

How to Determine Decoy Value and Desirability



CONDITION

Integrity of carving and painting

ATTRIBUTION

Maker and locale

RARITY

As relates to maker, date and species

AESTHETIC

Species poses and painting styles

PROVENANCE

History of use and ownership

POPULARITY

What's hot in the collecting world



The Ward Museum holds an “Old Bird” antique decoy competition at the Chesapeake Wildfowl Expo, giving collectors an opportunity to showcase the finest pieces in their collection.