

## 2006 NJ Duck Stamp Print

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee is proud to announce its 23rd Edition Waterfowl Stamp painted by artist, Roger Cruwys. New Jersey decoy carver, Jode Hillman, carved the wood duck decoy depicted in the painting. This 23rd edition is the fourth in the Retriever puppy series. The twenty-third waterfowl stamp and print features the Golden Retriever puppy. The Golden Retriever originated in Scotland and England for the purpose of retrieving birds on land and water. One of the most distinct characteristics of this breed is their coat, with a thick weather topcoat and a dense, soft undercoat with a color range of cream to golden. The Golden has an excellent nose for hunting and tracking and has also been used for narcotics detection. This breed has served as guide dogs for the blind as a result of their willingness, adaptable and trainable nature.

### About the Artist



of which feature dogs.

Roger Cruwys is an avid sportsman and self-taught award-winning artist. A former pilot and guide, he also holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in landscape architecture/urban design from Syracuse University and the University of California at Berkeley, respectively. Mr. Cruwys' realistic depictions of wildlife, dogs and angling are the focal point of several major galleries, exhibitions and private collections. His works have appeared in many national sporting magazines and publications including Fly Fisherman, Field and Stream, and Gray's Sporting Journal. Roger also has the honor of numerous state trout, salmon and waterfowl stamps to his credit, four

### About the Carver



Jode Hillman is a professional woodworker who carved his first decoy in 1999. His magnificent painting ability is attributed to countless hours of practice and a sheer sense of determination. Interestingly, Jode's characteristic painting style is now the most distinctive feature of his decoys. He has competed in several decoy competitions earning numerous awards, including most recently "Best of Show" at the 2005 Ocean County Decoy and Art Show. Mr. Hillman is also an active member of the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association and routinely conducts carving demonstrations at Tuckerton Seaport.

### The Program

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife administers the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program for the purpose of purchasing wetlands for waterfowl habitat. Proceeds from the sale of New Jersey's Duck Stamps and Prints total over \$4,068,000 to date, all to acquire wetlands for waterfowl habitat and public use. The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee has committed to the purchase of over 13,000 acres of waterfowl habitat. The committee has also been and will continue to be involved with the enhancement of thousands of additional acres for the benefit of wildlife.

**Limited edition, signed and numbered prints of the 23rd New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp may be purchased directly from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. You may visit us on the web at [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) to see our other products.**