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Midwest Decoy Collectors Association to hold annual show and convention at Pheasant Run Resort April 28th – 29th

St. Charles, Ill. (March 30, 2006) – Duck Decoy collectors and individuals interested in antiques, folk art and sporting collectibles will flock to the Midwest Decoy Collectors Association annual show April 28th – 29th at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa (4051 E. Main Street, St. Charles, IL 60174, 800-474-3272).

The show is open to the public Friday from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person and children under the age of 18 are free.

Detailed show information is available at www.midwestdecoy.org.

Over 20,000 items will be available to view, buy, sell or trade including decoys, calls, fishing lures, shell and shooting boxes, artwork, signs, books and other collectibles. Show highlights include a free identification and evaluation clinic, duck call carving competitions and special exhibits.

Duck decoys are an intriguing part of American folk art. Originally constructed as a utilitarian tool of the nation's waterfowlers, decoys have long since become popular collectibles. The Midwest Decoy Collectors Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting and preserving the history of the decoy as functional folk art. This is the 41st anniversary for the show and the 20th year the show has been held at Pheasant Run Resort.

Specific times for events of special interest to the public are listed below:

- Free identification and evaluation service on Saturday (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

- Silent auction (Hourly through 1:00 pm)
- Special member exhibit of 40 pristine Michigan decoys – open to the public
 - Friday (2:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
 - Saturday (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Seminars on decoy collecting
 - Wednesday (4:00 pm) – “Old Decoys and Original Paint”
 - Saturday (11:00 am) – “Michigan Decoys”
 - Saturday: (11:45 am) – “Duck Calls”

- National Duck Call Makers and Collectors of America call competition and convention. Events occur throughout the week with member meetings, call demonstrations and judging for call maker’s carving contest.

Pheasant Run Resort & Spa is set on 250 beautiful, rolling acres in historic St. Charles, Illinois, less than an hour from Chicago. Following a recent \$30 million renovation, the resort offers 473 spacious rooms, several restaurants and dining options, the Mario Tricoci Spa, Noble Fool Theaters, Zanies Comedy Club, 36 holes of championship golf, three pools, a fitness center and more than 100,000 square-feet of meeting space. For more information on the resort, call 800.4.PHEASANT or visit www.pheasantrun.com.

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