

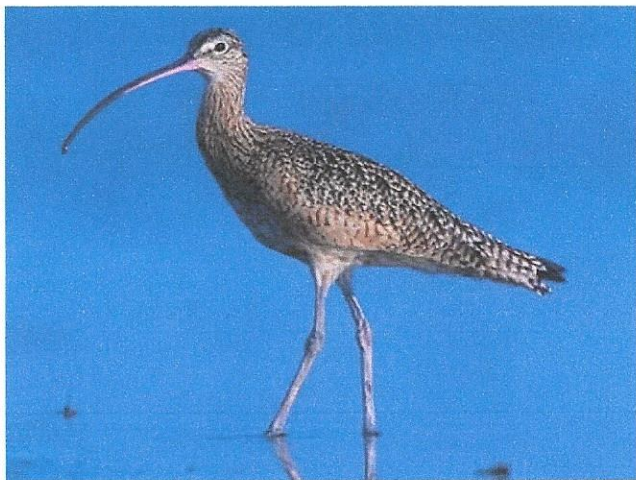
Dear Artist:

*Please read **ALL** of the enclosed information **Very Carefully** and **Follow the Instructions**. If you do not follow the instructions completely, your entry may be disqualified from the contest.*

*All Entries must be
Postmarked by*

March 7, 2026

*The Featured Decoy
for 2026
Is the
Long Billed Curlew*



Contest Opens: December 8th, 2025
Entries can be Received after: January 1st, 2026

Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild Presents

2026 Core Sound Decoy Festival Poster Contest

Information, Rules, and
Entry Form



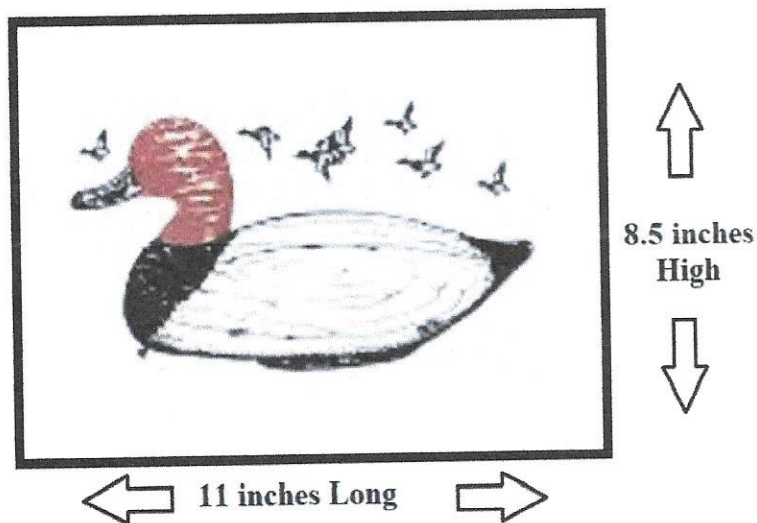
37th Poster 2025

Artist: Kelley Nelson

Featured Decoy: Tundra Swan

Official Rules

1. Due to Preliminary Constraints on Scanner Size used for voting we ask that Artwork Base Canvases, Boards, Paper etc... please be kept under the 11 X 8.5 inch Size. The Image may be of any size as long as the as the Base is kept under 11 X 8.5 inches.
2. The Art must be in keeping with the Traditional C.S. Decoy Festival Poster Format. The Artwork and Layout should be in Landscape Format and fit within a Background that is **NO Larger than 11" Long by 8.5" high** See Example Below



The Printer will Layout all Borders and Lettering.

3. Contest Opens December 8, 2025 with Entries being Received After January 1, 2026. ALL Entries Must be Postmarked By March 7, 2026. Please see Mailing and/or Shipping instructions at the End of the Official Rules.
4. **Limit One Entry Per Person**
5. Please **DO NOT** drop entries off at the Guild Building or use the Guilds Physical Address for Shipping. (No one is there to Receive any Deliveries.)

6. The Winning Entry becomes the Exclusive Property of The Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild, with All Rights and Privileges Pertaining to Copyright, Reproduction, and Ownership being Relinquished by the Artist.
7. Any Medium may be used but keep in mind when doing your Art that these will be used not only for the Posters but for our Shirts and other Merchandise.
8. Do Not Post Any Entries on Any Social Media before the Contest. Doing so will Disqualify that entry.
9. Do Not Sign the Front or have any Identifying marks that would give away the Identity of the Artist.
10. NO - Names or Initials of Any Type May be placed on Any part of the Artwork Including the Decoy or Bird. This also includes the winning piece after the Contest. No other Altercations to the Winning Piece is allowed After Contest has ended. Only the Winning Artist Signature will be Allowed.
11. Print your Name Clearly on the Back Lower Right Hand Corner. (Keep in mind that Pens can show through paper and thin materials).
12. The Winning Artist Agrees to Sign the Requested number of Posters.
13. The Guild will provide 10 Posters to the Winning Artist as a Permanent record of their Accomplishment.
14. The Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild will award a cash Prize of \$1000 to the Winning Artist for Compensation.
15. The Guild is NOT RESPONSIBLE for any Damage or Loss of Artwork.

Mailing and Shipping

When mailing your Entry, include cardboard to protect your work. Write **DO NOT BEND** on the Envelope in Large Letters. **Please Include Sufficient Return Postage if you wish to have your Artwork returned to you.** If there is No Return Postage provided, the Entry will be Considered a Donation to The Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild. Artwork without sufficient return postage Will Not Be Held for the Postage to be sent. However you may Pickup your Artwork at the end of the Guild Meeting in which the Voting takes place, or you may arrange for someone to pick it up for you at that meeting.

Please Mail or Ship to the Following Address:

**James Lewis
c/o Core Sound Decoy Festival Poster Contest
169 Diamond City Dr.
Harkers Island, NC 28531**

If you have any Questions, please contact James Lewis the Contest Chairperson
Ph# (252)723-8210 email lewis_ducks@yahoo.com

2026 Core Sound Decoy Festival Poster Contest Entry Form

Featured Bird/Decoy is the **Long Billed Curlew**

ONE ENTRY PER PERSON

Name _____
(Please Print Plainly)

Address _____

Phone# _____

Email _____

By Signing Below you State that you Understand and Agree to All of the Rules, and Terms Listed and Outlined above in this Application.

Signature of Contestant Date ____/____/20____

If Contestant is under the Age of 18 a Parent or Guardian must Sign Below.

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date ____/____/20____

We welcome Youths of all ages to Participate and look foreword to seeing their Artwork on display. If you are under 18 and would like to include your age below, you are welcome to do so, though it is not required.

Age _____

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