



Western Meadowlark

Created & donated by William H. Browne III

Hand-carved wooden
bird sculpture

Wood and paint

Value \$1,500



This year's donation, currently being carved especially for Tastes 2017, will be a Western Meadowlark (similar to the Song Sparrow piece featured in the picture below left).

Carving wildfowl in wood is Bill's profession and passion. Bill's attraction to wildlife subjects is a natural result of his own outdoor pursuits. The desire to convey and share those experiences steer his work.

The master woodcarver has created more than 500 decoys and has won honors including more than a dozen best-of-shows and a world championship for mallards in 2001. When he's not carving and selling decoys and art, he is judging competitions. Lately he has moved towards the "birds in art" as a form and away from the more restrictive competition decoy realism by showing the natural raw material with just enough detail to identify of the species easily.



Bill's carvings are in many collections worldwide and have been shown at Kearney's Museum of Nebraska Art, as well as winning many national and international competitions.



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