



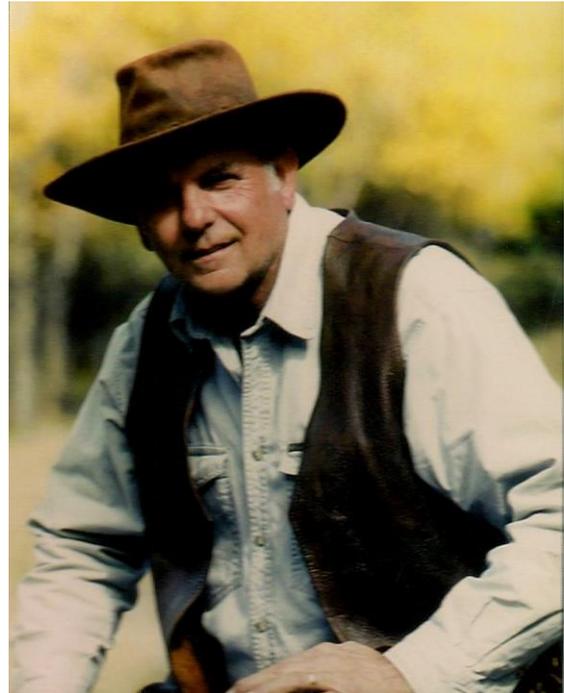
Toledo Bend Lake Association Bass Unlimited—Back A Great Fighter

Don Edwards – 2017 Poster Artist

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Don Edwards, photographer and wildlife artist, has been commissioned to create the 2017 Toledo Bend Lake Association - Bass Unlimited Poster. Mr. Edwards is a great friend to the Toledo Bend area. He was the Poster Artist for TBLA in 2011, and that year's poster "Toledo Trophy" quickly sold out. He donates a painting to TBLA for the live auction each year, which is always a big hit. He has also been the Poster Artist for the Zwolle Tamale Fiesta.

Mr. Edwards travels extensively in researching his subjects to assure his work reflects realism in nature. His travels include trips to the Colorado Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons in Wyoming, as well as Alaska. He has made two trips to Africa to photograph and paint some of the earth's greatest wildlife images. During his 30-plus year career, Edwards has earned honors as Artist of the Year from Louisiana Ducks Unlimited and the Wildlife Turkey Federation, in addition to being named Artist of the Year for Louisiana Duck and Turkey Stamps. Mr. Edwards is the President of Louisiana Society of Animal Artists and is Vice President of Louisiana State Exhibit Museum Friends Board.



Norton Art Gallery in Shreveport will have a private showing of Don Edwards's art work from August through November 2017. His work can also be viewed on line at www.donedwardsart.com, and at Nature's Art Gallery and Custom Framing, 2837 Summer Grove Drive in Shreveport, where he gives lessons.

The Poster Unveiling event is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday, March 2, at the Cypress Bend Resort Grand Ballroom. The event is open to the public and has no admission charge. A cash bar will be available. Artist Don Edwards will be in attendance and available to personalize the posters. The 2017 Bass Unlimited Poster can be ordered in advance to be ready for pick up at the Poster Unveiling. Information on pre-ordering is available at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

Toledo Bend Lake Association is made up of citizens dedicated to improving the Toledo Bend Lake area. TBLA provides financial and volunteer assistance to promote stewardship of the Lake as a world class fishery and recreational resource. TBLA is a non-profit organization; and the Bass Unlimited Poster, Banquet and Auction are the Association's only fundraisers.