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Dear Artist,

Thank you for entering the 2018 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Stamp Art Contest(s). On November 4th, the judging of the waterfowl, upland game bird, and habitat conservation stamp contests took place at a local winery- Duck Pond Cellars in Dundee, Oregon.

A total of 9 entries were received depicting Blue Grouse for the upland game bird stamp contest; 30 entries were received depicting Bufflehead/Harlequin Duck/Ring-necked Duck/Ruddy Duck for the waterfowl stamp contest; and 26 entries were received depicting select strategy species for the habitat conservation contest. The winning entries and top finalist were as follows:

Waterfowl

1. Bufflehead by Richard Clifton of Milford, DE
2. Harlequin Duck by Kip Richmond of Clayton, NC
3. Harlequin Duck by Garrett Jacobs of Orlando, FL
4. Bufflehead by Garrett Jacobs of Orlando, FL
5. Ring-necked Duck by Jeffrey Klinefelter of Etna Green, IN

Upland Game Bird

1. Blue Grouse by Rod Frederick of Bend, OR
2. Blue Grouse by Ryan Peterson of Jackson, WY
3. Blue Grouse by Kip Richmond of Clayton, NC
4. Blue Grouse by Larry Simons of Lebanon, OR

Habitat Conservation

1. Pygmy Rabbit by Kip Richmond of Clayton, NC
2. Pacific Giant Octopus by Mickey Schilling of Loveland, CO
3. California Mountain Kingsnake by Larry Simons of Lebanon, OR
4. Kelp Greenling by Jeanne Warren of Grants Pass, OR

After the judging the doors to the Duck Pond Cellars showroom were opened and the public was invited to view the art and cast their vote for the People's Choice Award. All of the artwork was very popular, and there were many favorites, but the winner of the People's Choice Award (out of 65 entries for all three stamp contests combined) was the Bufflehead by Richard Clifton (1st), followed by the Pacific Giant Octopus by Mickey Schilling (2nd), and a Bufflehead by Kate Raymond (3rd).

The winning artwork will be the face of the 2018 stamps and promotional materials. Revenue from the stamps will be used for research, surveys, habitat improvement, and conservation projects.

Thank you for entering the art contest(s) and supporting Oregon's wildlife. We invite you to participate in any or all of our stamp competitions next year. The species for the 2019 waterfowl stamp contest will be Lesser Scaup, Red-breasted Merganser, American Green-winged Teal, and Greater White-fronted Goose. The species for the 2019 upland game bird contest will be the Ruffed Grouse. The species for the 2019 habitat conservation contest will be announced soon.

For more information on the programs, or to see photographs of all of the contest entries, please see ODFW's website-

Waterfowl: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/waterfowl/contest/index.asp>

Upland: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/upland_bird/contest/index.asp.

Habitat Conservation:

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/habitat_conservation_stamp.asp

Sincerely,

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