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ATTENTION ARTISTS:

Again this year the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is accepting entries for the annual ***Pheasant Stamp Design Contest!***

This year the Pheasant Stamp Design Contest will be held once again in conjunction with the Waterfowl Stamp Design Contest. Judging and display of entered artwork will take place at the **WDNR Fitchburg Service Center** in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, on **August 28th**. Judging will occur on Friday, August 28th, followed by public viewing for the artists and members of the public. All submitted artwork will remain on display until close of business August 28th.

Please be sure submitted artwork conforms to the directions specified in the “2010 Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Rules” This is to maintain consistency among entries and to facilitate possible temporary framing. **Also, please take note that entries should NOT be protected by a covering of acetate or cellophane, as was previously required.**

Enclosed you should find a copy of the “2010 Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Reproduction Rights Agreement” and the “2010 Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Rules”. Please read over the instructions carefully. Also, remember to mail the “Reproduction Rights Agreement” in a separate envelope. **Entries will be accepted and must be delivered or postmarked by August 14th, 2009.**

If you have any questions, please call the Assistant Upland Wildlife Ecologist at (608) 261-8458 or Wildlife Management at (608) 266-8204. Good luck! We anxiously await your entry!

Sincerely,

WDNR Bureau of Wildlife Management

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

2010 WISCONSIN PHEASANT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST RULES

I. Contest Eligibility:

Any person 18 years of age or older who is a legal resident of the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible to submit an entry in the Pheasant Stamp Design Contest. Only one (1) entry may be submitted by each contestant. Any member of the contest judging panel or any member of his or her immediate family is ineligible to enter. **ANY PERSON WHO HAS WON THE PHEASANT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST DURING THE PRECEDING TWO (2) YEARS IS ALSO INELIGIBLE.**

II. Contest Dates:

Entries for the contest to select the design for the 2010 Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp will be accepted any time after **June 2nd, 2009**, but must be received or postmarked no later than **August 14th, 2009**. Entries shall be submitted following submission procedures listed below in Section VI.

III. Restrictions of Subject Matter:

The design must be the artist's original creation and shall not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including published photographs. The subject species shall be the ring-necked pheasant. The subject will appear in some setting of the environment in which it is found in Wisconsin.

IV. Suitability of Entry for Reproduction:

Artists shall not be limited in the choice of colors or medium. The medium selected must be of permanent quality, such as pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching or pencil and should be rendered with full attention to tone, detail and anatomical accuracy. Photographs are not eligible. Metallic paints and fluorescent paints should not be used, as the printing ink used to reproduce the actual stamps will not contain metallic particles or fluorescent properties.

The artist should keep in mind that Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources lettering will appear on the finished stamp. Do NOT try to fit in the words on your entry, but DO keep some areas open to accommodate the lettering. The open areas can be light or dark in tone, but should be relatively free of any harsh contrasts from dark to light.

V. Technical Requirement for Entry:

The design shall be horizontal in the exact proportion of **8" high by 10" wide**. **It must be matted (over only) to the exact size of 10" high and 13" wide**. No lettering or scroll work including the artist's signature is permitted on the front or back of the design itself. The only visible identification mark on each entry at the time of judging will be the number assigned the entry by the contest coordinator.

VI. Submission Procedures:

Every entry must be **mounted and affixed with white matting as described in Section V above to the outside dimensions of 10" high by 13" wide**. Masonite board of 1/8-inch thickness with 1/8-inch matting is strongly recommended. **Entry may not exceed approximately 1/4-inch in total thickness**. No entry will be accepted that is in a wooden frame or is under glass. Entries do not need to be protected by a covering of acetate or cellophane as was previously required.

Each entry is to be securely wrapped and mailed by registered or certified mail or hand delivered to: Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Contest, Bureau of Wildlife Management (WM/6), P. O. Box 7921 (101 S. Webster St.), Madison, WI 53707-7921. The top one-half of the third page of the agreement form must be taped to the back of the entry. The bottom half is to be mailed with your entry.

Each contestant must also send, **in a separate envelope or hand delivered**, the signed *Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Reproduction Rights Agreement* certifying the originality of their entry and acknowledging their acceptance of the terms and conditions governing the exclusive right of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to reproduce the winning artwork.

All entries will be processed by DNR based on the date of receipt. The contest coordinator will supervise the processing of entries, assign numbers to each entry, set up displays for judging, and supervise the return of all entries at the completion of the contest.

VII. Insurance Needs for Entries:

All contestants are advised that it is their responsibility to obtain adequate property insurance for their respective entry. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILL NOT INSURE ANY ENTRY IT RECEIVES AND WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE DAMAGE, LOSS OR THEFT OF ANY ENTRY.

VIII. Failure to Comply with Contest Rules:

Any entry that fails to comply with any of the requirements of the contest shall be disqualified and will not be considered by the judging panel.

IX. Selection of Judging Panel:

There will be a panel of three to five judges appointed by the Director, Bureau of Wildlife Management. The judges will be selected to provide a representative cross-section of individuals with expertise and an interest in pheasants or wildlife art. Judges selected will serve without compensation.

X. Date and Location of the Contest Judging:

Selection of the contest winner will take place at the DNR Fitchburg Service Center on Friday, August 28th, 2009 in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. All artwork submitted will remain on display until close of business on August 28th, 2009.

XI. Judging Procedure and Scoring:

All entries will be judged on anatomical accuracy, proper habitat setting, artistic composition and perspective, and suitability for reproduction. They should lend themselves to reproduction with the fullest possible attention to tone and detail.

The judging procedure will be as follows:

- STEP 1: All entries meeting the design contest rules will be examined by the judging panel. Each judge may nominate an unlimited number of entries for inclusion in the second step of the judging procedure.
- STEP 2: The judges will rate each entry on a scale of 10 to 1 (10 being high and 1 low). The entries receiving the 10 highest scores will be advanced to the third and final step.
- STEP 3: The judges will then rank the 10 "finalists" listing their choices from 1 (high) to 10. The entry with the lowest total shall be declared the first place winner.

In case of ties in either Steps 2 or 3, judges will rejudge only those entries tied for last place in Step 2 or first place in Step 3 according to the procedures listed under that step.

Scores in all steps of the judging procedure will be tabulated by the contest coordinator. The selection of the winning entry by the judges will be final. All contestants will be notified of the name of the winning artist and design. The first place winner will receive a special plaque and a select number of the stamp reproductions from their winning contest entry. The runners-up will receive a certificate of recognition.

XII. Top 10 Entries:

Following the contest, the Department has the option of holding the top ten (10) entries for publicity purposes for up to six (6) months. All entries will be returned to their respective artists.

For WDNR Use Only

Entry Number: _____

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2010 PHEASANT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

I, _____, (“the artist”), enter into this agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, (“DNR”), and submit an original work of art to the Pheasant Stamp Design Contest, Bureau of Wildlife Management (WM/6), Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921, as an official entry in the annual contest for the Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp for use during the 2010 Wisconsin Pheasant season, in compliance with the attached contest rules and subject to all of the following conditions:

1. The artist affirms that this entry is an original work of art of the artist’s own creation and is not copied nor duplicated from previously published art, including paintings and drawings in any medium or from published photographs.
2. The artist is 18 years of age or older and is a legal resident of the State of Wisconsin.
3. The artist understands and agrees that the DNR is not liable for any damage to or for the loss of any entry of the artist. Insuring the entry shall be the responsibility of the artist.
4. The artist understands and agrees that the top ten (10) entries in the contest may be retained by the DNR for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date of judging and that during that period the artwork may be publicly displayed or used for DNR promotional purposes. The DNR will return all entries to their respective artists.
5. The winning artwork, as prepared by the artist and submitted to the DNR, may be retained by the DNR until such time as plates of the 2010 Pheasant Stamp have been completed by a duly contracted printing vendor.
6. The artist will retain copyright on and ownership of the original artwork. The artwork may be copied, reproduced, published or otherwise distributed by the artist, subject only to the rights granted the DNR as part of this agreement.
7. The artists grants to DNR the exclusive right to produce the 2010 Pheasant Stamp through contracted printing vendors, which stamps may be sold or otherwise distributed solely by the DNR or its designees. The artist understands and agrees that the artist’s name will not appear on the stamp and that the DNR logo and/or lettering may be added to the stamp.
8. The artist also grants the DNR the right to use reproductions of the contest winning artwork for promotional purposes as it deems useful and necessary, including those programs used in fundraising. The artist also grants DNR the right to publish photographs of any entry in conjunction with the contest and to publish photographs of the stamp produced from the winning entry.
9. Any and all reproductions or copies of the winning design made, caused to be made, or authorized by the DNR under the terms of this agreement, except for the making of reproduction plates and printing of the Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp, shall identify the artist, and if requested by the artist, display the artist’s copyright notice.
10. The artist agrees that any or all stamps awarded by DNR as a prize in this contest are and shall be “artist edition” stamps and as such may not be used for the purpose of pheasant hunting nor sold to any other person for that purpose.

DNR Completes This Column

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary:

By: _____
Director, Bureau of Wildlife Management

Date: _____

Artist Completes This Column

Artist's Signature

Artist's Name (Please Print)

Address (if you have a PO Box, please include a street address as well)

City and Zip Code

Home Phone () _____

Employment Phone () _____

Date _____

Artwork Identification – Entry for the 2010 Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Contest

Please attach this portion of the agreement to the back of your entry.

Mail to: Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Contest
Bureau of Wildlife Management (WM/6)
101 S. Webster Street
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For WDNR Use Only Entry Number: _____

Contest Coordinator or Representative

Date

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For WDNR Use Only Entry Number: _____

Print or Type

Artist's Name

Address

City and Zip Code

Home Phone

Employment Phone

Date