

## **Hand-carved Bird**

**Created & donated by William H. Browne III** 

\*\*NOTE: Picture is of last year's auction item.
This year's will be a new/different bird.

Wood, paint, and wire

Value - \$1,500

This year's donation will be a new bird carved especially for Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center!

Carving wildfowl in wood is Bill's profession and passion. Bill's attraction to wildlife subjects is a natural result of his own outdoor pursuits. The desire to convey and share those experiences steer his work.

The master woodcarver has created more than 500

decoys and has won honors including more than a dozen best-of-shows and a world championship for mallards in 2001. When he's not carving and selling decoys and art, he is judging competitions. Lately he has moved towards the "birds in art" as a form and away from the more restrictive competition decoy realism by showing the natural raw material with just enough detail to identify of the species easily.



Bill's carvings are in many collections worldwide and have been shown at Kearney's Museum of Nebraska Art. He has won many national and international competitions.

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