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WOOD DUCKS TO APPEAR ON DUCK STAMP 1974-75

The 1974-75 Federal Duck Stamp will show two wood ducks in flight, the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today. The winning entry, a full color oil painting, was created by artist David A. Maass, 44, of Waterville, Minn.

Maass, who has been a full-time freelance wildlife artist for the past 11 years, has entered most of the annual duck stamp contests since the early 1950's. His efforts in the past earned him three second place finishes.

Second place this year was a tie between Chuck Ripper of Huntington, W. Va., who drew Barrow's goldeneye, and Roger Parsels of Gettysburg, Pa., who drew King eiders.

Wood ducks have not appeared on the duck stamp since 1943-44.

Service officials said that a record 291 entries were received in the 25th Federal duck stamp event.

The selection of the winner was based on anatomical accuracy, artistic composition, and suitability for engraving. Judges were Dr. Fred Evenden, executive director of the Wildlife Society; William DuPont, Ducks Unlimited; Andrew Poggenpohl, art director, National Geographic Magazine; Dr. John Aldrich, retired former research staff specialist of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Bird and Mammal Laboratory; and Edward Felver of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The winner receives no financial prize--just the honor and recognition of having his painting appear on the duck stamp.

A new duck stamp is issued each year by the U.S. Postal Service. The 1974-75 stamp will go on sale July 1, 1974. Every migratory waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older must purchase this stamp with a State hunting license. All revenue from duck stamps, except the cost of printing and distribution, is used for acquisition of wetlands for waterfowl.

Information on other designs since the stamps were first issued in 1934 is contained in "Duck Stamp Data," a publication available for 30 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Glossy prints of the winning design are available to editors only from the Office of Public Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.



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