must be sent to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240, and postmarked not later than midnight November 15, 1964;

An artist may submit as many drawings as he desires, but each must be accompanied by a signed copy of the regular agreement.

The agreement covering reproduction rights, and a free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Duck Stamp Design Contest," are available by writing to the Office of Information of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington.

This will be the 32nd stamp of the Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Stamp series and the 16th in the series based upon open contest.

Stanley Stearns of Stevensville, Maryland, drew the winning design for the 1964-65 duck stamp contest. His entry was selected from among 158 drawings submitted by 87 artists from the United States and Canada.

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