



**Artist: Jeff Krete, Ontario, Canada**

### **Artist Biography**

*Jeff Krete a resident of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada has been creating wildfowl sculpture in wood, bronze sculpture and decoys for over 30 years. Jeff is a 5-time “World Champion” and “Master Wildfowl Artist” as recognized by the Ward Foundation, Salisbury, Maryland, USA. He is also a 6-time Canadian National Wildfowl Carving Champion. Jeff’s most recent World Champion title win in 2016 was in the World Decorative Miniature Wildfowl Sculpture category when he completed **Bering North – Sea Ducks** (flying king eider and 3 long tail ducks). Other World wins for Jeff include: 2014 World Interpretive Wood Sculpture, 3-times World Decorative Miniature 2016, 2010, 2007 and World Decorative Life-size Floating Waterfowl pair 2006. Jeff has also placed in World competition in 2011 and 2017.*

*Jeff has exhibited his original work in art galleries including the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury, Maryland, USA; the New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT, USA; and the Burdette Wildlife Gallery, Orton, Ontario. Jeff delivers wildfowl carving seminars, instructional classes, presentations promoting wildfowl art and techniques and he contributes occasional articles for print magazines.*

*Jeff is a contributing member artist with *Artists for Conservation* (AFC), *Ward Foundation* and many other wildlife and conservation organizations. Jeff has been employed with Ducks Unlimited Canada for the past 17 years as a field biologist where he completes numerous wetland restoration projects across Southern Ontario, Canada.*