



THE JOY OF COLLECTING AND CARVING, by Eddie Dean, 3 September 2003

The featured speaker, a well known carver of decoys, is Edward Dean Sr. of Church Creek. A lifelong resident of Dorchester County, MD "Eddie" began carving in 1971. Over the years he has entered numerous carving contests among which are the Ward Foundation World Championship, the National Outdoor Show Foundation and the Chincoteague Decoy Contest. He has won ribbons in several categories. While he carves mostly working style decoys, he also does decorative carvings and is renowned for his model skipjacks.

He likes to carve decoys for his own personal use and hunts over them. As he pursues his interests he follows in a long family tradition of hunting, fishing and carving. His father, Jesse Dean Sr. ran a hunting guide service for many years and also in later years managed Swan Island Gun Club with Eddie's brother, Jesse Dean, Jr.