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Re: Duck Stamp Drama in Washington DC

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franklin wrote:

Do you enter any artwork?

No, I've never competed in the FDS.

Some years ago, I did send a couple entries into state duck stamp competitions and never placed. The FDS competition is far harder than the state duck stamp competitions. There are some world class wildlife artists who are nationally known and excellent at their craft....who have competed unsuccessfully in this competition for their entire careers.

I think, about twenty years ago, the feds also added a pretty steep fee to enter the FDS so as to discourage frivolous or simply non-competitive paintings. I think I'm decent at painting birds but the truth is I'd be wasting my time trying for the FDS. I'd have better odds of winning the lottery. 😊

I enjoy looking at the different FDS images but honestly....they get a bit redundant after awhile: brown reeds, airbrushed soft focus background, etc. I really don't enjoy painting in the type of ultra "tight" style required to be competitive in this sort of bird art contest. Also, painting individual feathers - or individual scales and pores on game fish - isn't my cup of tea (most of the time). It takes great patience, time, and attention to detail to produce the kind of work that can win the FDS art competition.

I'd rather do "looser" paintings of fish. 😊