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**Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce Hosts
Easter Decoy & Art Festival**

Chincoteague, VA—April 1, 2019: Come Celebrate the 40th Annual Easter Decoy & Art Festival on April 19th & 20th. Show hours are Friday, April 19: noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 20: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chincoteague Combined School located at 4586 Main Street. Capt. E's Hurricane Grill & Tiki Bar Food Truck will be available for food service.

Over 75 talented carvers, artists, jewelers, photographers, potters, and other artisans from across the country will showcase their amazing skills during this two day juried show held on Easter weekend for the past 40 years. The show is sponsored by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce & Certified Visitor Center. Visit www.chincoteaguedecoyshow.com for a full list of exhibitors for the 2019 show.

This year's silent auction of Pre-Loved Treasures will help support the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Building Fund and will feature fire company memorabilia in addition to paintings, maps, jewelry, books, and other "treasures". Items will be accepted until 11:30 a.m. on April 19th. Call the chamber if you would like to make a donation to the auction. The Pre-Loved Treasures auction and the decorated wooden eggs silent auction will begin at noon Friday, April 19 and end at 4 p.m. on Saturday April 20. Ribbons will be awarded for Best Artist, Best Carver, Best Photograph of Chincoteague or Assateague, and The Curtis Merritt Award of Excellence at 3 p.m. All children are encouraged to award their favorite exhibitor with a Children's Choice Ribbon.

Spend the week on the islands. The Antares rocket launch to the International Space Station is scheduled for April 17th. Come for the launch and stay for the week. Chincoteague Pony foals are being born on Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and sightings are frequent on the hiking and biking trails. It's a wonderful week to relax, recharge, and enjoy all that the islands have to offer. Plan your visit now at www.chincoteaguechamber.com.

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