

~ Dates and Times ~

Friday, May 22, 2026.

Last day for registration by Regular Mail, Email and ONLINE registration

Friday, June 5, 2026.

Registration 9:00 am-8:00 pm

Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Registration 7:30-9:30 am. Judging begins at 10:00 am

Sunday, June 7, 2026.

Presentation of Awards 3:00 pm

Pick up Carvings 4:00-4:30 pm

Show Hours

Friday, **June 5, 2026** the Room will be open from 2:00-5:00 pm - **Free admission (donations accepted)**

Saturday, **June 6, 2026** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Sunday, **June 7, 2026** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

\$10.00 admission fee Saturday and Sunday

To enable people coming Friday afternoon to appreciate and peruse your carvings, Carvers are encouraged to deliver entries as soon as possible on Friday, **June 5, 2026.**

Events

Fundraising - we must raise operating funds every year.

SILENT AUCTION - a variety of interesting items for your bids at the show!

RAFFLE - Tickets will be on sale at the Show, and through our club members.

2026 prizes – Canvasback, drake by Wayne Simkin; Carolina Wren by Fred Negrijn; Quilted Wall Hanging by Miriam Bauman; Hand-crafted Wooden Toys by Bob Muir.
For Raffle Tickets and information use general contact information from our website.

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS – Check our website www.canadiannationals.net

VENDORS – Equipment, books, patterns for sale!

Registration

Entry Fees

Canadian Master - \$35.00; \$25.00 each additional entry

Advanced - \$30.00; \$20.00 each additional entry

Intermediate - \$20.00; \$15.00 each additional entry.

Novice and Beginner - \$15.00; \$10.00 each additional entry.

Contemporary Antique Decoy, & Interpretive

Expert - \$30.00; \$20.00 for each additional entry

Amateur - \$15.00; \$10.00 for each additional

entry

Purchase Awards – Brett Schultz, Shooter's Choice and Ontario Die \$50.00; Anne Forler (Pair, Champagne Ducks) \$25.00; Youth Sponsor Awards entries are FREE.

All entrants must complete and sign the entry form. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Mail-In Registration

• Must be received by May 22, 2026.

• Please enclose Cheques/Money Orders made out to Grand Valley Woodcarvers.

• No postdated cheques.

• Mail completed registration form and cheque to:

Grand Valley Woodcarvers

PO Box 25011

Shoppers Drug Mart Postal Outlet

Kitchener, Ontario N2A 4A5

Email Registration and ON-LINE Registration

• Must be received by - May 22, 2026.

• Go to www.canadiannationals.net/register.html

• Pay online or bring your registration fee to the show.

• Completed Email form and send to Anne Forler: forler@rogers.com

Judging:

Judging begins at 10:00 am on Saturday, **June 6, 2026.**

The decision of the judges is final.

Web site: www.canadiannationals.net

The Grand Valley Woodcarvers gratefully acknowledge the City of Waterloo Sports and Recreation grant, our sponsors and donors for their generosity in supporting the Canadian National Wildfowl Carving Championship & Magic in Wood Competition.

Email Inquiries: See Website – Contact Us

President Grand Valley Woodcarvers: Mike Flynn

VP Show Chairperson: Anne Forler 519-501-9337

Facilities: Zenon Gawel 519-578-8323

Registrar: Anne Forler 519-501-9337

CASH Awards:				
	First	Second	Third	TOTAL
BEST of SHOW - AI Forler Award	\$300	\$150	\$75	\$525
MASTER	\$250	\$150	\$75	\$3,325
ADVANCED	\$150	\$75	\$50	\$2,475
INTERMEDIATE	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$585
NOVICE	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$405
BEGINNER	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$225
CONTEMPORARY ANTIQUE DECOYS				
Expert	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$225
Amateur	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$100
INTERPRETIVE				
Expert	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$225
Amateur	\$50	\$30	\$20	\$100
Total (Potential CASH AWARDS)				\$8,190
Best of Class – All classes, 1 st 2 nd and 3 rd ribbons, Sponsor Gift Card for First (when available)				

~ 2026 ~

36th Annual

Canadian National
Wildfowl Carving
Championship

&

Magic in Wood Competition

June 5, 6, 7, 2026

Organized by



Grand Valley Woodcarvers

Serving the Region of Waterloo, ON

Location:

Manulife Financial Sportsplex

RIM Park

2001 University Ave. E.,

Waterloo, Ontario

www.canadiannationals.net

Canadian National Wildfowl Carving Championship

Rules, Regulations and Entry Procedures

Class Qualifications

Canadian Master:
Carvers who have won Two (2) BEST OF CLASS, Advanced Class, or a total of Five (5) 1st place by category in the Advanced Class competition must advance to the Canadian Master Class. Two (2) 1st place wins for any Purchase Award will require the carver to compete in Canadian Master.

Advanced:
Carvers who have won ONE (1) BEST OF CLASS or a total of TEN (10) 1st place by category in the Intermediate Class competition must advance to the Advanced Class.

Intermediate:
Carvers who have won ONE (1) BEST OF CLASS, or total of TEN (10) 1st place by category in Novice Class competition must advance to Intermediate.

Novice:
Carvers who have won ONE (1) BEST OF CLASS, or total of FIVE (5) 1st place by category in Beginner Class competition must advance to Novice.

Beginner:
A carver who **has not** qualified to advance to Novice by winning ONE (1) BEST OF CLASS, or a total of FIVE (5) 1st place by category in Beginner Class competition.

Contemporary Antique Decoys:
Expert - Carvers in the Canadian Masters and Advanced Classes.
Amateur - Carvers in the Intermediate, Novice and Beginner Classes.

Interpretive Stylized Wildfowl:

- Expert -* Carvers in the Canadian Masters and Advanced Classes.
Amateur - Carvers in the Intermediate, Novice and Beginner Classes

In any Class, the Show committee has the right to expand or remove any category that is too large or too small with regard to the number of entries.

Prize money will be available for pick-up after the Presentation of Awards on Sunday, June 7, 2026

Regulations

- Only Wildfowl Carvings will be accepted. No Domesticated Birds.
- A carver may enter carvings in ONE class only. Once moved up in any class, a carver cannot go backwards in class in subsequent years.
- All carvers may enter Advanced class by choice, except carvers who have qualified as Canadian Master.
- All carvers may enter Intermediate class by choice, except carvers who have qualified for Advanced or Canadian Master.

- Purchase awards are not considered to be a class. All carvers may enter the Purchase Awards. Carvers who enter birds not native to North America are required to provide reference materials to assist the Show Committee and the Judges.
- Entries are to be handmade of wood. Other materials may be used for habitat, eyes and structural purposes. Habitat and feet in Canadian Master, Advanced and Intermediate Classes must be hand-made by the carver.
- Driftwood is allowed as a base for dowel mounted birds only, in all classes.
- Cast feet/legs, stones, driftwood habitat are allowed in the Novice and Beginner Classes only.
- Carvings in all classes and categories MUST be painted, except Interpretive class, which may be finished to the carver’s discretion/interpretation.
- Carvings that have NOT been entered in this show will be accepted, regardless of completion date, and be of your own craftsmanship.**
- The decisions of the judges will be final. While the organizers of the competition agree to take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of articles submitted, it must be understood that the owners of each article are required to directly assume all risks, including an article accidentally damaged. For lost or stolen articles, the organization will provide assistance for recovery, but will not recognize any claim for payment of the value of the article or costs incurred, whether in full or in part.

SONGBIRDS

Songbirds A

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| Anis | Dippers | Longspurs |
| Becards | Doves | Rainbow Lorikeets |
| Blackbirds | Finches | Lovebirds |
| Bluebirds | Flickers | Macaws |
| Bobolinks | Flycatchers | Eastern Meadow-larks |
| Budgerigars | Gnatcatchers | Mynas |
| Bulbuls | Goldfinches | Nighthawks |
| Buntings | Grackles | Nutcrackers |
| Catbirds | Grosbeaks | Parrots |
| Cardinals | Honeycreepers | Pauraque |
| Chickadees | Hummingbirds | Pigeons |
| Cowbirds | Jacobins | Poorwill |
| Crossbills | Jays | Ravens |
| Cuckoos | Juncos | Sapsuckers |
| Creeper | Kingbirds | Swifts |
| Crows | Kingfishers | Woodpeckers |
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Songbirds B

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| Bluethroats | Redstart | Verdin |
| Bushtit | Robin | Vireos |
| Chats | Seedeater | Wagtail |
| Kinglets | Shrike | Warblers |
| Larks | Loggerhead Shrike | Waterthrush |
| Magpies | Siskins | Waxwings |
| Purple Martins | Skylarks | Wrens |
| Mockingbirds | Solitaires | |
| Motmot | Sparrow | |
| Nuthatches | Tanagers | |
| Orioles | Titmouse | |
| Ovenbird | Thrashers | |
| Peewee | Thrush | |
| Phoebes | Towhee | |
| Water Pipits | Veery | |
| Redpolls | | |



Al Forler Best of Show Award
The three (3) Best of Class in Canadian Master and the three (3) Best of Class in Advanced, as well the first-place finishers in Expert Contemporary Antique Decoy and Expert Interpretive Wildfowl, will be judged for this award.