

MICHIGAN DUCKS UNLIMITED
2024 SPONSOR PRINT & ARTIST OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Please read carefully. By entering this competition you acknowledge that you have read and will comply with the rules, reproduction rights, participation agreement, and the liability waiver.

RULES:

Failure to abide by the following format rules and participation agreement will be cause for disqualification from the 2024 sponsor artist of the year competition.

1. All artwork must be of the artist's own original creation and not have been reproduced in any format.
2. Artwork must be the following size: 10 inches wide by 7 inches tall.
3. Artwork must have been created within the last three years.
4. No signature or identifying mark may appear anywhere on the image. Please do not put your name on the back of the artwork. You will be designated a number on a random basis.
5. The artwork must be display ready with a foam core or suitable backboard and 2-inch-wide white mat should be affixed to the surface. Overall size will be 11 x 14.
6. All artwork must be received at the contest office (**Jan Marra - Art Chair, 11940 S. Dixie Hwy., La Salle, MI 48145**) by July 1, 2023.
7. Artists are free to utilize his or her own choice of medium.
8. Judging format is as follows: If more than 15 paintings are entered, a panel of 5 judges shall make the initial juried selection. The top 15 finalists shall then be presented to the conference attendees who shall make a people's popular choice selection via secret ballot to choose the winner of the competition. If for any reason a State Leadership Conference cannot be held, the winner will be chosen through an online format.
9. The artist subject matter is limited to 2 choices. Choose only one of the following:
10. **Redhead Duck or a Canine Retriever, of any breed, in a waterfowl hunting scene.**
11. In case of a tie the State Chairperson shall make the final selection. All judging decisions are final.
12. The winning artist shall make the painting available to Michigan Ducks Unlimited immediately following the contest in order that we may begin the process of printing. The painting will be returned to the artist for signing and must be promptly returned to the office or our printer.
13. The winning sponsor Artist from 2023 is ineligible to participate in the 2024 contest.
14. Only one entry per artist is allowed.
15. Photos of the first, second and third place paintings will be shared with all applicants and posted on Facebook Group sites associated with Duck Stamps or Ducks Unlimited.

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REPRODUCTION RIGHTS, PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, AND LIABILITY WAIVER

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:

1. Artists will retain ownership of all original artwork. The winning artwork shall be held in possession of Michigan Ducks Unlimited during the duplication process and will be returned to the Artist after all prints have been produced. Reproduction rights of the image remain with Michigan Ducks Unlimited.
2. The artist agrees not to create for Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Michigan Ducks Unlimited or any other organizations or individuals a work of art so similar as to be readily interpreted as identical.
3. The artist hereby reaffirms that the entry is an original creation, neither copied nor duplicated from any previous entry, including but not limited to, original paintings, drawings in any medium, or published photographs.
4. The 2024 Michigan Ducks Unlimited Sponsor print shall consist of approximately 2500 prints with 3 color remarques. The artist will sign and number the print series.
5. The artist of the winning print will receive \$2500 and 50 prints for their personal use upon completion of all obligations mentioned pursuant to the release of the 2024 Sponsor Print Edition.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

1. The artist is hereby notified and does agree to the following without exception:
2. The artist shall pay an entry fee of \$35.00 to participate in the 2024 Michigan Ducks Unlimited Sponsor print contest.
3. The artist is responsible for shipping charges to the contest office.
4. The artist shall provide a reusable shipping container that meets all commercial shipping specifications both foreign and domestic.
5. The artist shall make sure all art and paperwork (entry form and fee) arrives at the contest office by July 1, 2023. Send to: Jan Marra - Art Chair, 11940 S. Dixie Hwy., La Salle, MI 48145.

LIABILITY WAIVER:

All contestants are hereby notified and agree to the following:

Michigan Ducks Unlimited, it's officers, representatives both State and National, and volunteers shall not take nor accept any and all responsibilities either real or implied for any damage that may occur during any stage of shipping to and/or from the Michigan Ducks Unlimited State Leadership Conference or any and all damages during any phase of storage, transportation, and display of the artwork entered in the 2024 Sponsor Artist contest.

Furthermore, Michigan Ducks Unlimited advises all entrants to obtain adequate property insurance coverage for their entry. Michigan Ducks Unlimited shall not be responsible for any insurance of any entries. Artists may pay for additional shipping insurance above the \$50 USPS base.

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ENTRY FORM

PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE & RETURN WITH YOUR FEE AND ARTWORK.

Your Art, this Entry Form and \$35.00 Fee must arrive at the contest office by July 1, 2023.

Send to: Jan Marra - Art Chair, 11940 S. Dixie Hwy., La Salle, MI 48145

Questions regarding the competition can be directed to jan.mcd�@yahoo.com or 734 735 4392.

I (artist name) _____ have read the terms of entry and participation in the 2024 Michigan Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year competition and do accept and agree to all.

Artist Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/ State/ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Title of entry _____

Entry Fee - \$35.00

Please make your check payable to **Ducks Unlimited**.

Please ensure that your art, entry form and fee arrives by July 1, 2023. (Make a copy for your records.)

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