

Duck Stamp competition

America's foremost wildlife art competition — the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual "Duck Stamp" contest — opens for entries on July 1, 1983.

This year's art judging, to be held on November 8 and 9, 1983, will select the design for the 1984-85 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp. That stamp will be issued on the 50th anniversary of the federal hunting stamp program and will cap half a century of public support for the Nation's waterfowl conservation effort. The "Duck Stamp" was first issued in 1934.

Entries for the 1983 judging, open to all citizens and residents of the United States, can be sent in any time on or after July 1, 1983, but must be received or postmarked no later than midnight, October 1, 1983.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has also announced the following selected rules, among others, for this year's contest:

All entries must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$20 entry fee;

The dominant feature of each entry must be a live, non-extinct North American migratory duck, goose, or swan of the scientific family Anatidae. The following five species are ineligible as entries for this year's contest, having been selected as winning designs during "Duck Stamp" contests over the past 5 years; green-winged teal, mallard, ruddy duck, canvasback, and pintail;

All contestants are advised to insure their entries, since the Federal Government assumes no responsibility for damage or loss.