



Minnesota Decoy & Wildfowl Carving Club

Monthly Newsletter

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January 2009

December Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Stortz and a motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the November 2008 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$xxxx.xx

Librarian's Report: Bring back books for rechecking.

Secretary/Editor Report: Donn was AWOL, but Vern Ryti graciously stepped in and recorded the December meeting minutes. Todd gets credit for all the photos. Thanks to both!

Program: The January program will deal with the Black Duck cork project that many members of MDWCC are participating in this winter.

Program-Antique decoy painting II

Steve Froelich concluded his two part program on the techniques of antique painting of decoys. Two decoys were used in the presentation. Both were sea ducks that would be hunted off the east coast ie. Chesapeake Bay. The **Common Eider**



Old Business:

2009 Officer Election—It appears the slate remains the same as the past year (What a shock!) with the addition of Steve Froelich to the Program Committee.

Game Fair 2009—Looks like we'll participate again if invited back. Can't wait to hear those goose calls .. all ... day... loong.

Cork project - pre-cut cork slabs were handed out at the meeting for those interested.

Pizza from Fat Lorenzos was devoured at the holiday party along with beverages – sodas I'm sure.

2009 Memberships are DUE NOW!

that he started at the November meeting, and a **White-winged Scoter** that he



Painted with acrylics in order to show that both oils and acrylics can be used to achieve a similar effect.

Both birds were started with 2 coats of shellac before the painting process began. With a liberal use of #4 steel wool between coats **cont. p. 3**

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Next Meeting: 7:00 PM

January 6th

Program: Antique Painting 2

Hope Lutheran Church

5728 Cedar Ave. So.

Mpls. MN



Show & Tell

Marv Meyer Canvasback-1/2 size, standing on round wood base. Basswood, unpainted.

Notice of Bell Museum "Art of the World" - duck stamps on display.

Jim Bonham Canvasback -2, white pine, unpainted Harlequin Duck-2 wh. Pine, partially painted. Mallard drake-wh. pine, painted

Dave Taylor Dudley Canvasback-wh.cedar, to be antiqued

Rich Bistodeau Bufflehead pair-tupelo, unpainted

Tom Flemming Greenwing Teal - 2 drakes, hen -tupelo, unfinished

Ring-neck Duck drake - tupelo, unfinished

Bill Cedarleaf Common Coot decoy, wh. Cedar, oil paint

Steve Stortz 2 American Wigeon decoys-cork, wh. Pine heads, unfinished

Steve Froelich Santa and Snowman caricatures



"What happens if you get scared half to death twice?"

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

December Show and Tell



each decoy soon took on the look of antiquity. After two coats of shellac and paint mixed with a lot of steel wool “scrubbing” they began to look old.

The finish coat that Steve puts on the eider is a combination of 50% odorless mineral spirits and 50% spar varnish with some dry pigments (brown earth tone, yellow ochre) brushed on to give it a patina of reddish-yellow. Dry pigments are available at Dick Blick’s . The brand name is Amblin.



The scoter was done with acrylics to demonstrate how they work to achieve an antique finish. It seems to get the job done nicely. Most of the decoy is black with some white showing as a wing patch and a small comma beneath each eye.



The program went very well and most members seemed to be quite excited and enthusiastic. Some more than others Mr. President.