



## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CHARLES COUNTY

*Building Communities Within*

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### **Go Wild for a Great Cause at the 4th Annual Potomac Wildlife Art & Decoy Show**

**La Plata, Maryland** – Join with the Community Foundation of Charles County as the group celebrates the 4th annual Potomac Wildlife Art & Decoy Show on May 14 and 15, 2010 at the College of Southern Maryland. Come out and watch the wild come to life as award-winning artists showcase their world class wildlife art, and experience all this while helping those in need. Proceeds from the show will support both the foundation and its grant program, and a scholarship supporting the arts at the College of Southern Maryland.

The show opens Friday, May 14 with the “Cattails and Cocktails” Reception, Art Show and Grant Program from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The Wildlife Art and Decoy Show continue on Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the contemporary wildlife art and decoys on display, members of the Potomac Decoy Collectors Association will be exhibiting antique duck decoys for show and sale. Free decoy identification and appraisals will also be available to visitors. Also on Saturday, the Rappahannock Decoy Carvers and Collectors Guild will be sponsoring a decoy competition.

The show will be a visual tour of the Potomac’s natural beauty through the eyes of the most acclaimed decoy carvers and wildlife artists in the region. Among the renowned artists participating is Robert Bealle, the 2010-2011 Federal Duck Stamp Winner.

Admission to the show on Saturday is free, though donations to the Community Foundation are welcome. Tickets for the Cattails and Cocktails event on Friday are \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance. For more information, please contact foundation executive director Gretchen Heinze Hardman at (301) 885-0108 or [gretchen.heinze@charlescommunityfoundation.org](mailto:gretchen.heinze@charlescommunityfoundation.org) or visit us on the web at [www.somdgiving.org](http://www.somdgiving.org).

#### **Cattails and Cocktails Reception, Friday, May 14 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Tickets purchased in advance)**

- 6:30 p.m. – Cocktails - Mingle with artists and browse art work
- 7:00 p.m. – Dinner served by Outback Steakhouse
- Program – Recognizing sponsors and grant recipients

#### **Saturday, May 15 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FREE Admission (donations welcome)**

- Wildlife art, contemporary decoys, antique decoys and related collectibles for sale
- 10:00 a.m. – Registration opens for the decoy competition (judging begins at noon)
- Art demonstrations all day
- Free duck decoy identification and appraisals
- Exhibit of museum-quality antique duck decoys and waterfowling artifacts

Our partners for this year’s event include: College of Southern Maryland, Outback Steakhouse, Potomac Decoy Collectors Association and Rappahannock Decoy Carvers and Collectors Guild. In addition, our sponsors are growing and so far include: Chaney Enterprises; Community Bank of Tri-County; Greater Waldorf Jaycees Foundation; Maryland Bank & Trust Company, N.A.; Chesapeake Document Services, LLC; County First Bank;



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