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Dear Carver,

The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum will hold its 44th Annual Decoy and Wildlife Art Festival on May 2 & 3, 2026. **This year, all carving competitions will again be held in the small gym of the STAR Centre**, located at 700 Congress Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. Competitions include:

- Decorative Carving Competition
- Floating Working Decoy Competition
- J. Evans McKinney Old Decoy Competition
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Please join us for this year's Festival and participate in the Carving Competitions!

All competitions will be held on **Saturday, May 2 only**. **Registration for the Decorative and Floating Working Decoy Competitions is from 9:00 – 10:30 am. Registration for the J. Evans McKinney Competition is from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. There are no early registrations. Entries must remain until 4:00 PM** and will need to be picked up **NO LATER** than **5:00 PM** on May 2. Entries not picked up by 5:00 pm will be taken off site and must be picked up at the Decoy Museum starting on **Tuesday, May 5**. The Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Havre de Grace Decoy & Wildlife Art Festival, its Chairman, and all Festival Staff are not responsible for entries left after **5:00 PM**.

Please find a copy of the rules, describing the various divisions and the prizes to be awarded posted on the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum's website at [www.decoymuseum.com](http://www.decoymuseum.com). **We invite you to share this information with other carvers who may be interested in entering the competitions.**

Havre de Grace, MD "*The Decoy Capital of the World*," is a beautiful town along the banks of the Susquehanna River and Upper Chesapeake Bay. We hope that you will consider our invitation and join us for one of the premier decoy and wildlife art festivals in the country.

If you need more information, please feel free to contact **John Graf** at **(410) 952-3030** or [treasurer@decoymuseum.com](mailto:treasurer@decoymuseum.com)

Sincerely,

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