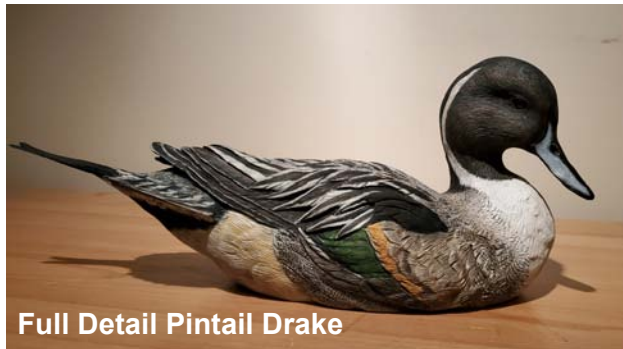


What happened to summer? It flew by way too fast and for those of us who live up north, it's time to think about stocking up the wood pile. It's been a while since the last newsletter and I wanted to update you on what's happening at the Wooden Bird.

WHAT'S UP?

Most of this year was spent on commissioned projects. Including some of the following...



Full Detail Pintail Drake



Full Detail Cinnamon Teal



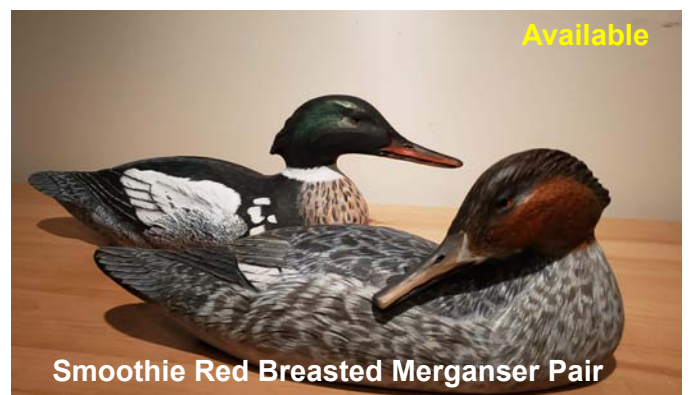
Full Detail Hooded Merganser Available



Life Sized Common Loon



Full Detail Wood Duck Drake Available



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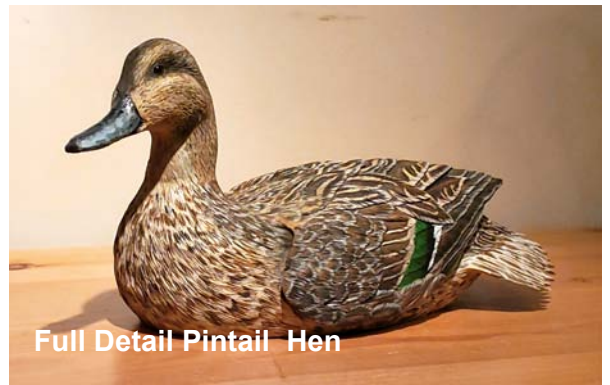
Smoothie Red Breasted Merganser Pair



Full Detail Mallard Drake



Full Detail Black Duck Sleeper



Full Detail Pintail Hen

Holiday Gifts

Good news / bad news, we have very little inventory of “ready-to-ship” birds. The Smoothie Mergansers, Hooded Merganser, and Wood Duck Drake (above) are available now on our website at the [Duck Shop](#).

Many of my clients have started a tradition of giving one of my birds for the holidays. It’s a great gift that will stay in the family forever and never be returned or exchanged.

Since our inventory of available birds is very limited, May I suggest **giving a Commissioned Bird Certificate**? We’ll send an attractive Wooden Bird certificate including a description and picture of the bird, and the approximate date I’ll start and finish your project. Commissioning a bird is quite different from just buying a stock duck. During the project, I send photos every few days so the client is really involved in bringing the bird to life.

We also send a Wooden Bird Coffee Mug as a stocking stuffer and reminder of your gift. Our commission policy is 50% with your order and 50% when the work is completed. If you aren’t sure what bird to pick, we can leave that open. The final price will be subject to the complexity of the bird. First come first carved, currently the first bird will be ready in late January.

If you are interested or want to talk about ducks, pricing, or options, visit our [contact page](#) or [email me](#), or call me at 847-530-0024.

Competition 2019

During 2019 we participated in the ODCCA (Ohio) and Wisconsin Waterfowl Association carving competitions and captured a total of 21 ribbons including “Best of Show” at both shows.



The Wooden Birds cleaned up in Wisconsin



My Loon and Merganser competing for Best of show in Ohio

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As always, thanks so much for your interest in and support of my work.

Cheers,

Rick Mignano
The Wooden Bird

