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## **ELDRED'S AND DECOYS UNLIMITED JOIN FORCES**

*East Dennis, Mass.* – Eldred's and Decoys Unlimited are pleased to announce a newly formed strategic partnership between the two firms. Starting immediately, Eldred's and Decoys Unlimited will work together in the procurement, marketing and sale of antique and decorative decoys at auction.

"I have been in this business since the 1970s, and while the passion is still there, I find I need to take a step back. This partnership with Eldred's is ideal as it allows me to continue to do what I love without the burden of the day-to-day responsibilities of running an auction house," said Ted Harmon, who owns Decoys Unlimited along with his wife, Judy. "Working with Eldred's, Judy and I get to focus on what we do best, which is working with our clients and discovering new birds."

Joshua Eldred, President of Eldred's, shares Ted's enthusiasm. "When Ted and Judy approached us with the idea it seemed like a 'no-brainer'," he remarked. "Eldred's has always had a foot in the decoy market but this partnership will allow us to be much more competitive in the field. Between Ted and our own experts, Bill Bourne and Eric Mulak, their collective knowledge and years of experience is unparalleled. Few, if any, auction houses will be able to match their formidable level of expertise."

Eldred's and Decoys Unlimited hope to produce two to three cataloged auctions per year, either as stand-alone events or as part of Eldred's traditional Americana auctions.

The first group of decoys to be sold under this new partnership will be offered during Eldred's annual Summer Americana Auction, scheduled for August 2-4, 2017. Highlights include numerous carvings by A.E. Crowell, including a diverse collection of miniatures, as well as pieces by George Boyd, Eric Kaiser, Joseph Lincoln, Jesse Blackstone, Robert Morse, and many others.

### **About Decoys Unlimited**

Ted and Judy Harmon have owned and operated Decoys Unlimited, Inc., in West Barnstable, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, since 1970. Ted has been a highly regarded figure in the collecting world since 1966 and has been involved in the business full-time since 1976. Ted and Judy started specialized decoy auction in 1986 and over the next thirty years sold thousands of birds, represented numerous private collections and set numerous auction records.

## **About Eldred's**

The Robert C. Eldred Co. is New England's oldest established antiques and fine arts auction house, now in its third generation of ownership under the Eldred and Schofield families. In addition to its headquarters on Cape Cod's historic Old King's Highway in East Dennis, Mass., the firm also has an office at 5 Roosevelt Avenue in Mystic, Ct. Eldred's conducts approximately 25 auctions per year encompassing Americana, paintings, Asian art, European decorative art, maritime antiques, sporting art and collectibles. It was recently named one of the top worldwide auction houses by *Art + Auction* and holds auction records across a wide range of collecting areas.

For more information about Eldred's, Decoys Unlimited, their strategic partnership or upcoming auctions, please call (508) 385-3116 or email [info@eldreds.com](mailto:info@eldreds.com) or

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