



Wayne J. Chumat, Artist/Naturalist

Wayne J. Chumat, a retired naturalist and park superintendent, is one of the most versatile artists to ever appear in the wildlife art genre. He is equally at home with watercolors, gouache, acrylics, oils and pencil as well as etchings and sculpture. Since he is virtually self-taught, his techniques are all his own.

His style can vary from fin-and-feather realistic to loose and airy impressions, depending on how he feels he can best portray the animal and its environment. He uses first-hand observations, photography and museum-specimen study to capture the living essence of wildlife.

Wayne's subjects range from birds, reptiles, mammals, wildflowers and ferns to natural landscapes and historic structures.

Awards/Recognition

American Wild Turkey Foundation
Salt Fork Arts and Crafts Festival
Guild of Nature Artists, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace Show
So. Illinois National Hunting and Fishing Days
Geauga County Metro Parks
National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA
Cleveland Sight Center
Kentucky Trout Stamp
Nevada Trout Stamp
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Wyoming Conservation Stamp

2005 Stamp
1999, Antalis Award
1999, First place
1998, 1974 First place
1998, Purchase award
1996, First and Third place
1989, Featured Artist
1992, 1993 and 1994 Christmas card
1994, 95, 99 Honorable mention
1995, Second place, 2002, Fifth place
1999 Fund raising auction
2001-5 "Top 40" Traveling Tour

Exhibitions

National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Cuyahoga Valley National Recreational Area
Gallery One's Masterworks in Miniature
Cleveland Botanical Gardens
Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake Counties Metro Parks
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, OH
Cincinnati Zoo CREW Show
Havre de Grace, MD Decoy Show
Virginia Living Museum Wildlife Art Festival

Governor's Wild Horse Invitational, WY
Jamestown, NY Nature Arts Festival
Chagrin Valley Art Center Competition
Lake Erie Nature and Science Center
Mentor Marsh
Beck Center, Lakewood, OH
Indianapolis Zoo
Hawk Mountain, PA Wildlife Art Show
Patuxent, MD Wildlife Art Show
Ohio Valley Art League, Henderson, KY