



CHINCOTEAGUE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
45th Annual
Easter Decoy & Art Festival

April 3-4, 2026

Chincoteague Combined School

4586 Main Street

Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

Celebrating the
History & Heritage
of Decoy Carving

Dear Carver/Artist:

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 45th Annual Chincoteague Island Easter Decoy & Art Festival which will be held on Friday, April 3 & Saturday, April 4, 2026 at the Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main Street, Chincoteague Island, VA. We thank you for your past participation, if you are a returning artist, and wish you a warm welcome if you are new to this event. We are excited to showcase the talent and works of local and national exhibitors again in 2026!

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please complete and return the enclosed application no later than March 3, 2026 to be reviewed by the festival jury for acceptance. Acceptance letters will be mailed beginning the week of February 2.

Please include an artist statement and photographs of your recent works and show display with your application and payment. This information is important in the selection process, whether or not you have participated in the show previously. Photographs will be returned, unless other arrangements are made, and artist information will be used for marketing purposes on the show's official website ChincoteagueChamber.com and in an array of print/digital media outlets.

As in previous years, the show will feature a Silent Auction of Unique Easter Egg Collectibles, Children's Choice Award for Favorite Display, People's Choice Award for Best Artist, People's Choice Award for Best Carver, Award for Best Photograph of Chincoteague/Assateague, and the prestigious Curtis Merritt Award of Excellence.

Please remit payment with your application. Any applications received without payment will not be reviewed by the festival jury.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Moriah Lemming

Marketing & Event Coordinator

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CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND EASTER DECOY & ART FESTIVAL

Please keep this page for your information

EXHIBITOR SET UP

Thursday, April 2 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 3 8:00 am - 11:30 am

No early admittance for set up will be allowed.

SHOW TIMES

Friday, April 3 Noon to 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 4 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

EXHIBITOR TAKE DOWN

Saturday, April 4 No earlier than 4:00 pm

Please be reminded - Pets are not allowed in the festival at any time.

UNIQUE EASTER EGG COLLECTIBLES SILENT AUCTION

All willing exhibitors are supplied with a simple wooden egg and asked to decorate it however they wish and bring it to the show. It is donated to a silent auction and will be awarded to the highest bidder at the end of the show. The silent auction has gaining popularity and many festival attendees have begun collecting these unique works of Easter holiday art!

HELP US ADVERTISE THE FESTIVAL

Please share festival details on your website and social media.

ChincoteagueChamber.com Facebook.com/chincoteaguechamber

Instagram.com/ChincoteagueChamber

AWARDS

CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD FOR BEST ARTIST

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD FOR BEST CARVER

BEST PHOTOGRAPH OF CHINCOTEAGUE/ASSATEAGUE

CURTIS MERRITT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

2025 AWARD WINNERS



Jimmy Bowden
*Curtis Merritt Award
of Excellence*



Donnie Mason
*People's Choice Award
for Best Carver*



Mary Lou Troutman
*People's Choice Award
for Best Artist*



Darcy Cole
*Best Photograph of
Chincoteague/Assateague*

EXHIBITOR APPLICATION

Easter Decoy & Art Festival
April 3-4, 2026

DEADLINE – MARCH 3, 2026

NAME _____ BUSINESS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

WEBSITE _____ FACEBOOK _____

Three types of spaces are available, please check the type of space you need:

___ Regular Space (measures 6' x 5' and includes 1 table 6' x 2.5') Cost is \$60 per space.

How many spaces do you need? _____

Do you need included table? ___ YES ___ NO

___ L-Shaped Space (12 feet of table top display forming an L at the end of a row) Cost is \$90 and includes 2 tables. L spaces may be paired with regular spaces.

Do you need included tables? ___ YES ___ NO

___ 10' x 10' space (includes 1 table) Cost is \$125.

Will you be bringing a pop-up tent? _____ How tall? _____

Do you need included table? ___ YES ___ NO

** Additional tables are \$10 each where space allows.

How many additional tables would you like to purchase? _____

PLEASE NOTE: L-SHAPED & 10' x 10' SPACES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE ASSIGNED BY FIRST-COME, FIRST-PLACED.

To assist with placement, please answer these questions about your display:

Do you have high backed display panels? _____

How high including lights? _____

Do you require electricity? _____

**To avoid power failures, please plan to use minimum wattage needed.
Special requests may be made but are not guaranteed.**

Please provide exhibitor names for name tags.

1. (YOU) _____

2. _____

3. _____

If accepted, would you like us to mail you an egg for participation in the Unique Easter Egg Collectibles Silent Auction? Yes _____ No _____

Would you be interested in doing a demonstration during the festival? Yes _____ No _____

