

## Vidacovitch ringneck highlights Eldred's "Sporting Art" auction

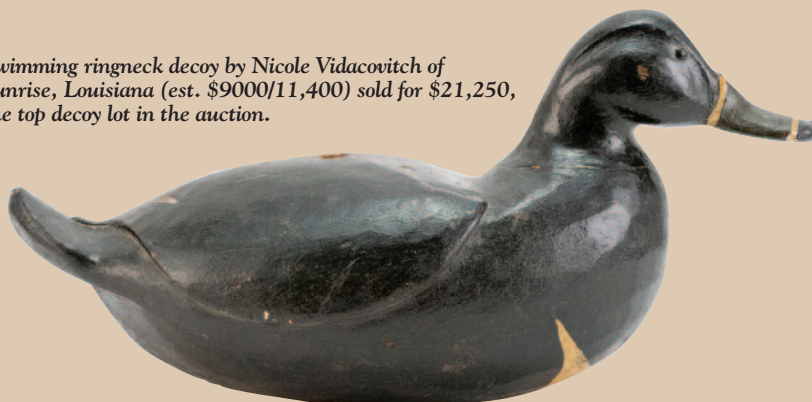
**A** RARE SWIMMING ringneck decoy by Nicole Vidacovitch of Sunrise, Louisiana, at one time drilled with holes for electrical wiring and mounted on a lamp, sold for \$21,250, more than double the estimate, at Eldred's "Sporting Art" auction on July 17, 2018 at their gallery in East Dennis, Massachusetts. It was their third consecutive sporting art sale with a Louisiana decoy as the top seller.

A Louisiana pintail by an unknown maker, formerly in the collection of Jimmy Hannemann of New Orleans and marked with his brand, sold for \$3000, more than double the high estimate.

A mallard with crossed wingtips and a rectangular stamp by A.E. Crowell of East Harwich, Massachusetts fell short of estimate at \$5100. A possibly one-of-a-kind blue-winged teal head plaque by Crowell sold well over estimate at \$2280. An oversized black duck brought \$1200. A wigeon in worn original paint by Joe Lincoln of Accord, Massachusetts sold below estimate at \$3480.

A balsa-bodied pintail by the Ward brothers of Crisfield, Maryland sold at its low estimate \$2400; a balsa-bodied canvasback brought \$1066. There were three of the

*Swimming ringneck decoy by Nicole Vidacovitch of Sunrise, Louisiana (est. \$9000/11,400) sold for \$21,250, the top decoy lot in the auction.*



Wards' "Shooting Stool" model birds: a swimming mallard at \$2000, a canvasback at \$1250 and a bluebill hen at \$1125; only the mallard made estimate. A pintail by their Crisfield neighbor Lloyd Tyler made estimate at \$1250.

Of more than two dozen shorebirds, the top lots were a willet and a plover by Charles Canterbury of Charlestown, Massachusetts at \$1560 and \$1200, a golden plover by Charles Coffin of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts at \$960 and a Hog Island, Virginia curlew at \$938.

A pair of Nantucket style red-breasted mer-

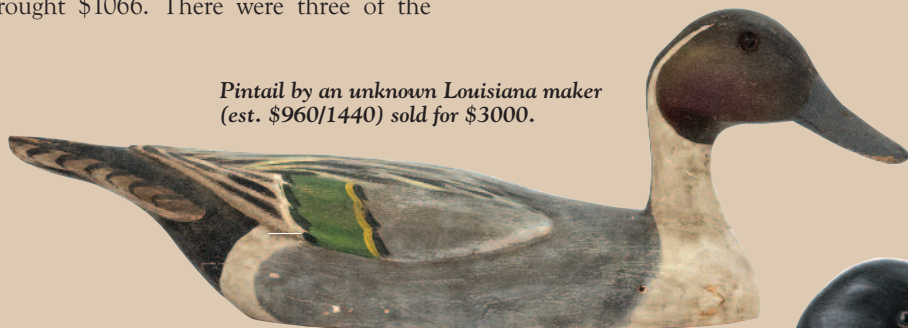
gansers with horsehair crests by Marty Collins of East Wareham, Massachusetts just missed estimate at \$900.

Of the roughly 250 lots offered, about 80 of them were miniatures. Of 25 by Crowell, the top lots included a wood duck for \$2625 and a Canada goose for \$2400. Of 39 by Harold Gibbs of Barrington, Rhode Island, the top lots included a spruce grouse and snow goose at \$688 each and a ring-necked pheasant and great white egret at \$660 each.

Other miniatures of note included a pair of blue-winged teal by Robert Morse of Ellsworth, Maine at \$780 and a piping plover by James Lapham of Dennis Port, Massachusetts at \$480.

The top estimated decoy lot in the auction, a Bishops Head model black duck by the Ward brothers (est. \$72,000/96,000) failed to sell. The sale also included firearms and sporting art. All prices include a 20% buyer's premium with an additional 5% for online purchases.

*Pintail by an unknown Louisiana maker (est. \$960/1440) sold for \$3000.*



*Mallard with crossed wingtips and rectangular stamp by A.E. Crowell of East Harwich, Massachusetts (est. \$7200/10,800) sold for \$5100.*



*Wigeon by Joe Lincoln of Accord, Massachusetts (est. \$4800/7200) sold for \$3480.*



*Rare blue-winged teal head plaque by A.E. Crowell (est. \$1200/1800) sold for \$2280.*