



Peter Mathios Artist Bio

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For the fourth time in his career, Peter has been selected as the Oregon Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year for 2005. His work has appeared in "Wildlife Art" and "US Art" magazines, as well as the cover of "California Waterfowl."

About Peter Mathios

2009 Ducks Unlimited International Artist of the Year

Every artist dips his own brush into his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures.

--Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

Behind each of Peter's paintings is inspiration that comes from past experiences. There has to be that breathtaking moment when everything comes together in a harmony that strikes the core of his soul in order for him to paint something. Moments like these usually stem from childhood memories and for Peter they originated from hunting ducks with his father and brother in the Suisun Marsh of Northern California. During this time, he really became interested in the different species of waterfowl and drew them religiously. During his free time, Peter even drew the wildlife photos that appeared in hunting magazines as well as fantastic hunting scenes he longed to experience.



Upon graduating from the University of California at Davis with a degree in art, Peter moved to Bend, Oregon to hunt, fish, ski, and, above all, paint. It was there that he met and married his wife, Rachelle. Together, they hiked the many trails around Central Oregon gathering reference and studying the abundant wildlife. They now reside in the rich, diverse Willamette Valley where they are raising their two children and Peter is pursuing his art full time..

Peter has been selected as the 2009 International Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year and will also be included in the 2008 Pheasants Forever National Art Package. He has also just been selected, for the seventh time, as the **Oregon Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year" for 2008**. Proceeds from these art programs directly benefit wildlife habitat throughout the country. Peter has been juried into the prestigious Birds in Art exhibition three times and has appeared in *Wildlife Art* and *US Art* magazines as well as appearing twice on the cover of *California Waterfowl*. Internationally, he designed the **2001 New Zealand Fish and Game Habitat Stamp**.

Resume

Awards

2011 Ducks Unlimited National Art Package
2010 Oregon Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year
2010 Ducks Unlimited National Stamp and Print
2009 June 1, formally introduced on the floor of the Oregon Senate by Senator Frank Morse as the 2009 International Artist of the Year (1st from the Northwest)
2009 Ducks Unlimited International Artist of the Year - **Official News Release Link Field & Stream Radio Interview Link**
2008 Pheasants Forever National Art Package
2008 Alaska Ducks Unlimited Sponsor Artist
2008 Oregon Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year
2007 Ducks Unlimited National Package
2007 Idaho Ducks Unlimited "Sponsor Artist"
2007 Oregon Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year"
2007 California Ducks Unlimited "Sponsor Artist"
2006 Wild Wings February "Featured Artist"
2006 1st Place -- Oregon Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year" Print
2006 1st Place -- Michigan Duck Stamp Contest
2006 1st Place -- Michigan Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year" Stamp & Print
2005 1st Place -- Oregon Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year" Print
2005 1st Place -- California Heritage Stamp Competition
2003 11th Place -- Federal Duck Stamp Competition
2002 **Featured Artist** -- Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's Wildlife Art Festival
2002 "New Zealand Fish & Game Habitat Stamp"
2002 1st Place -- California Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year"
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1999 1st Place Acrylics - Snake River Showcase
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1999 1st Place -- Oregon Ducks Unlimited "Artist of the Year"
1999 1st Place Acrylics -- California Open Wildlife Art Festival
1998 2nd Place -- Oregon Trout Stamp
1997 10th Place -- Federal Duck Stamp Contest
1997 3rd Place -- Florida Duck Stamp Contest
1996 3rd Place -- Oregon Trout Stamp Contest

Past Shows (Brief Listing)

2009 - Collector's Covey Miniature Art Show, Dallas, TX
2009 - Ellensburg National Art Show, Ellensburg, WA
2008 - One Man Show - Elsinore Gallery, Salem, OR
1998, 1999, 2007, 2008 Birds in Art - Leigh Yawkee Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI
2005 - 2008 Wild Wings® Fall Festival -- Wild Wings Gallery, Lake City, MN
2007 Nature in Miniature - Elsinore Gallery, Salem, OR
2006-2010 American Miniatures Show -- Settler's West Gallery, Tucson, AZ

2006-2009 Masterworks in Miniature – Gallery One, Mentor, OH
2006-2008 Peppertree Art Show - Peppertree Ranch, Santa Ynez, CA
2006 The Art of Seeing: Nature Revealed through Illustration - Oakland Museum of California
2006 Faculty Emeritus & Alumni Art Show - Western Oregon University - Monmouth, OR
2005 Two Man Show w/ Rod Frederick – Elsinore Gallery, Salem, OR
2005 Wildlife in Miniature – Elsinore Gallery, Salem, OR
1998 - 2008 Pacific Flyway Decoy Association Wildlife Art Festival – Sacramento, CA
2002 **Featured Artist** - Pacific Flyway Decoy Association Wildlife Art Festival
2000, 2001, 2004 Salem Art Fair – Salem, OR
1999-2002 Waterfowl Festival – Easton Maryland
1999-2001 Reflections of Nature – Fallbrook, CA
2000 Crocker Art Museum Exhibition and Auction – Sacramento, CA
1998 - 1999 Pacific Rim Wildlife Art Show - Seattle City Exhibition Center

Publications

Wild Wings® Paintings & Sculpture Collection – (2005 - 2008)
Cover – *California Waterfowl Magazine* (Oct./Nov. 2004)
California Waterfowl Magazine (1998,2004)

Editorials

Michigan Outdoor News – Cover Story (Sept. 2005)
Wildlife Art Magazine (1998,1999,2005)
US Art Magazine - large article(1998,1999)
Sacramento Bee Newspaper - large article(2001)
Albany Democrat Herald Newspaper - articles(2001,2003,2005,2008)