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

**Chincoteague, VA—March 10, 2020:** Celebrate the history and craft of decoy carving as local and national carvers and artists of all kinds exhibit and sell their work on Chincoteague Island at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter Decoy & Art Festival on April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Show hours are Friday, April 10: noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 11: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chincoteague Combined School located at 4586 Main Street. People’s Choice voting ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday, exhibitor awards will be announced at 3 p.m. and all auctions end at 4 p.m. Items must be picked up at 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5 per day (children under 12 free). New this year is an \$8 two-day pass which includes 50% off admission to the Museum of Chincoteague Island. Capt. E’s Hurricane Grill & Tiki Bar Food Truck will be available for food service.

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. The show is sponsored by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce & Certified Visitor Center. Visit [www.chincoteaguedecoyshow.com](http://www.chincoteaguedecoyshow.com) for a full list of exhibitors and more details about the show. A limited number of exhibitor spaces are still available.

This year’s silent auction of Pre-Loved Treasures will help support the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce LOVE Chairs project. The oversized chairs in Robert Reed Park have been enjoyed by thousands since 2014 but were a maintenance challenge being made of wood. The chamber recently had new chairs made out of poly lumber. Your pre-loved treasures will be accepted until 11:30 a.m. on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Call the chamber if you would like to make a donation to the auction. The Wooden Egg Auction is always a favorite of festival attendees. Wooden eggs are meticulously hand carved and embellished by exhibitors and are sold in the silent auction to the highest bidder. The Pre-Loved Treasures auction and the decorated wooden eggs silent auction will begin at noon Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and end at 4 p.m. on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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. Hike and bike the trails of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, search for new foals in the Chincoteague Pony herd, enjoy turtles sunning on logs, or stroll the beach on Assateague Island hunting shells or other treasures the waves have washed up. Indulge in fresh, local seafood, homemade desserts, or specialty sandwiches after exploring the area. Relax, recharge, and enjoy all that the islands have to offer. Plan your visit now at [www.chincoteaguechamber.com](http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com).

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