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Artist Adam Novey Wins Best of Show for Wisconsin Federal Jr. Duck Stamp Contest

NECEDAH, Wisc. (FWS) – Adam Novey age 14, of Pardeeville, had his acrylic painting of a blue-winged teal selected as the 2015 Best of Show winner for the Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest.

As Wisconsin's Best of Show Winner, Novey's artwork will be judged at the national competition held on April 17th at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, W.V. The national winning artwork will be created into the 2015-2016 Junior Duck Stamp, sold for \$5.00 to support conservation education. Over 50 pieces of artwork, one from each state, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. territories, are entered in the national contest.

Marissa Schultz from Waupun, will also be competing at the national contest with her winning Conservation Message, "Protecting our wildlife is like protecting a painting by Leonardo da Vinci, they are both irreplaceable."

Adam Novey will be receiving his Best of Show Award on Saturday, May 9th at the Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Awards Reception at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Mayville.

The 2015 Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Design Contest drew 393 entries from students across the state, with the top 100 earning recognition for their artwork. Contest judges were Jay Jocham, professional wildlife artist, Nancy Steinback, retired art teacher and volunteer at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Ashly Steinke, restoration ecologist, Nels Swenson, Public Policy Chairman for Ducks Unlimited, and Larry Schmidt, woodcarver and Friend of Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and volunteer.

The top 36 winning entries from the state of Wisconsin will be showcased in two traveling displays across the state from May 2015 – March 2014. For a schedule of the traveling display locations, or for additional information about the 2015 contest, please contact the WI Junior Duck Stamp State Coordinator at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge at 608.565.2551 or Necedah@fws.gov.

This contest would not have been possible without the help and support of volunteers and area sponsors including: Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Friends of Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Ducks Unlimited, Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, and Wisconsin Waterfowl Association.

For more information on public programming or a copy of our trail maps, contact the Necedah NWR Visitor Center at 608-565-2551 or by e-mail at Necedah@fws.gov. Necedah National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center is open Monday – Saturday, 9:00am to 4:00pm, and is located off of Highway 21 four miles west of the Village of Necedah or 18 miles east of Tomah. Refuge lands are open sunrise to sunset year-round. For additional information please call 608-565-2551 or visit us online at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Necedah/>.

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