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**40th Annual Easter Decoy & Art Festival
....a Chincoteague Island Tradition**

Chincoteague, VA—April 12: The 40th Annual Easter Decoy & Art Festival will be held April 19th & 20th at Chincoteague Combined School located at 4586 Main Street Chincoteague. Show hours are Friday, April 19: noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 20: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$4 per day ages 12 and over.

Show exhibitors include carvers Michael & Karla Adcock, Vic & Ellen Berg, Roy Bohn, Jimmy Bowden, Jay Bundick, Matt Burton, Jerry & Roy Caines, Shannon Dimmig, Corky Dize, Murphy Donovan, David Farlow Jr., Russell Fish, Robert Gray Jr., Bill Hickson, Ed Jacobs, James Johnson, Walt & Cindy Jones, David Justice, Ed Kuhn, Larry Linton, Carroll Lee Marshall, Cork McGee, Ron Roseiszewski, Ron Stevens, Dallas Thomas, Michael & Susan Veasey, Tricia Veasey, Bill Veasey, John Waterfield, and Ryan Wooster. Participating artists are April Barnes & G.W. Hart, Dee Brua, Grover Cantwell Jr., David Hughes, Ellen Lawler, Paul Makuchal, Ramona Maziarz, Kevin McBride, Chris & Joe Pagano, Jenny Somers, Yvonne Torelli, Mary Lou Troutman and Nancy Richards West. Photographers, jewelers, potters and other artisans include Mohammed Attiah, Joanne Beckwith, Carol Brooks, Richard Coolidge, Joan Devaney, Don & Donna Drew, Toni-Kay & Michael Dye, Jim Earley, Shirl' Eklund, Kerri Farley, Erica Forsythe, Sue Henry, Billie Ann Horner, John Into & Nancy Price, Steven Ives, Craig Justis & Tammy Greene, Bob & Mary McIntire, Ron Michael, Stephen Moore, Carol Pedrick, Lauren & Dale Pinder, Barbara Randall, Linda Redmond, Melissa Rioux, Barbara Ritter, Capt. Debbie Ritter, John Rost, Patti Ann Sherrock, Guy & Kristi Shover, Dale Spilker, Chris Stuebbe, Cheryl Taylor, John Urlock, Inge Veneziano, Pat Vojtech, John & Cinda Walls and Cynthia Wilder. Long-time friends and many new faces will exhibit amazing hand-crafted works.

The Pre-Loved Treasures silent auction proceeds will help support the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company Building Fund. The Pre-Loved Treasures auction and the decorated wooden eggs silent auction will begin at noon Friday, April 19th and end at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. 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. on Saturday April 20th. Children under 12 can vote for their favorite exhibitor with a Children's Choice Ribbon.

Visit www.chincoteaguedecoyshow.com for a listing of all exhibitors and complete show details.

Food service will be provided by Capt. E's Hurricane Bar & Grill and our local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies. Enjoy live music in the main exhibit hall on Friday performed by Emily Guemple and on Saturday performed by Ric Rose. Come for the Antares rocket launch on April 17th and stay for the weekend. From rockets to Easter eggs..... Celebrate the traditional Chincoteague welcome to spring at the 40th Annual Easter Decoy & Art Festival.

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