

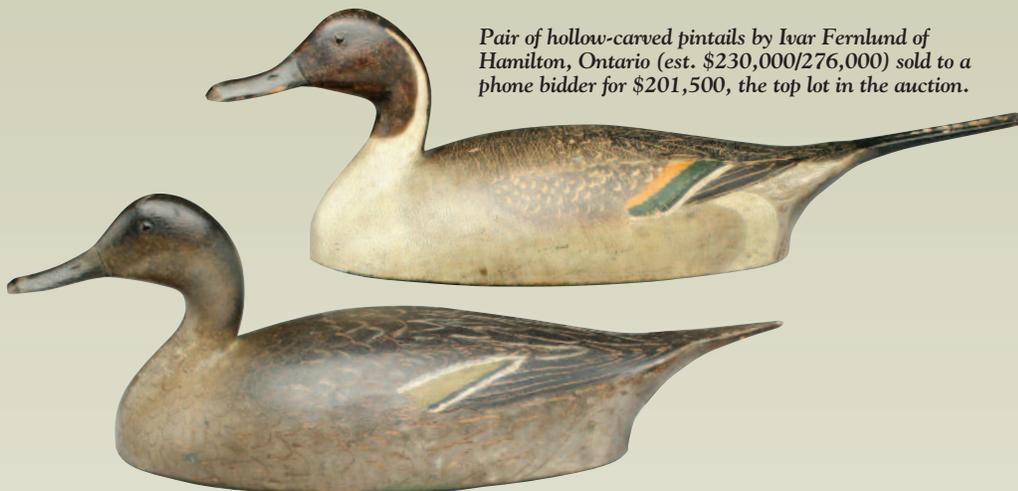
## Peter Brown collection, Midwest decoys dominate Guyette & Deeter's annual spring auction

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**A** RARE PAIR of hollow-carved pintails by Ivar Fernlund of Hamilton, Ontario, sold to a phone bidder below estimate at \$201,500 at Guyette & Deeter's annual spring auction on April 27-28, 2017 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. The top lot in the auction, they were part of the prestigious Peter Brown collection of Canadian decoys that were donated to Ducks Unlimited Canada, which was the beneficiary of the proceeds. They accounted for 12 of the top 25 lots in the auction and eight of the top ten.

Two hollow-carved black ducks by Fernlund soared well over estimate to \$47,725 and \$32,200. There was also a pair of his hollow-carved high-head style canvasbacks that sold within estimate at \$24,725. A rare pair of hollow-carved shovelers by J.R. Wells of Toronto sold for \$46,000, exactly double the low estimate. A Wells hollow-carved canvasback hen brought \$17,250, exactly double



Pair of hollow-carved pintails by Ivar Fernlund of Hamilton, Ontario (est. \$230,000/276,000) sold to a phone bidder for \$201,500, the top lot in the auction.

the average estimate. Also of note was a pair of Wells hollow-carved mallards at \$14,950, exactly double the low estimate.

Two hollow-carved Ontario Canada geese, one by John Reeves of Port Rowan and the other by Tom Chambers of Toronto, made the top 25 list, selling \$28,750 and

\$25,875, each falling just short of estimate. Two hollow-carved lots of note by George Warin of Toronto, a pair of redheads and a Canada goose, brought \$16,100 and \$11,500, the first making estimate and the latter falling well short.



Swimming black duck by Angus Lake of Prince Edward County, Ontario (est. \$17,250/23,000) sold for \$20,700, an auction price record for its maker.



Hollow-carved black duck by Ivar Fernlund (est. \$11,500/16,100) sold to a Minnesota collector for \$47,725.



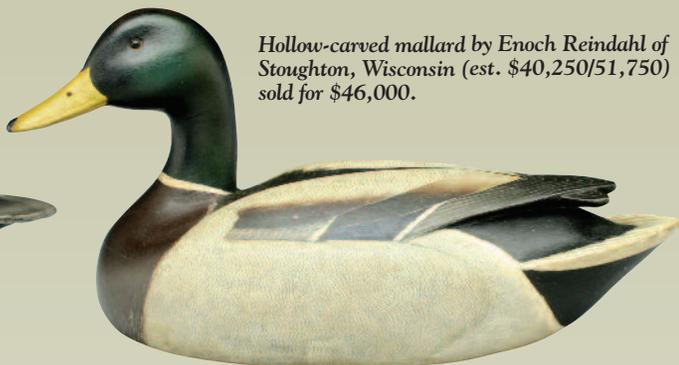
Pair of hollow-carved shovelers by J.R. Wells of Toronto, Ontario (est. \$23,000/34,500) sold for \$46,000.



Pair of red-breasted mergansers by Ken Anger of Dunnville, Ontario (est. \$5750/9200) sold for \$10,638.



Hollow-carved mallard by Enoch Reindahl of Stoughton, Wisconsin (est. \$40,250/51,750) sold for \$46,000.

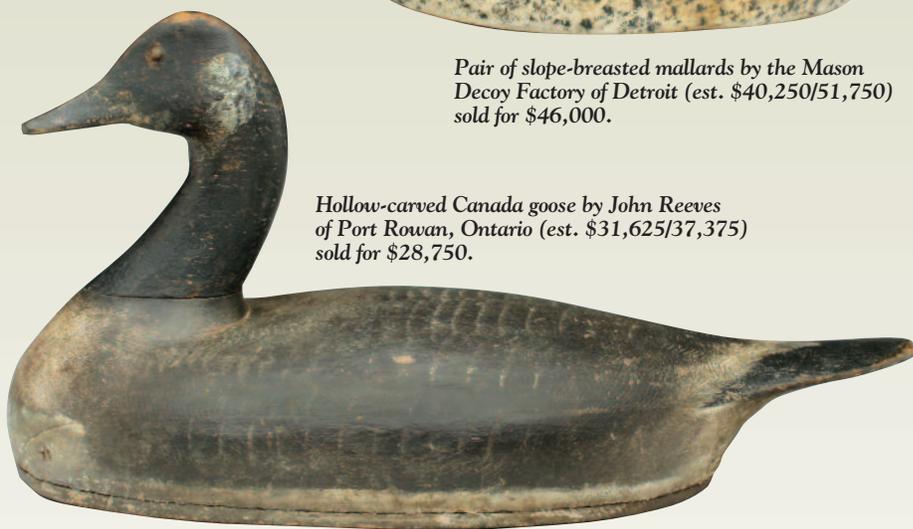


A rare hooded merganser by Sam Hutchins of Jones Falls sold within estimate at \$36,800; it was cataloged as a "lazy crest drake" but was painted like a hen. The extensive checkering or cross-hatched diamond pattern on this decoy greatly adds to its appeal. A sculptural swimming black duck with heart-shaped raised-wing carving by Angus Lake of Prince Edward County made estimate at \$20,700, an auction price record for its maker.



A hollow-carved redhead, part of a rig that was found in the 1970s at a farm sale near Markham, Ontario, sold over estimate at \$14,950. A rare pair of red-breasted mergansers by Ken Anger of Dunnville sold for \$10,638. A greater yellowlegs with wire legs was the best of a group of shorebirds from the Toronto Harbour, making estimate at \$12,075. A goldeneye by Orel LeBoeuf of Saint-Anicet was the top Québec decoy, topping estimate at \$6325.

Pair of slope-breasted mallards by the Mason Decoy Factory of Detroit (est. \$40,250/51,750) sold for \$46,000.



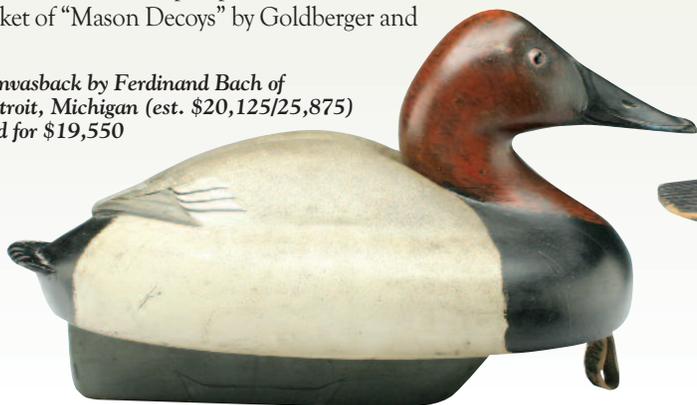
A hollow-carved mallard by Enoch Reindahl of Stoughton, Wisconsin was the top bird from the Badger State, selling for \$46,000, exactly as estimated. Others of note include a rare hollow-carved Canada goose by Gus Moak of Tustin within estimate at \$9775 and a pintail by Mandt Homme of Stoughton at \$6325. A canvasback by Ferdinand Bach of Detroit, Michigan, just missed estimate at \$19,550.

Hollow-carved Canada goose by John Reeves of Port Rowan, Ontario (est. \$31,625/37,375) sold for \$28,750.



A pair of rigmate Premier grade slope-breasted mallards by the Mason decoy factory of Detroit, the exact pair pictured on the dust jacket of "Mason Decoys" by Goldberger and

Canvasback by Ferdinand Bach of Detroit, Michigan (est. \$20,125/25,875) sold for \$19,550



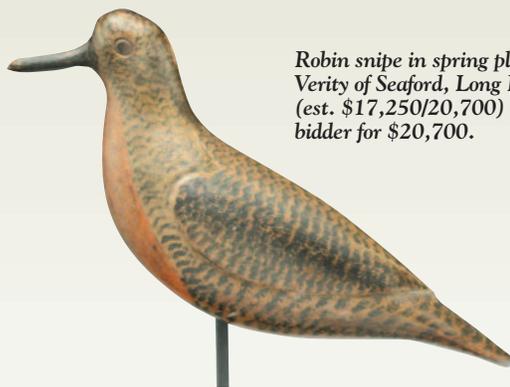
Hooded merganser by Sam Hutchins of Jones Falls, Ontario (est. \$28,750/40,250) sold to a phone bidder for \$36,800.

## Top 25 lots at the Guyette & Deeter auction St. Charles, Illinois, April 27-28, 2017

Rank	Description (catalog no.)	Av. Est.	Price
1.	Ivar Fernlund (ONT) HC pintail pair (118)	\$253,000	\$201,500
2.	Ivar Fernlund (ONT) HC black duck (123)	13,800	47,725
3.	Enoch Reindahl (WI) HC mallard (222)	46,000	46,000
3.	J.R. Wells (ONT) HC shovelers (346)	28,750	46,000
3.	Mason factory (MI) Premier slope-breasted mallards (22)	46,000	46,000
6.	Sam Hutchins (ONT) hooded merganser (335)	34,500	36,800
7.	Ivar Fernlund (ONT) HC black duck (130)	13,800	32,200
8.	John Reeves (ONT) HC Canada goose (447)	34,500	28,750
9.	Tom Chambers (ONT) HC Canada goose (55)	31,625	25,875
10.	Ivar Fernlund (ONT) HC canvasback pair (458)	23,000	24,725
10.	A.E. Crowell (MA) black-bellied plover, dec. (310)	23,000	24,725
12.	Charles Perdew (IL) HC mallard pair (412A)	25,875	22,425
13.	A.E. Crowell (MA) pintail (434)	25,875	21,275
*14.	Angus Lake (ONT) swimming black duck (443)	20,125	20,700
14.	Charles Perdew (IL) HC bluebill pair (16)	31,625	20,700
*14.	Otto Garren (IL) wood duck pair (179)	10,350	20,700
14.	Obediah Verity (NY) robin snipe (177)	18,975	20,700
18.	Harry V. Shourds (NJ) HC Canada goose (383)	25,875	20,125
18.	Robert Elliston (IL) HC bluebill (405)	25,875	20,125
20.	Ferdinand Bach (MI) canvasback (77)	23,000	19,550
21.	Charles Schoenheider Sr. (IL) blue-winged teal hen (490)	23,000	17,825
22.	J.R. Wells (ONT) canvasback hen (336)	8,625	17,250
22.	Ward Bros. (MD) goldeneye hen (359)	18,975	17,250
22.	Horace "Hie" Crandall (CA) green-winged teal pair (154)	20,700	17,250
25.	Harvey Stevens (NY) blue-winged teal hen (418)	23,000	16,675
TOTALS		\$849,850	\$832,850

**Key:** HC - hollow-carved dec. - decorative \* - auction price record for this maker

The top 25 lots (4.8% of the 522 sold) accounted for \$832,850 (42.1% of the \$1,979,869 gross) and were 2% under the total average estimate of the top 25.

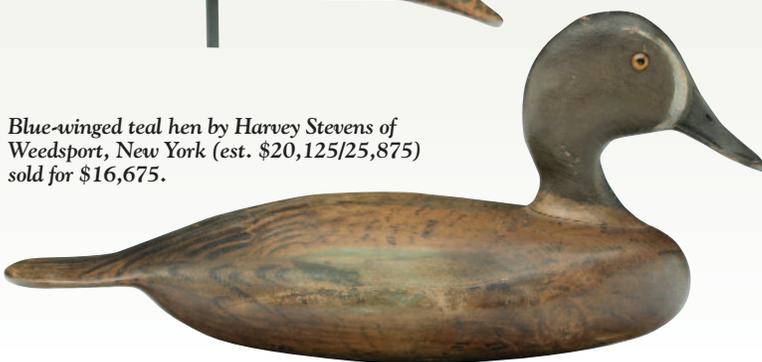


*Robin snipe in spring plumage by Obediah Verity of Seaford, Long Island, New York (est. \$17,250/20,700) sold to a phone bidder for \$20,700.*



*Decorative black-bellied plover by A.E. Crowell of East Harwich, Massachusetts (est. \$20,125/25,875) sold to a Maryland collector for \$24,725.*

*Blue-winged teal hen by Harvey Stevens of Weedsport, New York (est. \$20,125/25,875) sold for \$16,675.*



Haid, brought \$46,000, exactly as estimated. A rare slope-breasted Premier grade pintail hen made estimate at \$9775. Two Premier grade blue-winged teal sold separately, a hen for \$11,500 and a "double blue" drake at \$9200, each making estimate. An exceptional black-bellied plover was the best of the shorebirds, topping estimate at \$11,788. A rare old squaw by the Dodge factory of Detroit just missed estimate at \$8625.

A pair of hollow-carved mallards by Charles Perdew of Henry was the top Illinois River lot in the auction, just missing estimate at \$22,425. Also making the top 25 list was a pair of his early hollow-carved bluebills at \$20,700, well short of estimate. A preening mallard hen in a second coat of Edna Perdew's paint made its low estimate \$14,950.

A pair of wood ducks with exaggerated carved wooden crests by Otto Garren of Peoria, Illinois, sold for \$20,700, double its average estimate and an auction price record for its maker. A hollow-carved bluebill from the Dupee rig by Robert Elliston of Bureau missed estimate at \$20,125; a blue-winged teal hen made estimate at \$12,650. A rare hollow-carved blue-winged teal hen by Charles Schoenheider Sr. also made the top 25 list, selling below estimate at \$17,825.

A hollow-carved pintail by Charles Walker of Princeton, Illinois, fell well short of estimate at \$12,650. There were two hollow-carved lots of note by Bert Graves of Peoria, a black duck and a pair of canvasbacks and each brought \$11,500, the pair over estimate and the black duck within. A rare, folksy standing pintail ice duck by Jack Uhl of Peoria brought \$5750, exactly as estimated.

A decorative black-bellied plover by A.E. Crowell of East Harwich, Massachusetts was the top East Coast bird in the auction, selling within estimate at \$24,725. A pintail, in what appeared to be Cleon Crowell paint, fell short of estimate at \$21,275. A near-mint self-bailing brant by Joe Lincoln of Accord, Massachusetts, made estimate at \$9775.

A blue-winged teal by Harvey Stevens of Weedsport, New York, sold well below estimate at \$16,675. A rare hooded merganser by Julius Middlesteadt of Buffalo also fell short, selling for \$7475. A robin snipe in spring plumage by Obediah Verity



*Pair of hollow-carved bluebills by Charles Perdew of Henry, Illinois (est. \$28,750/34,500) sold to an Illinois collector for \$20,700.*



*Hollow-carved bluebill by Robert Elliston of Bureau, Illinois (est. \$23,000/28,750) sold for \$20,125*

of Seaford, Long Island, made its high estimate \$20,700.

A hollow-carved Canada goose by Harry V. Shourds of Tuckerton, New Jersey, sold below estimate at \$20,125. A rare 1936 model goldeneye hen by the Ward brothers made its low estimate \$17,250. A 1936 model pintail hen just missed estimate at \$12,650. A mint, unused pair of green-winged teal by Horace "Hie" Crandall of San Francisco was the top West Coast decoy, just missing estimate at \$17,250.

A brant by Jim Schmiedlin of Bradfordwoods, Pennsylvania, was the top contemporary lot, making estimate at \$9200. A pair of his buffleheads brought \$7475 and a back-preening mallard sold for \$6900. A rare sleeping canvasback hen by Larry Hayden of Farmington, Michigan, more than doubled the low estimate at \$6038. A pair of hollow-carved gadwalls by Marty Hanson of Hayward, Wisconsin, made estimate at \$3968. A hollow-carved Hog Island style swimming brant by Cameron McIntyre of New Church, Virginia, made estimate at \$2473.

The thrust of this auction was no doubt the Canadian decoys from the Peter Brown collection, which attracted quite a few suitors from north of the border. It was also augmented by a strong showing of Midwest decoys, which accounted for eight of the top 25 lots in the auction. For collectors with interests in other regions of the country, there were slim pickings. In all, there was one six-figure lot and another 39 that sold for \$10,000 or more. There were also 34 lots with a

\$411,585 low estimate that failed to sell. The paintings are not included in these totals.

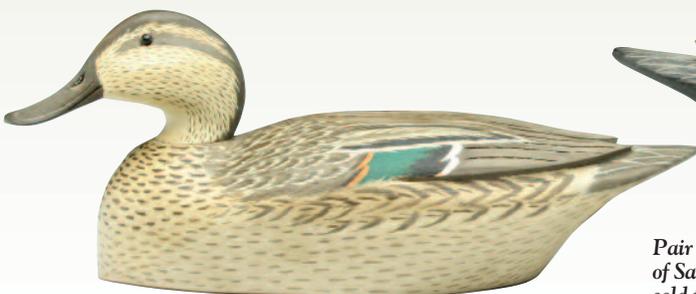
In summary, of 556 lots offered 34 failed to sell, leaving 522 lots that sold for \$1,979,869 for an average of \$3793 per lot and were .7% over the total low estimate after

deducting the low estimate of the unsold lots. The top 25 lots (4.8% of those sold) accounted for \$832,850 (42.1% of the gross) and were 2% under the total average estimate. All prices include a 15% buyer's premium. Jim Julia served as auctioneer. 

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*Hollow-carved blue-winged teal hen by Charles Schoenheider Sr. of Peoria, Illinois (est. \$20,125/25,875) sold for \$17,825.*



*Pair of green-winged teal by Horace "Hie" Crandall of San Francisco, California (est. \$18,400/23,000) sold for \$17,250.*