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## Annual Decoy and Art Festival set Sept. 4-5

CHINCOTEAGUE — The 20th annual Chincoteague Island Decoy and Art Festival will be held Labor Day Weekend at the Chincoteague Community Center at 6155 Community Drive.

It will be Saturday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission \$3 or a weekend pass is \$5; children 12 and under free with an adult.

There will be supervised children activities on Saturday and Sunday for children 12 and under. There will be more than 40 exhibitors displaying decoy carvings, wildlife paintings, fine art, photography, jewelry and carving and art supplies.

There will be food and baked goods for sale. There will also be several items for raffle.

The proceeds from the raffle goes to the Chincoteague Decoy Carvers and Artists Association's College Scholarship Fund.

Contact Cinda and John Walls at 410-546-1635 or 757-336-0614.

## Watch Painting Pony at work

CHINCOTEAGUE — As if seeing the legendary descendants of Misty who have proven themselves in the showing, as well as watching some very talented "veterans of the swim" perform isn't enough for a wonderful hour-long pony show, the Chincoteague Pony Centre is offering something even more special again this year.

Minnow, the painting pony, returns to his former home to perform.

Minnow, now owned and shown by Kyley DiLuigi, is an artist. Believe it or not, he holds his paintbrush in his

mouth and proceeds to create abstract masterpieces as only a Chincoteague pony can.

Every day during Pony Penning week, Monday through Friday, he will be painting an original creation before the official start of the Pony Show.

Ticket holders for the show that officially starts at 4 p.m. are urged to get there 20 minutes early so they can watch Minnow at work.

As part of the show, Minnow's painting will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The winning bidder will have the oppor-

tunity to have their picture taken with Minnow after the show, and will receive a letter of authenticity that this is a painting created by Minnow.

Minnow will also do a special segment during the show, showcasing his repertoire of tricks.

The Chincoteague Pony Show, an exclusive at the Chincoteague Pony Centre, will be seen at both 4 and 8 p.m. during Pony Penning week, Monday through Thursday, with 4 p.m. shows only on Friday and Saturday.

The hour-long indoor show has gotten rave reviews from fans and features the talents of many Chincoteague ponies. Several well known and famous ponies are featured, including Teaguer, the official pony of the Pony Centre, as well as

descendants of Misty, Misty's Black Mist and Misty III, to name only a few.

The Pony Centre is also playing the Misty of Chincoteague movie all week long, through Saturday, back in its Memories of Misty Museum video room. For more information about the movie, contact the Pony Centre.

The tickets to the Pony Show are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children over 2 and under 12.


The Chincoteague Pony Centre is located on Chicken City Road, one half block south of Maddox Boulevard. For more information about the show, the riding lessons on Chincoteague ponies, pony rides, daily pony camps, foal seminars, and more, contact the centre at 757-336-2776.

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